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Kazakhstan; Ballet teacher faces proselytism charges

Knowing the danger that a Protestant Christian could face from the authorities in Kazakhstan, ballet teacher Vladislav Polskikh attempted to be proactive in averting charges of proselytism. As a Christian, it was Polskikh's practice to begin his lessons with the word, "With God's help" and would dismiss his students saying "God be with you." Knowing this could cause offense, he had each of the parents sign a form, making them aware of his Protestant faith and saying that they would not object to religious expressions that may be used in the course of the lessons. However, according to an October 18 report from Forum 18, this form achieved the opposite result. Polskikh is accused of refusing to teach anyone who refused to sign the form, thus withholding a service based on religion; something he denies. Polskikh is accused of "corruption of objective interpretation of events and adoption of certain life values" and may face up to two years in prison.

Please pray that charges against Polskikh will be dropped.

Pray that he will find encouragement in the Lord and know His presence and glory resting on him.

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