Nabiyev Family News, April 12, 2006

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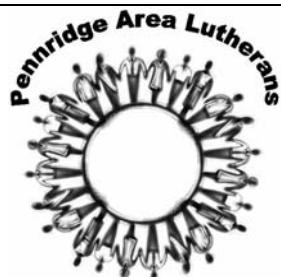
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Greeting Friends in Christ,

It is with great pleasure to announce the graduation ceremony held on Sunday, March 26, 2006 at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church for the Nabiyev family. The ceremony was attended by our committee members, volunteers, and representatives from the Lutheran Children and Family Service. The ceremony marked the beginning of the Nabiyev family's independence and the end of our committee's commitment in helping the family settle in our community. During the ceremony, Azamzhon Nabiyev (the father of the family, photo to right) thanked the members of our committee for the help we provided in finding a home and jobs for the the family in America.

With your help we were able to furnish two homes for the twelve member family, which included household items, furniture, food, and winter clothing. In addition, we were able to provide expenses for rent, utilities, and transportation to work and medical appointments. We were able to find employment for six of the family members. Two family members have received their driver's licenses and a third has received his driver's permit. We expect him to receive his driver's license within the next two weeks. We were able to provide a donated car and with donations from our churches, we were able to provide a second car for the family. The family is nearly self-sufficient and can now provide their own transportation to work and for other errands.

On behalf of the Nabiyev family, committee members, and our volunteers; Steve Gratias, Dick Burkett, and Jim Garcia wish to thank all of our congregations for the support they provided our committee to help the Nabiyevs begin a new life in America.

The Refugee Sponsorship Committee