

*“Much Prayer, Much Power!”*

*— Peter Deyneka Sr., SGA Founder*

# Prayer & Praise



## March 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**

This month, please remember to intercede in prayer regularly for the SGA-sponsored *Antioch Initiative* in Russia. Also pray for the supporting North American church coalitions, and all the related church-planting and training activities.

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**1 Reflection:** Let us begin the new month with the prophet Jeremiah's praise to God . . . *There is none like You, O Lord; You are great, and great is Your name in might. Who would not fear You, O King of the nations? Indeed it is Your due* (Jeremiah 10:6-7).

**2** Pray for SGA president Bob Provost and our leadership team as they continue preparing for the next fiscal year. Pray especially for increased resources to help us make greater progress in serving the churches Christ is building across the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS).

**3** Please join us in continued prayer for the development of youth ministry across Russia. Pray especially for Eugene Bakhmutsky, national youth director and senior vice president of the Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB).



**4** Intercede in prayer for Pastor Alexei Smirnov, president of the Russian UECB. Ask the Lord to grant him wisdom and direction as he represents evangelical churches before Russian governmental leaders, local officials and legislators.

**5** Praise God with us for the response of our faithful partners in providing gifts this past Christmas to Russian pastors and their families. The loving care of the wider SGA family is a tremendous blessing and encouragement.

**6 The Lord's Day:** *My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me; and I give eternal life to them, and they will never perish; and no one will snatch them out of My hand* (John 10:27-28). These words of the Lord have provided great comfort to His children, especially those who live amidst oppression and persecution. As you worship today, pray for believers in Muslim regions of the CIS, and other former Soviet nations where opposition to the Gospel is on the rise.

**7** As the push to change the U.S. health care system continues, the long-term impact on Christian ministries is uncertain, especially if insurance costs rise sharply. Please lift this need before the Lord.

**8** Pray for SGA's Regional Ministry Center staff in Minsk, Belarus. Director Piotr Podrez and team joyfully work many long hours to serve and equip evangelical churches across Belarus in their ministry needs.

**9** Please lift Dr. Piotr Mitskevich in prayer today. Along with his pastorate at Golgotha Baptist Church in Moscow and leadership duties at Moscow Seminary, Dr. Mitskevich bears a huge responsibility before the Lord.

**10** We praise God for the impact of the SGA-sponsored *Orphans Reborn* ministry. We're especially thankful for those who have come to saving faith in Christ, and have grown to become fellow workers with church teams after they leave the orphanage on reaching adulthood.

**11** Even though winter is coming to an end across Russia and her neighboring countries, many poor families still remain in need of warm clothing and other humanitarian aid. Pray with us for the resources needed to help Russian churches obtain and distribute such aid on an as needed basis.



**12** We praise and thank the Lord for the ongoing teaching ministry of SGA's Dr. Roman Dechtiarenko. Roman has been a source of blessing, encouragement and edification to Bible students across the lands of Russia for many years.

**13 The Lord's Day:** *I do all things for the sake of the Gospel, so that I may become a fellow partaker of it* (1 Corinthians 9:23). On this Sunday, intercede for SGA-sponsored church-planting missionaries across the CIS. These faithful men and their families serve in some of the most demanding conditions imaginable, yet do so joyfully — especially when their labors yield a tremendous spiritual harvest.

**14** Pray today for SGA's international offices in Canada, New Zealand, England and Australia. May the Lord provide abundantly for their ministry needs, and draw more churches in their nations to partner with them for the advance of the Gospel.

**15** We pause today to thank the Lord for each of SGA's ministry partners across North America, whether they are individuals or evangelical churches that share our passion to serve Bible-preaching churches across the lands of Russia. May the Lord bless and reward their faithfulness in prayer and generous giving.

**16** Intercede for Pastor Ruvim Voloshin, vice president of missions for the Russian UECB. Pray for more faithful men to launch a new wave of church planting across Russia. Millions still need to hear the Gospel.

**17** At SGA's U.S. headquarters in Loves Park, Illinois, we are blessed to have regular volunteers who help with various projects such as special mailings and other projects that arise. We praise and thank the Lord for them.



**18** Pray for the staff of SGA's Kiev RMC in Ukraine, as well as for the evangelical churches they serve. Despite ongoing political turmoil, the churches of Ukraine have been blessed with the highest level of freedom of any former Soviet country. May the Lord protect that freedom for the continued advance of the Gospel.

**19** Please pray for the faculty and staff of the SGA-sponsored Irpen Biblical Seminary in Ukraine. Especially lift up seminary president Dr. Igor Yaremchuk in his vitally important leadership responsibilities at this excellent Bible school.

**20 The Lord's Day:** *The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer* (1 Peter 4:7). Fervent, effectual prayer is indeed the foundation of all we do at SGA, and has been since our founding in 1934. Join us on this Lord's Day in intercession for our brothers and sisters across the lands of Russia, and for our ministry of service to them as they proclaim the Gospel to their people.

**21** In addition to the top leadership positions in the UECBs of each former Soviet

nation, there are also many regional pastors who oversee churches in their respective states or territories. Please join us in remembering these faithful brothers in prayer on an ongoing basis.

**22** Pray for SGA's ongoing plans for distribution of the Russian-language version of Dr. John MacArthur's *Faith to Grow On Bible* for children. Demand for this wonderful resource is certain to increase, and funds will be needed for additional production.

**23** Today, lift your church pastor, elders, Sunday school teachers and other faithful workers in your local church. May God grant them His continual leading, anointing and encouragement as they faithfully labor for His glory.

**24** Please pray for the 18 coalitions of churches in North America that support the SGA-sponsored *Antioch Initiative* in Russia. We praise and thank the Lord for their faithfulness, and their zeal to help their Russian brothers and sisters reach their regions with the Gospel.

**25** Last month, the Russian UECB held their national youth conference, bringing together hundreds of youth pastors and young people from across the country. Join us in interceding for these youth leaders, asking God to anoint their labors to reach Russia's young men and women for Christ.

**26** In April, churches across the CIS will be observing Easter — the most important time of the year in terms of evangelism. Please pray in advance of the many outreaches that will be taking place, asking the Lord to prepare the hearts of thousands to hear and believe the life-changing Gospel.

**27 The Lord's Day:** . . . *but in every nation, the man who fears Him and does what is right is welcome to Him* (Acts 10:35). In Russia, there are at least 130 different people groups spread out across 11 time zones, all needing to hear of the salvation available only through faith in



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Christ. As you worship today, ask the Lord to protect and anoint His people as they share His love at every opportunity.

**28** Pray for ongoing children's ministries across the lands of Russia, including Sunday schools, summer camps and *Orphans Reborn*-related activities. May the Lord in His grace provide the resources needed to reach as many children as possible with the Gospel.

**29** Pray for the students and faculty of SGA-sponsored Bible institutes across the lands of Russia. We praise and thank the Lord for His provision of these key Bible training

opportunities, which help equip hundreds of faithful men and women for Christian service.

**30** Please lift Belarus UECB president Nikolai Sinkovets in prayer today. Our brothers and sisters in Belarus face significant restrictions on their ministries from the government, as well as opposition from other religious groups.

**31 Reflection:** We close March with King David's praise to our God and Father . . . *Bless the Lord, all you His hosts, you who serve Him, doing His will. Bless the Lord, all you works of His, in all places of His dominion; bless the Lord, O my soul* (Psalm 103:21-22).

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

## Partner Prayer Requests

*Pray for healing in a loved one's marriage, and for their children . . .*

Scotland, Ontario

*Intercede for evangelism in our town . . .*

Como, Mississippi

*I'm recovering from surgery . . . pray for complete healing . . .*

Pearl City, Hawaii

*For the salvation of family . . . good health . . .*

Glendale, New York

*My son is returning to the mission field . . .*

Princeton, Indiana

*Please pray for our finances . . .*

Forest Grove, Oregon

## Answered Prayers

We are thankful to the Lord for His continued provision in SGA's Russian-language Christian books and theological works. Translation has begun on Dr. John MacArthur's Commentary on 1 Peter, which will be a tremendous blessing to Russian pastors and Bible students when the project reaches final completion.

**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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