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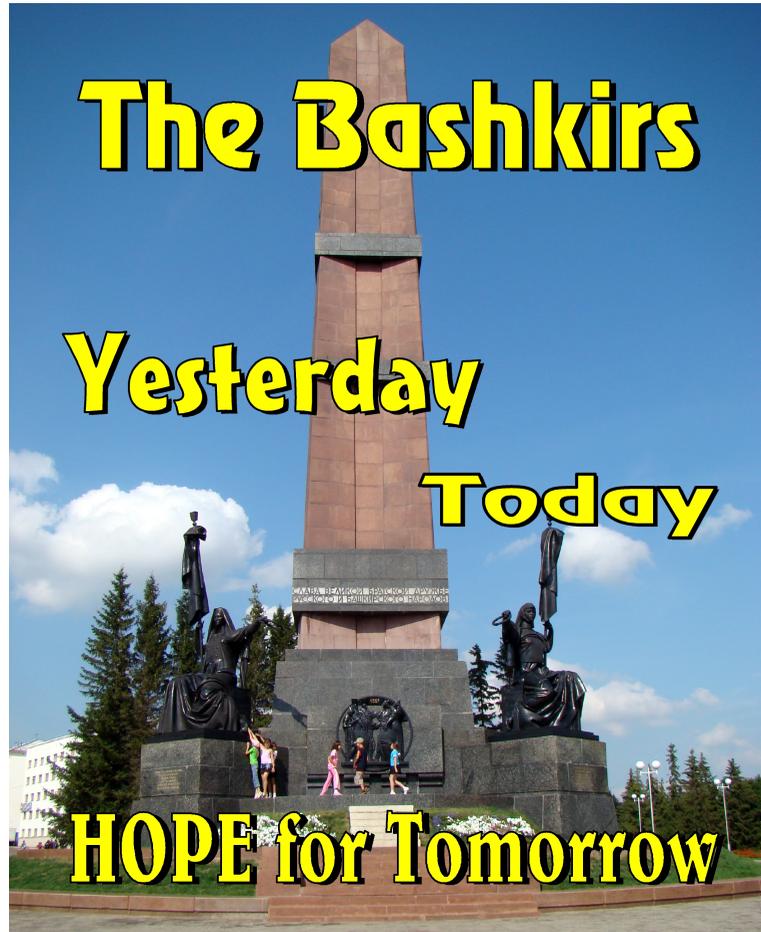
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Bashkortostan, Russia, 700 miles East of Moscow, ... where the Friendship Monument, erected in 1957, is a continuing reminder of the friendship established 450 years ago between the indigenous people of Bashkortostan (the Bashkirs) and the Russian government. Today, the approximately 4 million people with more than 120 nationalities live side by side in this Republic. Most of the Russian Orthodox and the Muslim Bashkirs and Tatars continue to claim their religious traditions of the past. Yet, some people are seeking something different in which to place their hope.



6:48 Bashkortostan is beautiful in many ways, but life all across this Republic is changing. Small villages next to fast flowing mountain streams or nestled among the trees are homes to many but, in reality, they are slowly decaying into history as the younger generation move to the cities to find employment.

The Republic of Bashkortostan is located 700 miles from Moscow and on the western edge of the Ural Mountains. All across the land changes are under way; from the rural villages to the large cities, from the political power of the churches and the mosques to freedom of religion for all and from a state controlled economy to free market enterprises,



12:31 A long time ago the Bashkirs built their homes next to a small fort. The settlement grew and in 1574 "Ufa" was founded. By 1802, the protection of the fort was no longer needed and Ufa was designated the capital of the region that later became known as Bashkortostan - the land of the Bashkirs. Ufa, spurred on by the freedom that came with the breakup of the Soviet Union, is much different now but the old is still just around the corner.



little more than grave markers for a failed system.

The farms of Bashkortostan are now based on a free market economy. They are very productive but no longer labor-intensive enterprises. Huge tractors, pulling five-bottom ploughs till the rich black soil.

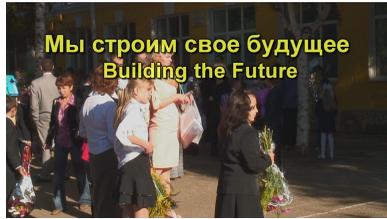
6:42 These decaying buildings were part of the Communist farm collective system of the former Soviet Union. The centerpiece of an aggressive farm policy where all were to work together in fulfilling the government quota of products, this policy resulted in a significant decline in production causing famine and starvation among the farm families of Russia. Today, these buildings and rusty machinery are



as the Lipa or Linden Tree. This tree blooms during June and July with small white flowers.

4:08 Mmm ... mmm sweet Lipa honey found nowhere else in the world. The flavor of this delicious honey is so distinctive that the Bashkortostan honeybee has been awarded gold and silver medals in Russia and the honey has received international gold medals.

Beehives are everywhere - from the large business to the small backyard family enterprise. The flavor of Bashkirian Honey owes its unique character to a large tree known



9:39 Their future before them, their parents beside them and carrying bright bouquets of flowers for their teachers, these students are ready for classes to begin on this first day of September 2007.

Girls and boys eager to begin the new year of building their future place in the life of Bashkortostan, Russia talk among themselves as the P.A. system broadcasts the latest musical

beat. The focus quickly changes, however, as the Russian national anthem is played followed by the Bashkortostan anthem.



9:30 Along the main street in Krivlya there is no need for sidewalks. Most everyone walks down the middle of the street.

The mayor of Krivlya invited us to visit the school and we gladly accepted. The school and kindergarten is the place for the future of this village of Krivlya. Yet, across the road, there is a horse and wagon with a driver who is also a part of this village. Will the children of Krivlya

remain here continuing the simple but difficult lifestyle of their grandparents or will they follow other young people who have left the village for the larger cities? From your American visitors, SPASÍBO, thank you -- to the residents of quiet, friendly and peaceful Krivlya, Bashkortostan.



4:58 A century ago Russian Orthodox Churches dominated the skyline of nearly every city, town and village of Russia. In the towns and villages, large gleaming white masonry structures appeared out of place among the small wooden houses. Throughout the country, these churches seemed to be an opulent display of religious power with little regard for the welfare of the populace.

The Orthodox Church services are conducted amidst the glamorous splendor of gold and silver, but there is no religious teaching. The people do not know the Word of God and are captive to a life of fear and hopelessness ... no salvation, ... no eternity. They do not have the source of joy and life. It is *A Church Without the Gospel*.



5:30 It is the year 1574. Islam has been here for over 500 years and is now the dominant religion among the tribes living in the land we call Bashkortostan. The word "Islam", when translated, means "peace and submission".

Today, the descendants of the Russian immigrants makeup about one-third of the population and are Russian Orthodox. Over one-half of the population follows Sunni Islam

most of whom are descendants of the indigenous population. There are several mosques in the country. The Tulip Mosque in Ufa, so called because of its tulip shaped minarets, is the largest.



11:00 Rich in natural resources, the Republic of Bashkortostan has reason to celebrate and to hope for a good economic future. A wide range of economic activity provides sufficient opportunity for the ethnic and religious groups who live side by side in this Republic.

The Friendship Alliance established some 450 years ago signaled hope for a peaceful and prosperous future for the peoples of this land.

October 11, 2007, the 450th Anniversary of this

alliance was celebrated and attended by Bashkort President Murtaza Rachimov and Russian President Vladimir Putin along with other foreign heads of state and diplomats.

The Russian – Bashkir friendship alliance made in the distant past was indeed a momentous event. Yet, it is nothing when compared with the cross of Calvary and the salvation offered by Jesus Christ. He alone is the source of true hope.



6:57 The main street in this small village of Krivlya is only about a mile from the beginning of the village to its end. The pathway for the 700 or so people living here is shared with an old tractor and its grain wagon, the horse and cart, herds of sheep and milk cows and perhaps a motorcycle or car. The public school is along this street - the largest building in Krivlya.

About two blocks away is a grain processing and storage facility. The wood frame homes,

most of which are old, line both sides of the street. There are a few recently constructed masonry buildings.

No church building is in this village. On the east end of Main Street, however, is a place where evangelical believers meet. There is no sign pointing the way but all in the village know about those who meet in the pastor's home. This small group of believers usually holds Bible study and fellowship on a weekday evening. Pastor Nafis gives a short message followed by a time of worship in song and prayer.



11:07 The Orthodox Church has been the dominant religious organization in Russia for a thousand years. For most of this time, it was the State Church and enjoyed the political power and the financial backing of the government as well as the control of religious activities in Russia. Significant changes were underway in the latter part of the 1800's as the Evangelical Christian Movement began. As it grew, the persecution also grew. By 1905, there

were over 20,000 Russian Baptists and by 1928, over 600,000 Baptist Believers as well as thousands of Believers of other denominations.

Stalin saw this movement as a threat to his power. He enacted a law that effectively halted all evangelical church planting. A systematic annihilation of all religious organizations began including evangelicals. By the time the Soviet Union fell in 1991, the number of evangelical Believers was reduced to less than 10% of that during the 1920's. The oppression has not destroyed the church. The Believers have become stronger in the Word and commitment.



12:08 Out of the Ural Mountains the river follows a well-worn path. It is here in the rich farmland of central Bashkortostan that it found tranquility, peace and solitude.

In the cities and towns, - day in - day out - the people travel on the same road; tired, discouraged. But only 30 miles from Ufa and near the Sym River - there is a path that few travel. Those who find this path discover hope,

truth and salvation. In this tranquil, forested area is a group of buildings - a camp. The sign says "Summer Children's Christian Camp, SAIL OF HOPE". Camp Paros Nadhzde is a place where boys and girls, men and women can escape crowded city life and spend a few days of fun, adventure, meeting new friends and, most important, hearing the Word of God.



7:42 It is the first day of school and children are all dressed up and carrying beautiful bouquets of flowers for their teachers. Parents and grandparents proudly join in trying to capture the excitement. Most of these families make their home in a high-rise apartment complex in Ufa -- some new, others old. A wide variety of single-family homes are clustered along the White River and away from the high-rise apartments. A number of these houses are

large enough to include the extended family.

However, there are those for whom life is much different. There is no caring family; no place to feel safe. They might find a place to sleep down the alleyways, behind the graffiti walls, next to the discarded alcohol bottles or in the decaying wood frame buildings scattered throughout the city. It is in these neglected and out of the way places that *The Forgotten Ones* live a precarious life. Most are teenagers without a family who cares. Furthermore, they are faced with scorn and persecution by government officials. These are the street kids of Ufa.



10:12 All-alone an old man shuffles his way up to a memorial that commemorates a horrendous time for Russia.

Seldom alone, crowds of people in the cities are following a familiar path. There may be a few who have chosen a different path - a lonely path. These few are believers in Jesus Christ.

Less than .1% of those living here are evangelical believers. Several small churches have been started often meeting in homes or in

rented office space. Most congregations are small and their pastor is bi-vocational and has limited time to devote to the outreach work. Half of the churches in Bashkortostan do not have their own building because it is difficult to find a place to rent and very expensive if found.

There are four million people living in Bashkortostan but merely four thousand evangelical Christians and only 24 Baptist churches. The responsibility to take the Gospel to this entire Republic is great. Your help is needed. Your prayers are essential. Your support can make a difference. You can be part of reaching Bashkortostan for Christ