

“Much Prayer, Much Power!”

— Peter Deyneka Sr., SGA Founder

Prayer & Praise



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Join us each day this month in prayer and praise for the work of Christ in the lands of Russia.



*Serving Churches —
Reaching Russia . . .*

Monthly Prayer Focus

Please pray regularly this month for faithful missionary pastors across Russia and her neighboring nations. Especially lift those who live in Muslim-dominated Central Asian nations where there is significant opposition to evangelical churches.

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1 Reflection: We begin the new month with King David's wonderful reminder of God's faithfulness . . . *The words of the Lord are pure words; as silver tried in a furnace on the earth, refined seven times. You, O Lord, will keep them . . . (Psalm 12:6-7).*

2 Pray today for the SGA-sponsored Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary, its faculty and students. As with our other sponsored schools across the lands of Russia, the fall term will soon begin with its busy schedule of studies.

3 SGA's Kiev Regional Ministry Center (RMC) is now located in the suburb of Irpen, after several years in Brovary. Please pray today for director Sergei Gladishko and his staff as they joyfully serve Ukrainian evangelical churches.

4 SGA president Dr. Bob Provost is scheduled to attend a key conference this month in addition to his usual hectic schedule. Please intercede for Bob today, asking God for continued anointing and blessing on his ministry.

5 Most summer children's camp ministries in Russia and her neighboring countries will soon be concluding. Join us in praying for the thousands of children who attended, asking the Lord to grant growth to the seeds of the Gospel planted in their hearts.



6 As the fall approaches, several North American churches that are part of coalitions supporting the SGA-sponsored *Antioch Initiative* in Russia will be planning their related activities for the next several months. Ask for God's guidance and provision in this important area.

7 The Lord's Day: *But when the crop permits, he immediately puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come (Mark 4:29).* Across the former Soviet Union, a great spiritual harvest is waiting to be gathered. As you worship today, pray with us that God will provision and send more workers to proclaim the Gospel, as millions are waiting and need to hear.

8 We praise and thank the Lord for the positive response to SGA's new *My Mission Adventure* VBS/Sunday school program and curriculum. Our prayer is that it will excite a whole new generation of North American kids about the Great Commission of our Lord to preach the Gospel around the world.

9 SGA is always looking for new friends and partners who share our burden to see the lost won to Christ across Russia and the rest of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). Please lift this urgent need before the Lord.

10 Pray for Donna Brooks, who serves as accounts receivable clerk in SGA's accounting department. We praise and thank the Lord for Donna's cheerful spirit and diligent service to Christ.



11 The SGA-sponsored *Orphans Reborn* ministry is having untold impact on thousands of lonely, forgotten orphans across the CIS. Yet with at least 700,000 orphan children in Russia alone, the need is enormous. Pray with us for the resources to expand this ministry into even more regions.

12 Pray today for Pastor Alexei Smirnov, president of the Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB). Leading Russia's largest evangelical church fellowship in these changing times is a difficult, demanding task, and we are thankful for Alexei's servant leadership.

13 Lift SGA's Dr. Roman Dectiarenko in prayer as he begins to wrap up summer ministry and prepares to begin the fall term at SGA-sponsored Bible schools in the CIS. Pray also for his wife, Luba, and her ongoing serious health issues.

14 The Lord's Day: . . . *in all things show yourself to be an example of good deeds, with purity in doctrine, dignified, sound in speech which is beyond reproach, so that the opponent will be put to shame, having nothing bad to say about us (Titus 2:7-8).* On this Sunday, pray for SGA-sponsored missionary

pastors who serve in regions of the CIS where the church is under intense pressure. May God grant them favor in their communities as they glorify Him by their example.

15 Pray for SGA's Minsk RMC staff, led by Piotr Podrez. May they continually be a blessing and encouragement to churches across Belarus, where congregations can encounter serious obstacles to their ministries, as well as tremendous opportunities.

16 SGA has several pending book projects, including the translation of Dr. John MacArthur's *Commentary on 1 Peter*, and reprinting of Dr. Mark Dever's wonderful book, *The Deliberate Church*. Please lift this matter before the Lord, asking for His ongoing provision.

17 Although summer is not yet over, evangelical churches across Russia and the CIS are already planning Christmas evangelistic programs, including the SGA-sponsored *Immanuel's Child* outreach for needy children. Join us in ongoing intercession, asking God to prepare the way and the hearts of the children.

18 Earlier this year, the U.S. State Department released a 2010 report citing Russia, Ukraine and Belarus as the three European countries with the worst record on human rights. Pray with us that ongoing political tensions will not result in a hindrance to the ministries of evangelical Russian churches.

19 Pray for SGA/United Kingdom, led by Derek Maxwell. We are thankful to the Lord for our UK team's years of ministry across Eastern Europe and other former communist nations of the CIS.



20 Pastor Eugene Bakhmutsky serves as vice president of the Russian UECB and pastor of the growing Russian Bible Church in Moscow. Please lift Eugene and his family in prayer, asking for God's ongoing blessing in their ministry.

21 The Lord's Day: *Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we will incur a stricter judgment (James 3:1).* Pray today for evangelical pastors and Christian education workers across the CIS. Ask the Lord to grant them boldness, and to protect their stand for the truth of His Word.

22 Intercede for SGA-sponsored Bible institutes across the lands of Russia. Provision of doctrinally sound, biblically faithful Bible training remains a top priority of SGA as it has since our founding in 1934.



23 SGA senior missionaries are Ruth Leonovich, Andrew Semenchuk and Florence Daneliuk. Lift these faithful servants of Christ in prayer today, and join us in thankfulness to God for their decades of Gospel ministry.

24 Pray today for the seven regional vice presidents of the Russian UECB. Also intercede in prayer for the regional pastors who oversee churches in each of Russia's oblasts (states) and territories.

25 As Sunday school ministry continues to develop across the lands of Russia, resources will be needed to help supply the churches with curriculum and other needs. Please lift this before the Lord today.

26 Although SGA seldom sends containers of humanitarian aid overseas these days, due to expense and changing customs regulations, we still help churches across the CIS obtain aid locally for distribution to needy families as needed. Pray with us for God's ongoing provision.

27 Intercede in prayer for SGA's chief Russian-language book editor Sergei Omelchenko. We are thankful to the Lord for Sergei's diligent service to Christ and to the evangelical churches of Ukraine.

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28 **The Lord's Day:** *Opening his mouth, Peter said: "I most certainly understand now that God is not one to show partiality, but in every nation the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him (Acts 10:34-35).* There are 12 nations in the CIS, and Russia alone has more than 130 distinct people groups. As you worship today, pray for increased opportunities to take the Gospel to the millions that remain unreached.

29 Pray today for ongoing youth ministry across the lands of Russia. Also pray for Russian UECB vice president Eugene Bakhmutsky and his assistant Vlad Treskin as they provide leadership at the national level.



30 Lift director Allan Vincent and the staff of SGA/Canada in prayer today. Ask God to multiply their resources and to motivate even more Canadian churches to join together in support of ministry across Russia and the CIS.

31 **Reflection:** We conclude August with the prophet's proclamation of trust in the Lord . . . *But as for me, I will watch expectantly for the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation. My God will hear me. Do not rejoice over me, O my enemy. Though I fall, I will rise; though I dwell in darkness, the Lord is a light for me (Micah 7:7-8).*

Please pray for those who co-labor with SGA in serving the evangelical churches of the Commonwealth of Independent States.

Partner Prayer Requests

For God's ongoing wisdom . . .

Freeport, Illinois

Pray for my daughter's salvation . . .

Longmont, Colorado

My grandson struggles with depression, needs the Lord . . .

Chugiak, Alaska

For healing in my legs . . .

Fredonia, Pennsylvania

Pray for continued recovery from cancer . . .

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Please pray for restoration of my sister's faith . . .

Ontario, California

Lift our church in prayer as we minister . . .

Alpharetta, Georgia

The SGA staff is honored to bring your requests to the Lord. We thank you for the opportunity to serve you in this way.



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