

Refugee Family Update

August 3, 2005

Dear Congregation,

On July 29, two brothers from the Nabiyeve family arrived at Philadelphia airport and were greeted by a contingent of church committee members and Lutheran Children and Family Service staff members. I would like to express our sincere appreciation to Dick and Joyce Burkett (from Peace-Tohickon Lutheran church) who were very instrumental in organizing the cleaning and furnishing the Lutheran Community at Telford home on such short notice while both co-chairs were on vacation. In addition, I wish to thank



members who donated items or volunteered to help clean and prepare the house for the family. Without your help we could not have accomplished this important task. I also wish to thank Olga Smirnova from St. Matthew's Lutheran Church who has agreed to be our interpreter for the family. She was a tremendous help to us as we settled the Nabiyeve brothers into their new home.

Otabek Nabiyeve and Balabek Nabiyeve are two members of a twelve-member family who were sent ahead to prepare the way for the remaining part of the family. The family consists of a mother and father with four adult sons and one adult daughter. Two sons are married; one has a 1-year old daughter; one has two small children. Otabek has informed us they expect the remaining family to arrive in the United States in approximately twenty days. Please bare in mind this information is unofficial. However, it gives us an idea of when to expect the family to arrive.

Otabek and Balabek have asked us to convey their sincerest gratitude for the generosity our members have given to help them settle in America. As they stated in the greeting to our congregations "*We thank everyone who has been helping us settle in our new life. 1000 times thank you.*"



Your Servants in Christ

Steve Gratias
Co-Chair
St. Luke's Lutheran Church

Jim Garcia
Co-Chair
Trinity Lutheran Church

Welcome Otabek and Balabek to America

A Message from Otabek and Balabek

We are Otabek and Balabek have arrived July 29, 2005 in America.

This is our first house in the picture. We thank everyone who has been helping us settle in our new life.

1000 times thank you.

Otabek and Balabek

Why they lived

Krasnodarsky region is situated in the north-western part of the Caucasus. It borders on Rostovskaya region in the north, on Stavropolsky region in the east, on Abkhazia in the south. The southern and the western boundaries of the region are washed by the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov. The Republic of Adygeya is a constituent of the region. Krasnodarsky region is often called Kuban like the river of the region.

The region is the real natural park, where different plants grow. Fauna of the region is quite diverse.

In Krasnodarsky region there are 800 resorts. Climate varies from temperate continental to subtropical. There are reserves of oil, gas, marble, limestone, gravel, sand, iron ore, salt. In the region supplies of mineral waters have been found.



Balabek (left) and Otabek (right) Azamhonovich Nabyev

