

# God's Invisible Hand

God is at work even though we sometimes don't see it.

An unbelievable series of God-ordained events led to the launch of the Sook Pak church building project, as published in *Tuvans Planted, Americans Watered, God Made It Grow* in the Spring 2008 issue of *InterACTION* [see *Tuvans Planted, Americans Watered, God Made it Grow* at [www.interactministries.org/stories.asp](http://www.interactministries.org/stories.asp)].

*Proverbs 16:9, The mind of man plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps.*

## Summer 2006

New Bethany Baptist Church from Georgia began focusing on the Tuvan people as a missionary outreach project.

## April 2007

InterAct's Jim & Kari Capaldo and local Tuvan believers started meeting and praying about starting a local church in Sook Pak where the Capaldos lived. (Sook Pak is a village of about 5,000 people located 5 miles southwest of the capital city of Kyzyl, Republic of Tuva).

A foreign missionary couple (he from Australia, she from Canada) in Novosibirsk met a university student there from Sook Pak and heard about his village. They decided to visit this village as a potential ministry location.



## July 2007

Shortly after arriving in Sook Pak, where they were staying with the above-mentioned student's uncle, the couple was evicted when the uncle, a Buddhist, realized they were Christians and feared the influence of the Christian God. The local storekeeper, also related to the uncle, directed the couple to the Capaldos whom she knew because they had done business with her.

The Australian/Canadian couple stayed with the Capaldos for about two weeks until their return (by airplane) to Novosibirsk. They shared Capaldo's contact information with the Regional Director of the Southern Baptist's International Missions Board (IMB) who lives in Novosibirsk.

## August 2007

The New Bethany team landed in Novosibirsk, en route to Kyzyl. While there, they found out that their hotel reservations in Kyzyl had been cancelled without explanation or any alternative accommodations being suggested. The New Bethany team spoke to the IMB's Regional Director in Novosibirsk and received Capaldo's contact information.

After a couple of unsuccessful attempts, the New Bethany team finally reached Jim, explained their problem and asked for his help. Jim was able to make alternative arrangements for their accommodations.

When the New Bethany team arrived in **Kyzyl**, they met Jim. The threads finally came together for the story as published in the above-mentioned story.