

02.11.05 - New Students at the Seminary

Two of these new students are from Kazakhstan:

- Larisa Kriger, a 27-year old single woman from the village of Krasnaja Poljana in northern Kazakhstan. She has served in her congregation for 7 years, first as a youth and children's ministries leader and then as the congregation's preacher. Larisa took the courses for Sunday School teachers and the courses for preachers offered at the Lutheran educational center in Astana, Kazakhstan.
- Zhanibek Batenov is 20 years old and single. He is from Astana and there (in August of this year) finished the full 3-year course of studies at the Lutheran educational center.

Larisa and Zhanibek anticipate returning to their native Kazakhstan for service.

Another two students arrived in Novosaratovka from the regional church of Kyrgyzstan. They are:

- Dmitrii Dryzgin from the capital of Bishkek. He was born in 1984 and is not married. Before coming to our seminary, Dmitrii attained a technical education (cable specialist) and studied at the Lutheran educational center in Kazakhstan for one year. He has been a member of the congregation in Bishkek since 2000.
- Roman Solomatin was born in 1981 and grew up in the village of Frunze, then part of the Kyrgyz Republic of the Soviet Union. He is not married and has had many different types of work experience (everything from farming to being a security guard). He has been a member of the congregation in Bishkek since 2002.

Finally,

- Ludmilla Golubnichaja from the Evangelical-Lutheran church of European Russia. She is from the village of Staraja Poltavka in the Volgograd region. She is 27 years old and single. Like Roman, she has had a lot of varied work experience (from postal worker to accountant), including work in her congregation in the village of Verkhnij Eruslan, where she has been a member since 2000.

The Theological Seminary is blessed by the presence of these new students. They will be put together in one class with those students who began their education with us in 2004, but for whom their first year was filled mostly with general (as opposed to theological) education classes.