



Focus on the Tatars

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Who are the Tatars?

- Sunni Muslim since 900 AD
- Ethnic roots: Turkic Bulgars
- Conquered by Imperial Russia in 1552
- Oppressed by Soviet Union 1922-1991
- Currently subjects of Russian Federation
- Population 7 million (world) | 5 million (Russia) | 2 million (Tatarstan)
- Homeland is Republic of Tatarstan
- Less than 1% evangelical Christians



Obstacles to the Gospel

- Evangelicals branded as cults
- Republic promotes Islam
- Religious freedom restrictions
- Tatar cultural identity is muslim
- Tatar believers rejected by family
- Not enough indigenous Christians or resources to complete the Great Commission



Tatar Focus Team Vision / Mission / Strategy

Vision. To see a multiplying movement to Jesus Christ among the Tatars of Tatarstan

Mission. To focus on Gospel outreach in Tatarstan until the national Church has sufficient numbers or resources to evangelize their own people without the necessity of outside assistance

Strategy. To partner with the small but mature national Church in Tatarstan, as they make Christ known in word and deed, plant churches, and equip their people to do the same

Tatar Focus Scope

Midland Free

We engage and mobilize our people to focus on the Tatar by learning, praying, giving, sending and going

Stateside

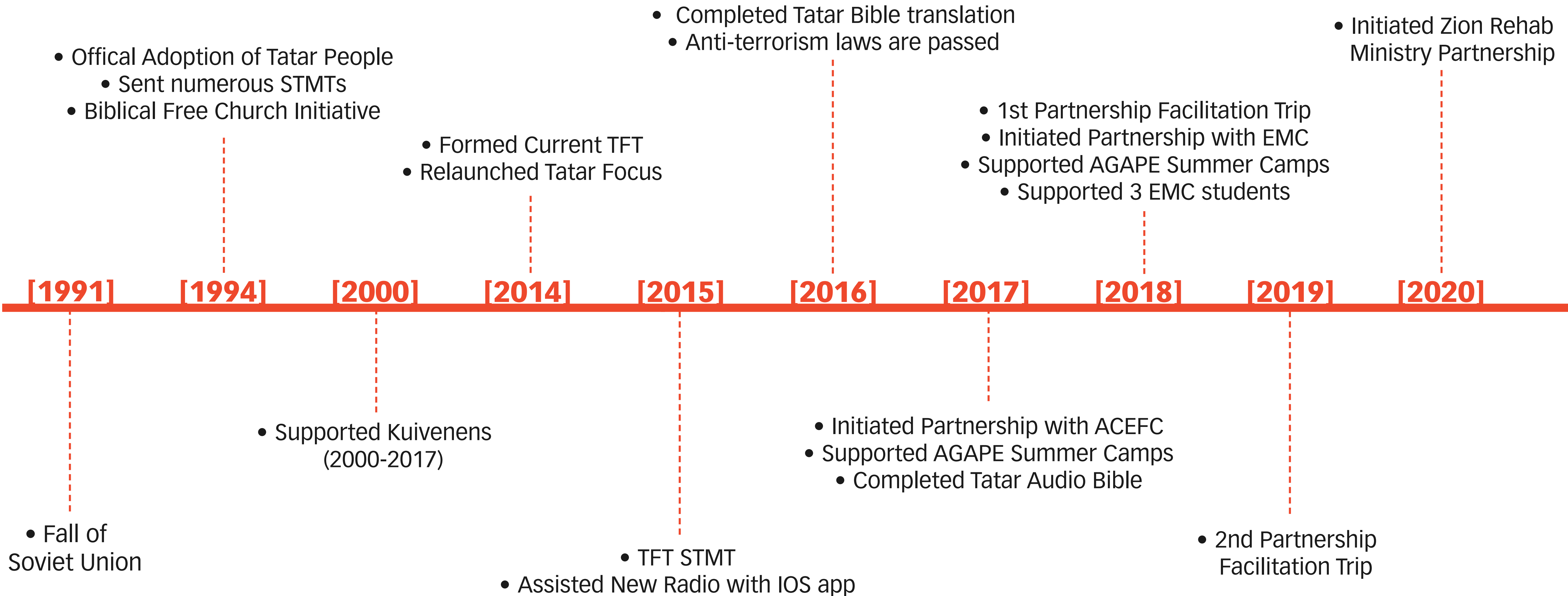
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Tatarstan

We mobilize and partner with indigenous and expat workers to make disciples and plant churches

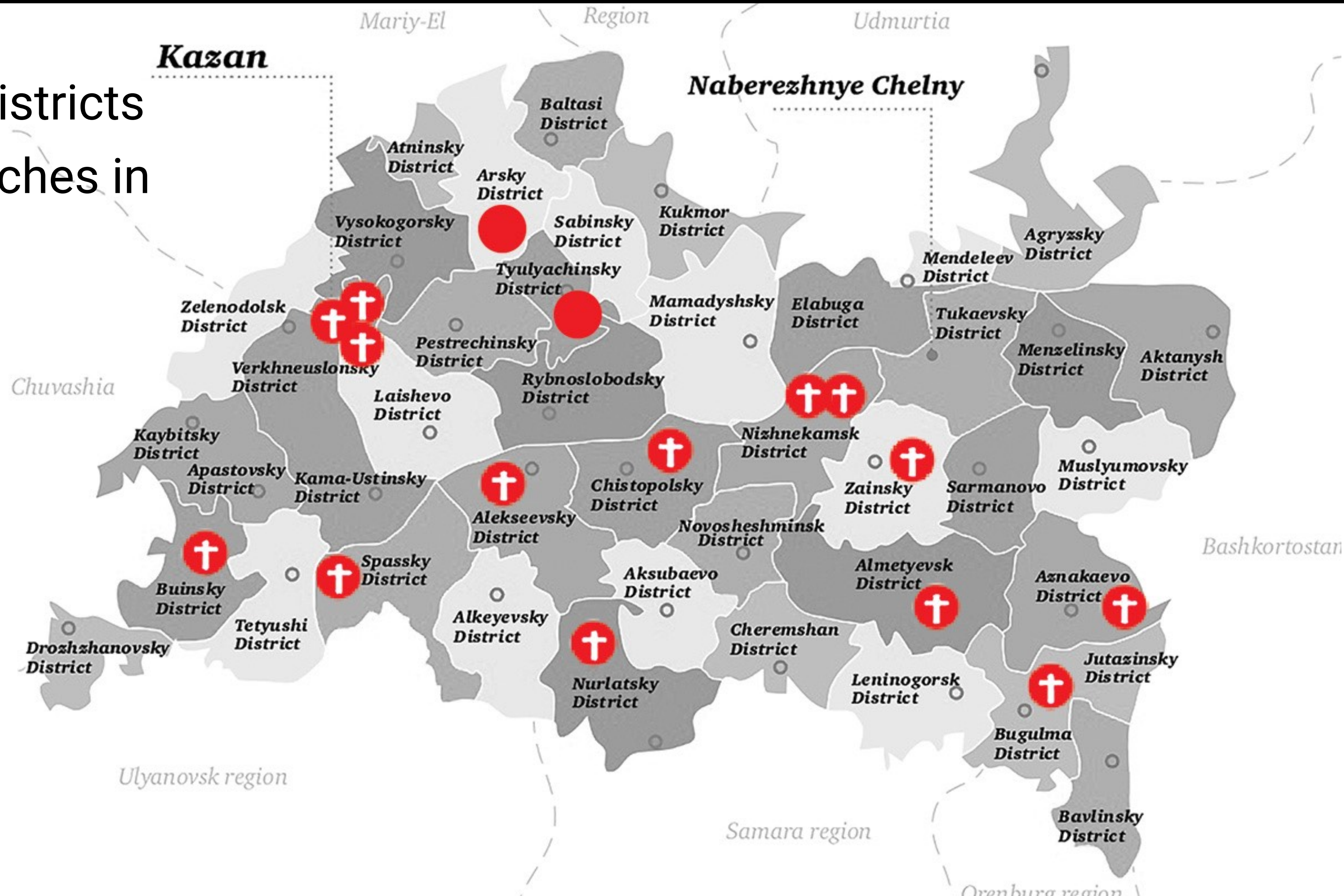
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Midland Free Tatar Adoption Timeline



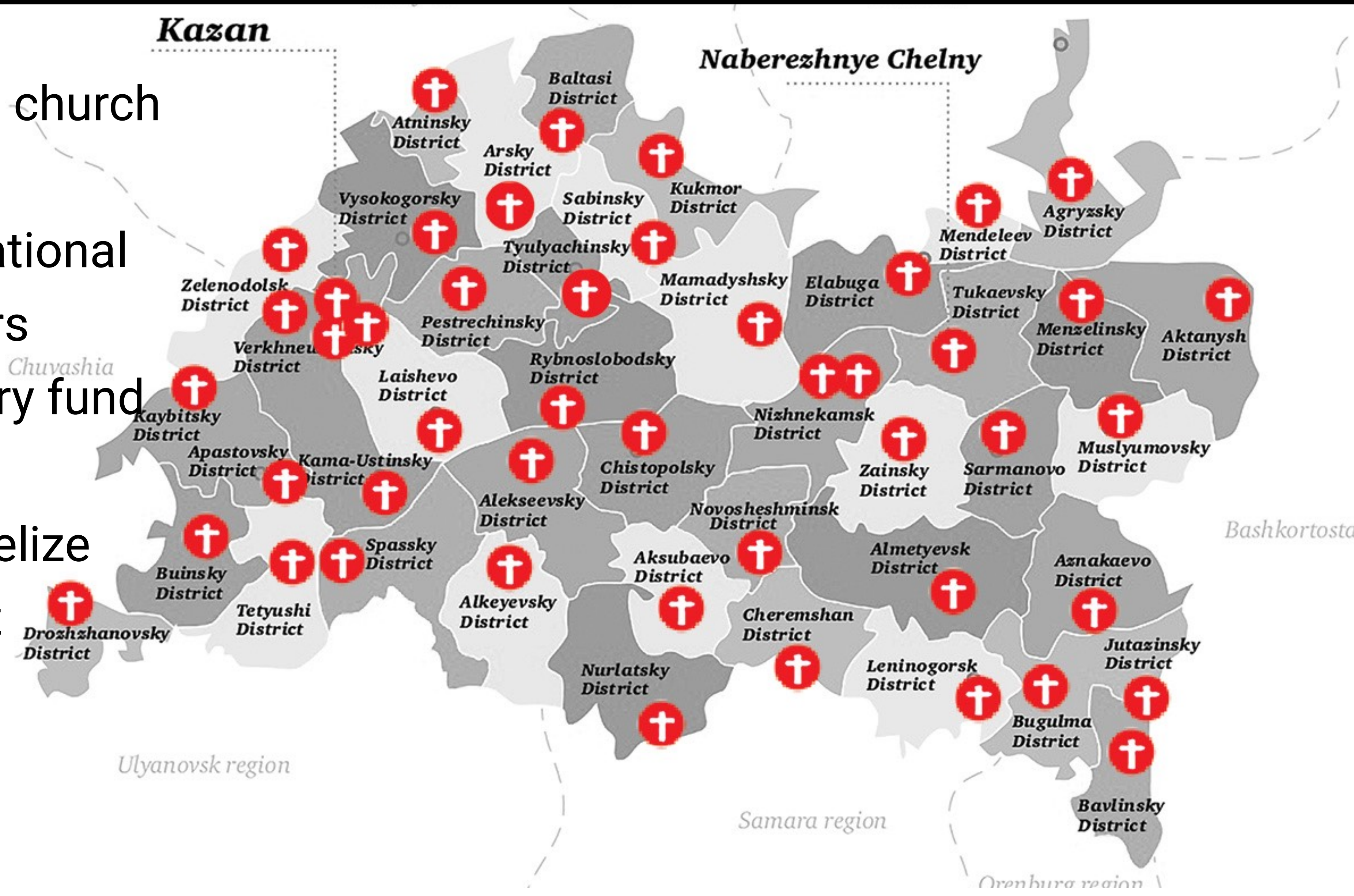
Partner: Association of Churches (ACEFC)

- Tatarstan has 43 districts
- ACEFC has 14 churches in 11 districts
- How we support:
 - AGAPE Camps
 - Prayer network
 - Radio broadcast
 - Rehab ministry
 - Short term trips



Their Vision

1. Long-term: Plant a church in all 43 districts
 - Develop an International network of partners
 - Create a missionary fund to send their own
2. Immediate: Evangelize and equip the next generation



The ACEFC Pastors



Bogdan + Maria in Kazan



Ayrat + Elmira in Nurlat



Zhenia + Olga in Chistopol



Albert + Lilya in Aznakayevo



Vlad + Lena in Buinsk



Misha + Alfia in Kazan



Peter + Alonya in Almet'yevsk



Slava + Vazer in Nizhnekamsk



Zhenia + Tanya in Alekseevsky



Slava + Larissa in Bolgar



Slava + Natalya in Bugulma



Radik + Olga in Kazan



Slava + Katya in Zainsk



Edik + Galina in Nizhnekamsk

Partner: Eurasian Ministry College (EMC)

Mission. To train and equip for ministry in a Muslim context with emphasis on missions, evangelism and church planting in Russia and Central Asia

We provide annual prayer and financial support to students who intend to use their training in Tatarstan

Learn more: eurasian-ministries.org

Partner: Zion Church Rehab



The work of rehabilitation is carried out in three directions: body, soul, and spirit, and seeks to involve closest family members as much as possible.

1. Body - provide physical work and occupational therapy
2. Soul - work with psychological defects of a person acquired in the process of using substances
3. Spirit - spiritual practice that involves reading the Bible and prayer life



We would love to share about the Tatar Focus with your ministry, class or group!

- **Sign up to receive our weekly prayer email at prayingfortatarstan.org**
- **Join us for prayer on the 2nd Monday of the month, 6:30 - 7 pm
(contact us for virtual link or meeting location)**

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