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MINUS 29 CELSIUS

Ten years ago, about this time of year, a man came from Pennsylvania to observe our work. At the time it was minus 29 Celsius, (minus 20 Fahrenheit) and we were on the street doing evangelism. For some reason he got mad and said, "It gets cold in Pennsylvania, too. But we have enough sense to come in out of the cold."

It's cold now and instead of being out on the street doing evangelism I have been writing and preparing material to print. Putting together a finished project is very time consuming. I look forward to warmer temperatures, and using the new material we've prepared for evangelism.

ARIF DEPARTS



Arif is a native of Afghanistan. He came to Russia many years ago to serve in the military and afterward stayed to get a college degree. He did that, and in the recent past trusted Christ as his Savior and studied the scriptures with some of my friends.

It's been on his mind to return to his native country and establish a Baptist church there. On Sunday, January 17th, he shared his testimony and burden at Cornerstone. We took up an offering to help him on his way, encircled him and prayed for his safety and success at home. He will be accompanied by his oldest son, Sharif, and his wife and their infant daughter.

He has suffered persecution before and likely will again. They departed Saint Petersburg on January 19th. I know he would appreciate *your* prayers.

BROTHER JESUS

One day, before the new year, I was in one of my favorite fishing spots. A man came by and said, "More stuff about our brother Jesus?" He refused to read the tract I was offering.

At first I didn't know what he was talking about. Then I realized he must be Muslim (seems there is a meeting place for Muslims somewhere on the square.) Pray for them to accept Jesus as the Christ, and not just some prophet or a brother. Pray for me also because there seem to be lots of these fish in my favorite spots.

MINUS 20 EVANGELISM

One of my insane friends talked me into doing evangelism despite the bitter — freezing cold weather. We were on the street less than an hour and passed out 120 tracts. One man came up to see what we had. Then he pulled one of our tracts out of his pocket and said, "I got this six months ago." Even after six months he still had it with him. Pray for fruit at minus 20!