

# Prayer & Praise

April & May 2012

Prayer meetings will be held on:  
Mon. 16<sup>th</sup> April & Mon. 21<sup>st</sup> May - 7:30pm  
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**Join us each day in prayer and praise  
for the work of Christ in the Slavic lands**

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**SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST:** Please pray and ask the Lord to grant His wisdom and guidance to SGA's Board of Directors as they search for a replacement for Dr. Nickolai Porublev, for the position of Executive Director of the mission.

1. Even though Christmas is over in the CIS, follow-up ministry is being conducted with the children reached. Intercede for each contact, praying for the salvation of the children, as well as of their families and caregivers.
2. Pray for Pastor Alexei Smirnov, president of the Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB). May the Lord enable him to be a support and encouragement for the Russian evangelical pastors and churches he serves.
3. We praise God for a wonderful youth conference in Krasnoyarsk, during which the gathered young believers from across Russia went into the streets of the city for mass evangelism. Pray for much fruit to be harvested from the Gospel seeds planted!
4. Please pray for the family of former Tajik UECB president Alexander Vervai, who went to be with the Lord after suffering a massive heart attack. Ask God to bring comfort and abundant provision during these difficult days.
5. Pray for the SGA-sponsored Orphans Reborn ministry and participating churches across Belarus. These young boys and girls desperately need the hope that exists only in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

6. More disturbing news continues to come out of Kazakhstan as the government steps up pressure on evangelical churches. Join us in regular intercession for our Kazakh brothers and sisters as they faithfully stand for Christ.
7. Pray for SGA's Moscow team, led by Valery Kazakov. We are deeply grateful to the Lord for their dedication to the Gospel, and the encouragement they provide to the churches we serve across Russia.
8. Regions of Russia such as Siberia and the Arctic north are notorious for their brutal climates and harsh living conditions, especially in winter. Pray for the dedicated missionary pastors who serve in these regions, asking for God's blessings, encouragement, and granting of fruitful ministry opportunities.
9. Pray for Pastor Vyacheslav Nestaruk, president of the Ukrainian UECB, and his fellow pastors across the country. Ask for God's continued anointing and wisdom as they lead their congregations in the advance of the Gospel.
10. Late last year, a string of terrorist attacks hit Kazakhstan, including a bombing incident that killed at least seven people. Please pray for the protection of evangelical congregations that face threats from radical Islam.

11. A recent report notes the comparative liberty of Ukrainian churches to proclaim the Gospel as compared to other Soviet nations, while also citing some troubling local incidents. Intercede in prayer for Ukrainian believers that God would protect their hard-won rights and grant them even more opportunities.
12. Lift the staff of SGA's Kiev Regional Ministry Centre (RMC) in prayer today. Director Sergei Gladishko and his team are also actively involved in ministry through their own churches in addition to their service through our mission.
13. Ukraine is divided into 24 states and one autonomous republic (Crimea), where there is a significant Tatar (Muslim) population. Pray for missionary pastors in these regions, and for more opportunities to advance the Gospel.
14. Pray today for Piotr and Dima Podrez, and the staff of SGA's Minsk RMC in Belarus. Our RMC staff often travels long distances across Belarus in support of local church ministry. Ask the Lord to make them a blessing to His people.
15. Many men, women and even children in Belarus are afflicted with substance abuse issues. Pray for the local churches that operate effective, Bible-based drug rehabilitation ministries, as well as for the funds to help support them.

16. Pray for Pastor Franz Tissen, president of the Kazakh UECB. Pray also for the 15 SGA-sponsored missionary pastors who are labouring so faithfully to reach their predominantly Muslim nation with the Gospel.
17. As political tensions increase with Russia, governments of the former Soviet Central Asian nations may reduce cooperation with the West. Pray for the lessening of these disputes that can hinder Western aid to evangelical churches.
18. As pressure increases in Kazakhstan, pray for the Almaty Bible Institute, directed by Pastor Alexander Karyakov. Ask God to protect the faculty and students as they prepare for ministry under increasingly challenging conditions.
19. Due to new restrictive religion laws, churches in Kazakhstan may have a more difficult time conducting children's ministries such as summer camps. Please lift this concern before the Lord, asking for His protection and intervention.
20. In addition to Kazakhstan, there are four other former Soviet republics in Central Asia - Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan. Pray for SGA-sponsored missionary pastors in these increasingly oppressive countries.

21. Praise the Lord for His matchless power to advance His Kingdom - even in nations where opposition to the Gospel is brutal. Christ's promise still holds.. I will build My church and the gates of Hell will not overpower it (Matt. 16:18).
22. Pray for the many people who will hear the Gospel through the Russian-language Foundations DVD's produced by Answers in Genesis with SGA's assistance. Ask for God's provision to increase production and distribution of these videos across the CIS.
23. Pray for Dr. Oleg Korotky, former director of the Almaty Bible Institute who now lives in Israel conducting Bible training. Pray especially for his family as they live near the Gaza border - within the reach of terrorist rockets.
24. Give praise for all the evangelistic outreaches that were held throughout the CIS over Easter. Pray for the faithful workers who continue in follow up ministry with the people who came to faith in the Saviour.
25. While major cities in Belarus such as Minsk have established evangelical congregations, many small towns and rural villages still lack a Bible-preaching church. Pray that God will ... send out workers into His harvest (Matthew 9:38).

26. Lift SGA's Sergei Omelchenko in prayer. As editor and translator of SGA's Russian-language Christian literature projects, Sergei performs a difficult, demanding task with accuracy and excellence, for which we praise the Lord.
27. After Pastor Eugene Bakhmutsky was elected first vice president of the Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB), Pastor Vlad Treskin assumed Eugene's former role. Please intercede for Vlad and his challenging ministry.
28. Please remember the many needy widows and widowers in the CIS. Many have to survive on very meagre means and we give thanks and praise for our faithful supporters who enable us to assist them.
29. Throughout the CIS there are many inmates serving time in very harsh surroundings. Remember the many faithful pastors and Christian workers who visit and witness to them and we give praise for those who have committed their lives to the Lord.
30. As we remember God's great love in sending His only Son who freely gave up His life to atone for our own and the world's sins, let us remember the many millions of people in the CIS who have yet to hear of His atoning sacrifice.
31. Pray for believers in Muslim regions of the CIS, and other former Soviet nations here opposition to the

Gospel is on the rise. Those who live amidst oppression and persecution need the Lord's comfort and sustaining Hand.