

*“Much Prayer, Much Power!”*

*— Peter Deyneka Sr., SGA Founder*

# & Prayer & Praise

**June 2011**

*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**

**P**lease pray regularly this month for the many children's outreaches that will be taking place during the summer across the lands of Russia, including camp ministries and *Orphans Reborn* programs. May the Lord draw many to Himself in saving faith!

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**1 Reflection:** Let us begin the new month with the psalmist Asaph's wonderful praise of God . . . *The Mighty One, God, the Lord, has spoken, and summoned the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God has shown forth* (Psalm 50:1-2).

**2** In addition to our mission's Loves Park, Illinois, headquarters, SGA also has autonomous offices in several nations — The United Kingdom, Canada, New Zealand, and Australia. We are thankful to the Lord for the way He has used SGA to reach Russian-speakers and Slavic peoples around the world with the Gospel.

**3** Please join us in praying today for SGA-sponsored *Orphans Reborn* teams across the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). There are at least 700,000 children in orphanages and children's homes across Russia alone, and the majority has yet to hear a clear presentation of the Gospel.

**4** Since SGA's 1934 founding, provision of Russian-language Bibles and doctrinally sound Christian books has been a high priority. We praise and thank God for His ongoing provision in this area.



**5 The Lord's Day:** *They only asked us to remember the poor — the very thing I also was eager to do* (Galatians 2:10). While direct shipments of humanitarian aid overseas are not as frequent today, SGA still helps Russian churches purchase and distribute aid locally on an as-needed basis. Pray that these outreaches will result in many coming to saving faith in Christ as they experience His love.

**6** SGA's board of directors is scheduled to meet today. Please lift these faithful men and SGA president Bob Provost in prayer, asking the Lord to grant them wisdom as they set future direction for our mission.

**7** SGA's professor of Bible — Dr. Roman Dechtiarenko — recently concluded a

series of lectures at the SGA-sponsored Irpen Biblical Seminary in Ukraine. We are thankful to God for the opportunity to be a blessing to future pastors and Christian education workers in the CIS, and helping to ground them firmly in the Word of God.

**8** With Western nations imposing a new round of sanctions on Belarus in the wake of political turmoil, we are concerned about the potential impact on the ministries of the evangelical churches we serve. Please lift them in prayer today, asking God to protect them while also granting open doors for the Gospel.

**9** With summer at the threshold, evangelical churches will soon be launching their children's camp ministries — many with the help and support of SGA partners. Please lift this in prayer, asking for God's increased provision, and that He will prepare the hearts of the children to hear the life-changing Gospel.



**10** Lift Alexei Smirnov, president of the Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB), in prayer. Pray also for the seven regional vice presidents who assist Sergei in overseeing ministry across Russia's huge territory.

**11** Pray for SGA president Dr. Bob Provost, along with our mission's leadership team consisting of administrative vice president Rosemary Gianesin and ministry operations vice president Eric Mock. May the Lord grant them abundant wisdom in the challenging days that lie ahead for Christian ministries.

**12 The Lord's Day:** *In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His son to be the propitiation for our sins* (1 John 4:10). What a wonder is the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ — the Gospel being proclaimed daily by the Bible-preaching churches we serve across the lands of Russia. On this Sunday, intercede in prayer for faithful pastors as they preach the Word.

**13** Earlier this year in the Russian city of Ivanovo, 22 students graduated from the training curriculum that is part of the SGA-sponsored *Antioch Initiative*. Join us in praising the Lord for this achievement, while also lifting the graduates in prayer as they put their training to use in reaching their region for Christ.

**14** Across the CIS, hundreds of faithful missionary pastors are waiting for sponsors to help support their ministries to unreached regions. Please lift this need before the Lord today, asking Him to provide the resources needed.

**15** Pray today for SGA's Bret Laird, who labors at the SGA-sponsored Odessa Theological Seminary in Ukraine. We are deeply thankful to the Lord for Bret and his family, and their dedication to serving the evangelical churches of the CIS.

**16** Join us in praying for SGA's new VBS/Sunday school program called *My Mission Adventure*. The goal is to get children across North America excited and motivated to reach orphans and other children with the Gospel — not just across the lands of Russia, but also in their own communities. Pray with us for a tremendous response.



**17** Lift Pastor Eugene Bakhmutsky in prayer as he fulfills the roles of senior vice president of the Russian UECB, national youth ministry director, and pastor of the growing new Russian Bible Church in Moscow. We praise and thank the Lord for this gifted brother and his commitment to the Gospel.

**18** Pray for SGA's director of finance, Beverly Braunsky, and our accounting staff as they prepare for the end of the fiscal year on June 30. Also pray with us for a strong financial start as the new fiscal year begins.

**19 The Lord's Day:** *For you yourselves know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night*

(1 Thessalonians 5:2). The return of Christ and our gathering to Him is the blessed hope of the church, and increasingly on the minds of believers as events unfold around the world. May we be ready and faithful witnesses until the trumpet sounds!

**20** In addition to children's camps and other outreaches, summer is also a time where river rafting and other open-air evangelistic events take place across the CIS. Lift our brothers and sisters in prayer regularly as they make the most of each opportunity for the Gospel.

**21** Pray for Sergei Gladishko, director of SGA's Kiev RMC. Also pray for Sergei's wife, Irina, who has suffered significant health issues in recent years. We are thankful to God for their faithful, dedicated service.

**22** We praise and thank God for the faithful charitable foundations that help support a significant portion of SGA's ministry across the CIS. Lift them in prayer today, asking the Lord to use their generous investments for His glory in bringing many to saving faith.

**23** Pray for students enrolled in SGA-sponsored Bible institutes and training programs across the lands of Russia. While not full seminary programs, these schools provide doctrinally sound, biblical training in pastoral ministry, evangelism, Christian education, and other ministry areas.

**24** We praise and thank the Lord for the faithful churches of North America that partner with SGA in our ministries across Russia and her neighboring countries. It is a blessing to serve together for the sake of the Gospel and the glory of Christ.

**25** Ruth Deyneka Erdel, SGA missionary and daughter of our founder Peter Deyneka, has faithfully served our mission for more than 60 years. We praise and thank the Lord for Ruth's ministry,



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which has touched millions of lives around the world for the glory of Christ. Lift her in prayer today.

**26** **The Lord's Day:** *And the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul (Acts 4:32).* The Bible-preaching churches we serve across Russia are a continual inspiration to us for their zeal and dedication to the Gospel. As you worship on this Sunday, please lift our brothers and sisters in prayer, asking God to encourage their hearts.

**27** Pray for UECB regional pastors in Russia and the CIS — faithful men who have been selected and called to oversee ministry in specific territories across 11 time zones. May the Lord enable them to be a blessing and encouragement to the congregations they serve.

**28** Lift SGA's faithful Moscow staff in prayer today. Valery Kazakov and his team are a tremendous support and encouragement, and help make our mission's ministry in Russia possible through their diligent service.

**29** Sergei Omelchenko serves our mission as assistant to SGA president Bob Provost, in addition to being our chief Russian-language book editor. Please pray for Sergei and his family today.

**30** **Reflection:** We close June with God's wonderful promise to His people . . . *I have wiped out your transgressions like a thick cloud and your sins like a heavy mist. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you (Isaiah 44:22).*

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

## Partner Prayer Requests

*Facing loneliness after my husband's passing . . .*

East Greenbush, New York

*Please lift my young grandson in prayer . . .*

Kenner, Louisiana

*Pray for our new business . . .*

Cedar Rapids, Iowa

*I need God's wisdom and direction . . .*

Seattle, Washington

*For safety and good health . . .*

Grovertown, Indiana

*Praising God for new employment . . .*

Mesa, Arizona

*I'm in a lot of pain due to health issues . . . pray for relief . . .*

East York, Pennsylvania

**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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