

*“Much Prayer, Much Power!”*

*— Peter Deyneka Sr., SGA Founder*

# Prayer & Praise



October 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**ray regularly this month for the faithful *Antioch* Coalitions of churches across North America supporting the SGA-sponsored *Antioch Initiative* in partnership with Russian churches. Pray also that even more churches catch the vision of what God is doing to plant new soul-winning churches in Russia.

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**1 Reflection:** We begin this new month with the psalmist's comforting song of faith . . . *Why are you in despair, O my soul? And why have you become disturbed within me? Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him for the help of His presence (Psalm 42:5).*

**2 The Lord's Day:** *For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among you and your love for all the saints, do not cease giving thanks for you . . . (Ephesians 1:15-16).* On this Sunday, we give thanks for our faithful partners who help sustain our ministries across the lands of Russia. May God bless and reward them for their commitment to advancing the Gospel.

**3** While provision of Russian-language Bibles has always been a key part of SGA's ministry, our partners also help provide numerous Christian books and biblically sound theological works for distribution. Ask for the Lord's continued blessing and provision.

**4** Pray for SGA president Bob Provost, who has a fairly heavy travel/ministry schedule this month in North America, as well as in Russia and Ukraine. Ask for God's anointing and blessing, as well as for His protection.

**5** Earlier this year, Kazakhstan suffered its first suicide bombing attacks in the northern part of the country. Please pray that the Lord will restrain further attacks, while also opening opportunities for the churches to share the love of Jesus.

**6** While the term "church planter" has been used to reference those preaching the Gospel in unreached regions, the term "missionary pastor" describes their ministry more clearly. Pray for the nearly 400 SGA-sponsored men and their families as they serve across the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS).



**7** Pray for Sergei Omelchenko, SGA's chief Russian-language book editor and CIS assistant to Dr. Bob Provost. Sergei also frequently serves as a translator for visiting SGA

staff and occasionally visiting North American pastors during their time in-country.

**8** Lift Russian UECB president Alexei Smirnov in prayer today. Pastor Smirnov spends much time traveling across Russia to preach and encourage local churches. May the Lord grant him wisdom and anointing.

**9 The Lord's Day:** *Jesus said to them, "It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick; I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners" (Mark 2:17).* Pray today for the many who will hear the Gospel in the coming days through SGA-sponsored missionary pastors, as well as through youth and children's workers. Ask the Lord to draw many to Himself in saving faith.

**10** Pray for director Piotr Podrez and the staff of SGA's Minsk Regional Ministry Center (RMC) in Belarus. We praise God for the opportunity to serve Belarussian evangelical churches in this European nation where ministry can be very difficult.



**11** Intercede for the four SGA-sponsored seminaries in the CIS — Irpen Biblical Seminary and Odessa Theological Seminary in Ukraine; Minsk Theological Seminary in Belarus, and Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary in Russia. Please also ask for God's continued financial provision to keep these schools operating at full capacity.

**12** The Russian UECB holds its Leadership Council from today through October 14 in Moscow. Also, Dr. John MacArthur is slated to attend the 20th Anniversary Conference at Irpen Seminary this month. Please lift these key events in prayer, asking God to direct the proceedings and encourage the hearts of the brothers.

**13** SGA's Dr. Roman Dechtiarenko will be in England this month, then preparing for his next round of lectures at the SGA-sponsored Minsk Theological Seminary in Belarus. Ask for God's anointing and blessing in advance of these important ministry opportunities.

**14** It is a tremendous blessing when Russian orphans brought to Christ through the SGA-sponsored *Orphans Reborn* ministry get involved themselves as adults in reaching fellow orphans. Please continue to intercede in prayer for them, and for the thousands of young boys and girls being reached each year.



**15** The intent of the SGA-sponsored *Antioch Initiative* is to help vibrant Russian churches in strategic areas of the country plant daughter churches throughout their regions. Join us in lifting this ministry in prayer on a regular basis.

**16 The Lord's Day:** . . . *but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence (1 Peter 3:15).* On this Sunday, we remember the many believers who live in former Soviet countries where persecution is intensifying. Please intercede in prayer for them today.

**17** This is a busy week in Kiev, Ukraine. The Irpen Biblical Seminary 20th Anniversary Conference is today. The Euro-Asiatic Baptist Federation leadership conference is tomorrow and Wednesday, and Thursday is the SGA International Directors Conference. Dr. John MacArthur will minister at the IBS 20th and at the EABF Conference. Please pray for the Lord's special blessing upon all these important events.

**18** Pray for SGA's Kiev RMC staff. The political situation in Ukraine is changing, and we are praying that it does not forebode increasing trouble for evangelical churches and their ministries.

**19** Lift Russian UECB national youth director Vlad Treskin in prayer. We praise the Lord for the way he is using Vlad and other youth leaders to inspire young men and

women across Russia with evangelistic zeal to win their people to Christ.

**20** Pray for general director Derek Maxwell and the staff of SGA/UK. Especially lift up the Bible schools and ministries SGA/UK sponsors in the former communist nations of Eastern Europe such as Romania.

**21** Pray for director Allan Vincent, Lynne Vincent, Sue Petten, Olive Coke, and the board of SGA/Canada. We praise and thank God for our Canadian partners, who help accomplish so much for the glory of Christ across the CIS.

**22** Russia's harsh winter is already beginning in some regions, and that means humanitarian aid for the needy will be necessary. Ask the Lord to provide the funds to help local Russian churches purchase the aid as it is needed.

**23 The Lord's Day:** . . . *holding fast the faithful Word which is in accordance with the teaching, so that he will be able both to exhort in sound doctrine and to refute those who contradict (Titus 1:9).* Pray specifically for pastoral students on this Sunday, asking God to ground them deeply in His Word. They will face many challenges from the enemy in their ministries.

**24** Pray for SGA's board of directors, chaired by Warner Tillman. Pray also for the boards of each of SGA's international offices. May God grant them great wisdom as they oversee budgets, set policy, and encourage our mission in the advance of the Gospel.

**25** As the SGA-sponsored *Immanuel's Child* ministry draws closer, there are still many plans and preparations that need to be made. Join us in praying that awareness of this unique Christmas children's outreach will grow, and that more churches will get involved.



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**26** Sunday school ministry is a developing, increasing way of reaching unchurched children across the lands of Russia. Pray with us that the Lord will draw more of these children to Himself as they come to Sunday school, often invited by their school peers.

**27** Pray for Pastor Viktor Krutko, president of the Belarussian UECB. Ask God to grant him ongoing wisdom and anointing as he is the key public face of evangelical churches in a nation where opposition can be significant.

**28** In addition to SGA-sponsored seminaries in the CIS, there are also several Bible institute programs available for church workers or pastoral students unable to commit to a seminary program. Ask for God's continued provision in this area as the need for trained, biblically-sound pastors is great.

**29** Pray with us as we follow up with churches that participated for the first

time in *My Missions Adventure*, SGA's new children's program for Vacation Bible School and Sunday school applications. We are excitedly anticipating reports from participating churches as their children learned how even they could be "on mission" for Christ.

**30** **The Lord's Day:** *And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved (Acts 2:47).* As we worship together today, we praise and thank the Lord for all who came to Christ in saving faith across the lands of Russia this past year. May he enable them to drink in the truth of His Word and grow in their new faith.

**31** **Reflection:** We conclude October with reflection on the gift of God's written Word and the honor due to Him who gave it . . . *Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people . . . and when he opened it, all the people stood up (Nehemiah 8:5).*

**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 loved ones in jeopardy of divorce . . .*

Cooper, Texas

*Praying for the return of our Lord and revival . . .*

Fort Myers, Florida

*My daughter is having the stem cell procedure . . . please pray . . .*

Sun City West, Arizona

*Lift my 23-year-old grandson in prayer . . . needs God . . .*

Greenlawn, New York

*Pray that I be used by God to make disciples . . .*

Redford, Michigan

*An unspoken request . . .*

El Monte, California

*Please intercede for my family . . .*

Rankin, Illinois

**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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