

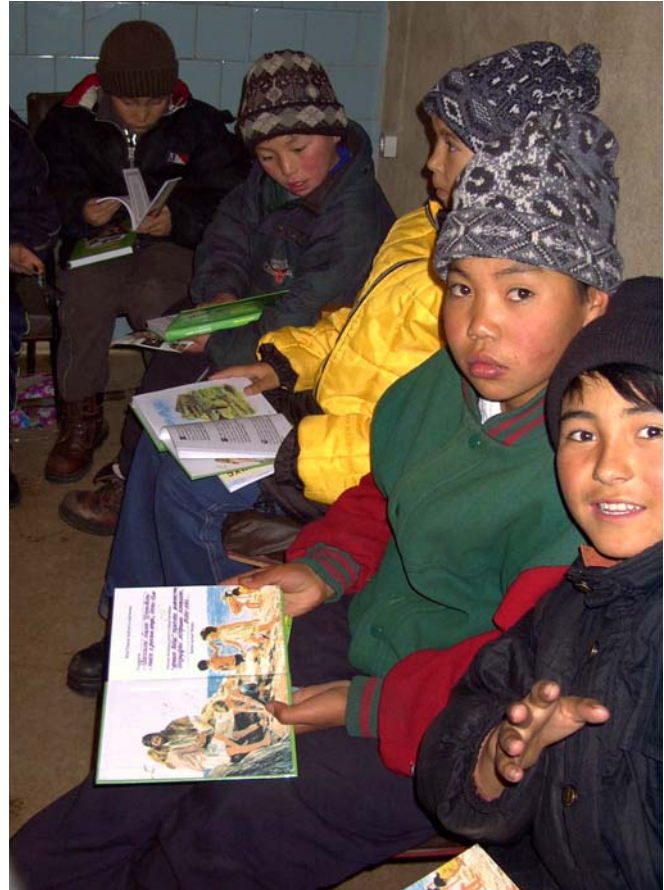


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Kyrgyzstan is a Central Asian country of incredible natural beauty and proud nomadic traditions. It has the world’s largest naturally grown walnut forest. However, although Kyrgyzstan has many natural resources and beauty, there are extensive spiritual needs.

Kyrgyzstan cannot be classified as a big country, as there are less than five million people. Almost 80 % of the population consider themselves to be Muslims. If we take into consideration that about 35% or 1,700,000 of nation are youth and children up to 14 years old, then we can see the great challenge for sharing the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ. In Kyrgyzstan we want to fulfill the IBS vision of:

“Changing the hearts of today’s generation to change tomorrow’s world”. Providing ***My First Bible*** to the children is an extremely effective way to begin fulfilling the IBS vision statement. Scripture based tools can help to build the nation with the Word of God by reaching young students with the Gospel, bringing them hope for the future.



Kyrgyzstan is the poorest of the Central Asian republics. Due to the extreme poverty, there is a great need for educational material in the schools in Kyrgyzstan. Recently, God has opened a door allowing IBS to distribute ***My First Bible*** to some schools as an educational tool in this largely Muslim nation. ***My First Bible*** has been printed in a special edition, which includes three languages: Kyrgyz, Russian and English for maximum benefit as an educational as well as a

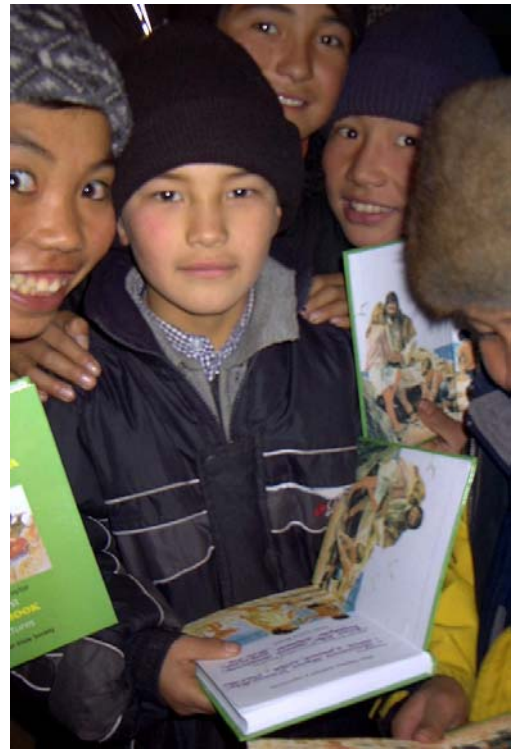
scripture tool. Because the students are allowed to keep the book, the Gospel will reach entire families.



There is also a great need for outreach to the children of Kyrgyzstan. Partner organizations and local churches are doing amazing outreach work, but many times they lack Scripture materials to distribute. One such outreach has been Vacation Bible

schools for under privileged children. They have been held successfully in the past, and this year at least another 800 children will attend the schools. In partnership with church teams, IBS will continue to identify schools, kindergartens, orphanages in the central and northeast of the country, where the distribution will take place.

To encourage and motivate local churches to take part in evangelism reaching children and their families, a special “**fifty–fifty program**” has been also introduced. Every church organizing a special outreach program or event targeting at least 50% unchurched children, with the involvement of the church children, will receive My First Bible as a gift to all the children attending the event. This encourages even the poorest churches to get involved in evangelism.



IBS released 4,000 copies of My First Bible last year for distribution and almost all print have been distributed in Kyrgyzstan, but the need is still great.

Therefore, as financial donations are received, 5,000 copies or more will be printed so that more Kyrgyz children may be reached. Receiving letters like the one below motivates us to pray for more copies of My First Bible to be printed and distributed.

Dear brothers and sisters,

I'm writing you from Osh, a Muslim populated town in the south of Kyrgyzstan. It is my privilege to express our warm thankfulness for My First Bibles in Kyrgyz language that have been given to us. We have distributed the books among the poorest ones especially among the orphans. On the photos from one distribution you can see the children enjoying the book. It was a great joy also for us to provide them with the Word of God in such attractive way. God bless you for all your support you are giving to make this outreach possible.

In Jesus Christ

Pastor of Christian church & brothers and sisters from Kyrgyzstan