

## *A grandmother's heart opened*

*“Anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.” Luke 18:17; Mark 10:15 (NIV)*

Like all new believers in Muslim Central Asia, my young friend Vera was anxious for her family members to know and love Jesus as she did. Although she initially experienced a great deal of persecution from her family, over time their hostility faded.

Vera's constant prayer was for all of her family members to become believers. She was especially eager for her elderly grandparents. She had not seen her relatives for two years while she was attending university in a distant city. So imagine the family's happy excitement when Vera told them that we would visit them in their village!

Vera is the oldest of many grandchildren in her family and has always been a favorite for her lively, loving spirit. It was not surprising that troops of relatives arrived to welcome Vera and her friends at her grandmother's home. The happy reunion lasted well into the night as everyone caught up on news.

The next day, a moment came when most adults were out of the house, but children of all ages continued scampering in and out. In the relative quiet, Vera concentrated on her grandmother, carefully telling her the story of salvation through Jesus. At that moment, the Holy Spirit opened her grandmother's heart, and she accepted Jesus as her Savior. As we led her grandmother in a prayer of repentance and faith, I looked up and saw that Vera's teenage cousin, Kevin, was unexpectedly praying along with us. God does more than we could ever dream or imagine!

—JANET, CENTRAL ASIA

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