

"Much Prayer, Much Power!"

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Prayer & Praise

Slavic Gospel Association



Scripture theme for January 2013

Behold, I am making all things new (Revelation 21:5).

Join us each day this month in prayer and praise for the work of Christ in the lands of Russia.

1 Reflection: We begin the new year and the new month reflecting on the life-changing power of the Gospel ... *For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God (1 Corinthians 1:18).*

2 Intercede in prayer for SGA's faithful senior missionaries—Ruth Deyneka Erdel, Andrew Semenchuk, Florence Daneliuk, and Nick and Rose Leonovich. May God grant them many more opportunities to share Christ's love in 2013!

3 Pray today for SGA president Dr. Bob Provost. Ask for God's wisdom for Bob and our leadership team in the

last six months of our mission's fiscal year, and for God's ongoing, gracious provision.

4 Late last year, human rights groups were shocked at the midnight demolition of a Moscow Protestant church that had been in a registration dispute. Join us in praying for this congregation, and that these types of incidents will not increase.

5 Pray for Pastor Allan Vincent and the staff of SGA/Canada. Allan keeps a very busy itinerary traveling across vast Canada and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) for ministry and encouragement to the churches we serve.



BELARUS

6 Last fall, SGA's Regional Ministry Center in Minsk was broken into and vandalized on a Sunday while staff was at church. Please ask for God's protection and provision in the days ahead, as well as for wisdom in upgrading security.

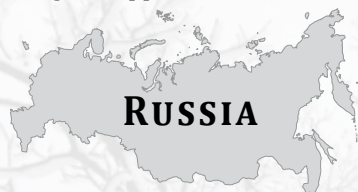
7 **Russian Christmas:** . . . *for He will save His people from their sins* (Matthew 1:21). Today across the CIS, churches will be observing Christmas—the most important time of the year for evangelism. Intercede for SGA-sponsored *Immanuel's Child* outreaches, where thousands of children will hear the Gospel.

8 As needy families continue to receive food parcels through SGA and the Children's Hunger Fund, pray with us that God will use this loving help to open many hearts for the Gospel. Also pray for the churches involved in distribution.

9 Please remember the SGA-sponsored Minsk Theological Seminary in prayer. We praise the Lord for Rev. Leonid Mihovich, and his careful leadership of this strategic Bible school that now has an extension school in Estonia with 38 students.

10 Belarus is a landlocked country of 9.4 million people. With an oppressive government, life for believers can be very difficult. Pray for the advance of the Gospel in this spiritually hungry land.

11 SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Alexander Popelygin serves in Belarus' Vitebsk region, and has been distributing Christian literature in nearby villages. Praise God for the goodwill he has been gaining in the area—always a challenge for evangelical churches in the CIS as they face great opposition.



RUSSIA

12 Pray for Pastor Alexei Smirnov, president of the Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB). As ministry conditions change across vast Russia, Alexei and his fellow pastors need the Lord's continual guidance.

13 SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Alexei Boldishev was recently elected as regional UECB pastor for Russia's Tyumen region in far western Siberia. Intercede for Alexei as he takes up this increased responsibility.

14 Please continue to pray for the SGA-sponsored *Antioch Initiative* across Russia. Through Antioch, our prayer is that God will fuel exponential growth of new churches as evangelists are trained and daughter congregations are planted.

15 Lift Pastor Eugene Bakhmutsky, senior vice president of the Russian UECB, in prayer today. We are thankful to God for His provision of a larger Moscow apartment—a major blessing for Eugene's growing family in

a city where finding affordable housing can be a challenge.

16 Join us in praising God for the vibrant, growing Youth IN Ministry movement across Russia, led by UECB national youth director Vlad Treskin. May the Lord open many doors for these zealous, faithful young men and women to serve their churches and proclaim the Gospel.

CENTRAL ASIA CAUCASUS AND ISRAEL

17 Pray today for SGA's professor of Bible, Dr. Roman Dechtiarenko. Roman is scheduled to teach in Central Asia this month—always a challenge due to increasing restrictions on evangelical churches.

18 Several believers in Turkmenistan recently received heavy fines from the government for conducting "religious activity without state approval." Please pray regularly for our brothers and sisters in Muslim-dominated lands as oppression of the church increases.

19 Pray for the SGA-sponsored Almaty Bible Institute, led by Alexander Karyakov. This key, strategic Bible school in Kazakhstan is a tremendous lighthouse for the Gospel—preparing the church leaders of tomorrow for fruitful service.

20 Pray for Pastor Vasily Korobov, president of the UECB in Turkmenistan. Pray also for Vasily's fellow pastors, and also for churches and leaders in Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan,

Kazakhstan and Tajikistan. We are thankful to God for their faithfulness and godly example.

21 A growing number of SGA-sponsored missionary pastors in Kazakhstan report increased interference by local authorities in their ministries. Join us in regular intercession, asking for God's protection and intervention so that the Gospel will not be hindered.

22 Please pray regularly for SGA's director of Bible training in Israel, who lives in a region of the country under frequent attack from the neighboring Gaza Strip. Pray also for SGA's developing partnership with Israel College of the Bible.



UKRAINE

23 We praise and thank God for Sergei Gladishko and the staff of SGA's Kiev RMC. May the Lord bless and encourage their hearts today as they serve the Bible-preaching churches of Ukraine.

24 Pray for Pastor Vyacheslav Nesteruk, president of the Ukrainian UECB. Pray also for the faithful pastors and churches across Ukraine's 24 oblasts (states) and in Crimea. May the religious freedom enjoyed since the Soviet collapse continue for the sake of the Gospel.

25 Please intercede today for SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Anton Rozsokha, who ministers in Ukraine's Cherkassy region. We are thankful for Anton's fruitful summer

camp ministry, which resulted in many new children in his church's Sunday school!

26 Pray for SGA's international offices in Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, and New Zealand. May the Lord increase their resources to serve evangelical churches across the CIS and Eastern Europe.

27 While SGA-sponsored compassion ministry has been focused recently in Belarus and Ukraine, the need for clothing, food and other humanitarian aid is CIS-wide—especially in winter. Pray for the funds needed to help more families through the churches, opening doors for the Gospel.

28 With serious economic challenges continuing, at SGA we rest in God's gracious provision through His people—as we have since our founding in 1934. Join us in thanking God for His faithfulness, while

also praying for the resources to keep advancing the Gospel across the CIS.

29 Pray for Dr. Sergei Omelchenko, SGA's Russian-language book editor and in-country assistant to SGA president Bob Provost. In addition to his regular duties, Sergei frequently serves as translator and advisor for SGA staff ministering in different locations across the CIS.

30 Provision of Russian-language Bibles and Christian literature has always been a top priority for SGA, and the need for God's Word is as great as ever. Ask for God's increased provision to provide Bibles, New Testaments and biblically sound Christian books for distribution.

31 Reflection: We close January with praise to God by the psalmist Asaph . . . *Yet God is my king from old, who works deeds of deliverance in the midst of the earth* (Psalm 74:12).

Partner Prayer Requests

For repentance in our family . . .

Longmont, Colorado

My husband is ill and doctors can't find diagnosis . . .

Bridgewater, Virginia

Please pray for an end to the drought . . .

Rochester, Minnesota

I am newly disabled and in significant need . . .

Albany, Georgia

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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