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## CL

### *Central Asia*

Cl grew up in South Africa, experiencing first hand the destructiveness of any particular race seeing themselves as superior to other races. In that South African context, a religious education teacher at his primary school set Cl off on a journey with God that led him first to Australia and then to Central Asia.

Having gained an honours degree in commerce, he practised as a chartered accountant, first in South Africa and then from 1989 in Queensland. Cl's move to Australia stirred growth in his life journey, and he wanted to learn more of how he might serve.

A speaker at an event mentioned that there were opportunities for teaching English in Central Asia and that placements were readily available for people who have English as their first language and a business degree. This and other events stimulated Cl's imagination and enthusiasm.

When he moved to Central Asia in 2004, Cl's primary focus was on learning the language and trying to gain a deep understanding of the culture.

After a time, Cl moved to a different city and began to use his accountancy skills for the benefit of business people in the area. This work, as well as his daily interaction with friends and neighbours, has enhanced his skills in the language. He has also begun to build solid friendships with several people.

Such friendships are helpful to Cl, but they also open opportunities for him to have input into people's lives at a deep level, especially when people are struggling with life issues or questioning their worldview or understanding. While many people are content with their current philosophy of life, others are searching for other options. In telling of his own journey, he is able to bring encouragement to them.