

My name is Nargul [nar-good]. I live in the bustling town of Shymkent [shim-kent], Kazakhstan [kah-zakh-stahn]. Compared to the nearby villages, it is very different. Children in the villages go to school six days a week just like me, but then are required to work at home. The boys work in the fields and the girls must help at home, learning to cook, clean and sew.

In Shymkent, I have a much easier life. I have to study, but when I finish, I can go outside to play, get ice cream or go to the park. In the city, my friends and I enjoy watching television and playing video games – just like many children in the U.S.

Although everyone identifies themselves as Muslim, most people believe in many different things, like evil spirits. Pray for us in Kazakhstan that we would learn about Jesus.

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