

"Much Prayer, Much Power!"
Peter Deyneka Sr., SGA Founder

Prayer & Praise

27 Praise the Lord for the faithful missionary pastors and their families who minister across the former Soviet nations of Central Asia. May the Lord protect and grant them opportunities for the Gospel despite the oppression they face.

28 Pray for the family of SGA missionary Ed Titcomb, whose father, Paul, went to be with the Lord in September. Ask for God's ongoing comfort and peace, even as we celebrate Paul's life lived for the glory of Christ.

29 Lift Rev. Allan Vincent, executive director of SGA/Canada, in prayer. Pray for more opportunities to share what God is doing across the lands of Russia

with missions-minded Canadian congregations.

30 Pray for the boards of directors governing SGA ministries in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, New Zealand and Australia. We are thankful to God for these dedicated men serving Christ through our mission.

31 Reflection: We conclude January with the prophet Amos' stirring declaration in praise of our great God and Father . . . *The One who builds His upper chambers in the heavens and has founded His vaulted dome over the earth, He who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out on the face of the earth, the Lord is His name* (Amos 9:6).



Scripture theme for January 2012

This month, may we keep God's precious Word at the center of our hearts and minds . . . *Do not let kindness and truth leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good repute in the sight of God and man* (Proverbs 3:3-4).

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

1 Reflection: We begin 2012 with King David's beautiful song of confident trust in God . . . *The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the defense of my life. Whom shall I dread* (Psalm 27:1)?

grant him good health and strength as he fulfills a grueling schedule.



2 Russian Christmas falls this Saturday. Pray in advance for the SGA-sponsored Christmas outreaches taking place over the weekend, including *Immanuel's Child*. May many young boys and girls be drawn to faith in Christ.

4 Russia's presidential election takes place later this year. Pray for continued freedom to worship and proclaim the Gospel, no matter the outcome.

3 Lift SGA president Dr. Bob Provost in prayer this month. Ask God to

5 Vlad Treskin is the new national youth ministry director for

Partner Prayer Requests

- Facing unemployment . . . please pray for finances . . .*
(College Hill, Ohio)
- Pray for my wife . . . in declining health . . .*
(Anchorage, Alaska)
- For the salvation of our loved ones . . .*
(Mission, Texas)
- Pray for my medical missionary daughter . . .*
(North Platte, Nebraska)
- My granddaughter has lymphoma . . . pray for healing . . .*
(New Wilmington, Pennsylvania)
- Praising God for my grandson's salvation . . .*
(Wayzata, Minnesota)

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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the Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB). Pray for him today, and that Russian youth ministry will continue to grow.

6 While ethnic Russians make up the largest people group, there are at least 130 different ethnicities that call Russia home. Ask for God's anointing as faithful missionary pastors reach out to them with the Gospel.

7 Last fall, Russia mourned the loss of a popular national hockey team in a plane crash along the Volga River. Pray for opportunities for Russian evangelical churches to comfort and share the Gospel with the grieving.

8 We praise God for Valery Kazakov and SGA's Moscow office staff. Valery and team are vitally important links in our service to Russia's evangelical churches.

9 Pray for SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Pavel Zhiron in Russia's Ryazan region, especially the church's women's prison outreach. Ask God to open the inmates' hearts to the Gospel.



10 One of SGA's Regional Ministry Centers (RMCs) is located in the town of Irpen, Ukraine. Pray today for RMC director Sergei Gladishko and his staff as they joyfully serve Bible-preaching churches.

11 There are growing concerns that the freedom enjoyed by Ukrainian churches since the fall of

communism might be beginning to wane. Ask God to restrain any attempt to restrict the freedom of churches to worship and proclaim the Gospel.

12 Intercede for the family of SGA's Sergei Omelchenko, whose father unexpectedly went to be with the Lord late last summer. May the Lord continue to bring them ongoing peace and comfort.

13 Pray for all the SGA-sponsored seminaries in Ukraine — Odessa Theological Seminary, Irpen Biblical Seminary, and the International Bible Institute of Ukraine. We praise God for the powerful impact these schools are having for the Kingdom!

14 Bad weather reportedly reduced the quality of Ukraine's wheat harvest in the fall, producing only 40 to 45 percent of milling wheat — way below normal. Pray for needy Ukrainian church families who may face hardship.

15 Praise God for SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Yevgeny Taran's opportunities to share the Gospel with local Roma in Novotroitsk, Ukraine. Roma are considered social outcasts across Europe, and they desperately need Christ's love.



16 Pray today for Piotr and Dima Podrez, and the rest of Minsk RMC staff. Dima is involved in dynamic youth ministry through Golgotha

Baptist Church and is impacting many young people.

17 Churches in Belarus will be spending weeks following up with children and families reached during Christmas. May the Lord continue His saving work in the hearts of those who heard the Gospel!

18 Lift SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Vladimir Tishkov in prayer as he serves in the Gomel region of Belarus. Vladimir plans to begin a "winter camp" ministry for children in their local orphanage.

19 Belarus continues to endure political turmoil, yet the evangelical churches continue to advance the Gospel and avoid political entanglements. We praise God for the way He is changing lives for His glory despite frequent opposition.

20 Pray for the SGA-sponsored children's diagnostic center and camp ministry at Kobrin. This camp assists hundreds of children suffering the effects of Chernobyl radiation that continues to plague a significant portion of the country.



21 Pray today for Pastor Franz Tissen, president of the Kazakh Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists. Pray also for the 15 faithful missionary pastors sponsored through SGA in this largely Muslim nation of 15.6 million people.

22 Kazakhstan has adopted new legislation to sharply restrict religious freedom in the country — this time with the support of President Nursultan Nazarbaev. Ask for God's intervention and protection over His people.

23 Several Kazakh evangelical churches participate in the SGA-sponsored *Orphans Reborn* ministry. Pray for the additional resources needed to expand this outreach into more regions, as the need is enormous.

24 Kazakhstan's population used to be evenly divided between ethnic Russians and Kazakhs. Today, many Russian families have departed and Islam is increasingly resurgent. Lift the Christians we serve in prayer as they seek to remain faithful in an increasingly hostile environment.



25 Believers in Uzbekistan face ongoing oppression and persecution from government and militant Islamic groups opposed to the Gospel. Intercede in prayer for these dear believers, asking for God's protection and anointing.

26 Last year, Tajikistan's government banned ministry to children, and we are still assessing the long-term impact and how it will be enforced. Lift this critical matter before the Lord today, asking that this situation be reversed.