



Slavic Gospel Association

Prayer & Praise

SHARING THE GOSPEL • EQUIPPING THE CHURCH • HELPING THE FORGOTTEN

Please join us each day this month in prayer and praise for the work of Christ across Russian-speaking nations.

Scripture theme of the month: *You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might (Deuteronomy 6:5).*

1 Reflection: We begin the new month with the encouragement of God's Word . . . *Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised (Hebrews 10:35-36).*



2 Pray for Bible teacher Dr. Roman Dechtiarenko as he continues to lead classes at SGA-sponsored seminaries and Bible institutes in the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). Roman's faithful, accurate Bible teaching has been a mainstay of our Bible training programs for many years.

3 Please lift SGA president Michael Johnson and our mission's leadership team in prayer today. Ask for God's ongoing wisdom as they set our ministry priorities and goals for the coming months.

4 Pray for SGA missionary Chris Osiecki and his family in Poland. We are thankful for his dedication to the Gospel and to the service of evangelical churches in the heart of Eastern Europe.

5 Lift SGA vice president Eric Mock and our ministry division staff in prayer today. Eric and his team exercise oversight of our mission's overseas operations, as well as church relations in the U.S.

RUSSIA



6 Intercede in prayer today for SGA's Moscow Regional Ministry Center (RMC) team. Director Valery Kazakov and the staff are vitally important in our ministry of service to Bible-preaching churches across Russia's vast expanse.

7 Dr. Piotr Mitskevich is the new president of the Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB). As with other key UECB leaders, Piotr maintains an intense travel and ministry schedule in addition to his oversight responsibilities of Russia's largest evangelical fellowship.

8 In the Russian city of Smolensk, the SGA-sponsored *Orphans Reborn* team led by Olya Ignatenkova reports that the leadership of one of the local orphanages is making occasional visits to worship services. Pray that their hearts will be open to the Gospel as they see God's love being lived out before them.

9 Pray for Konstantin Mineav, an SGA-sponsored missionary pastor in the Tambov region. Konstantin and teams from his church have been visiting several villages distributing Scripture, food parcels for the needy, and sharing the Gospel as God opens the opportunity.

10 This has been a busy year on the diplomatic front with summit meetings between Russia and the U.S. Pray with us for improved relations, and that evangelical ministry will not be hindered.

BELARUS 

11 Pray today for SGA's Minsk RMC staff, led by director Piotr Podrez. May the Lord encourage their hearts as they joyfully and tirelessly serve evangelical churches in their nation.

12 Pastor Leonid Mikhovich now serves as the new president of the Belarussian UECB. Ask the Lord

to bless and encourage this faithful brother as he fulfills his important oversight responsibilities.

13 SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Nikolai wrote recently with a prayer request for several adult women suffering from the effects of Chernobyl radiation in the Slavgorod region. Belarus took the brunt of the radiation from the 1986 nuclear accident, with children impacted most of all.

14 Minsk Theological Seminary students are in the midst of fall classes and preparing for end of term exams. Please lift them before the Lord today as they dig deeply into the truths of Scripture.

15 Pray for ongoing youth ministry in Belarus, and especially SGA's Dima Podrez who is a key leader in this area. We praise God for the eternal impact young believers are having in this nation of 9.5 million people.

UKRAINE 

16 Pray today for SGA's Sergei Omelchenko and his family in Ukraine. As assistant to SGA president Michael Johnson and our chief Russian-language literature editor, Sergei maintains a very heavy schedule in addition to his church ministry.

17 Join us in thanking the Lord for the steadfast leadership of Pastor Valery Antonyuk, president of the Ukrainian UECB. Ask God to grant him wisdom during these challenging days in Ukraine with the conflict in the east. The churches are praying for a swift end to the violence, which has claimed many lives.

18 Pray for the faculty and students of the SGA-sponsored Irpen Biblical Seminary, especially seminary president Dr. Igor Yaremchuk. May the Lord encourage his heart today as he leads this most strategic Bible school with impact across the whole CIS.

19 SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Vitaly Morokhovets has a very fruitful ministry in villages such as Krasnograd, especially among youth and children. Please intercede in prayer for him today.

20 Pray for ongoing Crisis Evangelism Fund ministry in eastern Ukraine, where armed conflict continues to devastate the lives of many individuals and families. Ask God to provide increased resources to help these families with physical needs, as well as Gospel outreach.

CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

21 Forum 18 reports that the government in Uzbekistan is imposing additional restrictions on evangelical churches that appear to be aimed at making legal registration more difficult. Lift this troubling development before the Lord, who will continue to build His church regardless of man's opposition.

22 Missionary pastor Alexander's church in Kazakhstan has been ministering in several villages with humanitarian aid, youth, and children's ministry. Pray with us that more open doors for the Gospel will result from his diligent labors.

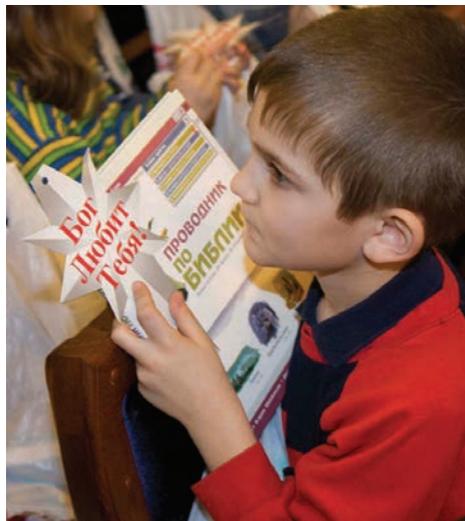
23 Rocket attacks from the Gaza Strip continue to take place

targeting southern Israel. Please pray for SGA's director of Bible training in Israel as he and his family are often in danger.

24 SGA-sponsored missionary pastors continue to make discreet visits into Chechnya, Dagestan, and other Caucasus regions to encourage churches and share the Gospel. Ask the Lord to place a hedge of protection as they travel and minister.

25 Pray for Alexander Karyakov, director of the SGA-sponsored Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan. We are thankful to God for this faithful brother and his servant leadership of this key Bible school in Central Asia.

26 Although Christmas is still some time away, remember to intercede in advance for SGA-sponsored *Immanuel's Child* outreaches that will take place in the CIS. Pray for enough resources to reach even more children with the Gospel this year.



27 Pray for Beverly Braunsky, our mission's chief financial officer, and her staff in SGA's administration division. Ask God to grant them wisdom and direction in the oversight of our operations here in North America and related matters overseas.

28 SGA partners faithfully help sponsor more than 350 national church-planting missionaries across the lands of Russia. Join with us in praising the Lord for His provision, while also praying for the resources to send more workers to the harvest fields. Millions of Russian-speaking men, women and children have yet to hear the Gospel.

29 Pray today for SGA's senior missionaries—Ruth Deyneka Erdel, Andrew Semenchuk, and Florence Daniliuk. We are thankful for their decades of faithful ministry and service to Christ.

30 Pray for Bill Ball and the staff of SGA/Canada today. Ask the Lord to open more opportunities with Canadian evangelical churches to partner with us in the great ministry opportunities that exist across the CIS.

31 Reflection: We conclude the month with the Prophet Nahum's confidence in our sovereign God . . . *The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble, and He knows those who take refuge in Him (Nahum 1:7).*

Partner Prayer Requests

Pray for our ongoing witness to a young atheist . . .

Kalamazoo, Michigan

Lift my family in prayer . . .

La Canada, California

I am having health issues . . . pray for healing . . .

Vero Beach, Florida

I am battling Addison's Disease . . .

Babylon, New York

Pray for our health and finances . . .

Sioux City, Iowa

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



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