27 Remember to lift SGA's senior missionaries in prayer. We praise God for Ruth Deyneka Erdel, Rose Leonovich, Andrew Semenchuk, and Florence Daneliuk as they continue to serve and encourage those around them with the Word of God.

Pray for Steve Palm, SGA's IT manager. We thank God for Steve's skills, creativity, and vigilance in keeping SGA's systems secure. May God grant him continual wisdom and discernment.

29 Pray for the many follow-up ministries that continue to

take place in the months after SGAsponsored summer camp ministries across the CIS. May many more children come to saving faith in Christ!

Reflection: As we conclude the month, we reflect on how we serve Christ when we serve others ... For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in; naked, and you clothed Me; I was sick, and you visited Me; I was in prison, and you came to Me (Matthew 25:35-36).

Partner Prayer Requests

For God's comfort following a death in the family . . . salvation of loved ones . . . Wheeling, West Virginia

Pray for me as I begin retirement soon, and for God's work in my life  $\dots$ 

Elk Grove, California

We are caring for my 98-year-old father . . . pray for wisdom and strength . . .

Palos Hills, Illinois

For family concerns...

Selmer, Tennessee

Pray for our church family . . . many needs . . .

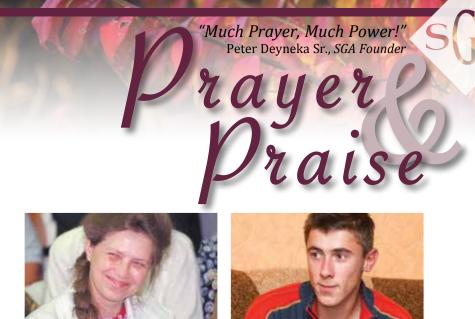
Manton, Michigan

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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Scripture theme for September 2014

He who oppresses the poor taunts his Maker, but he who is gracious to the needy honors Him (Proverbs 14:31).

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

**Reflection:** We begin September praising God for his righteous example of compassion . . . He will have compassion on the poor and needy, and the lives of the needy he will save (Psalm 72:13).

Pray for the SGA-sponsored *Immanuel's Child* ministry as resources are sent to participating churches beginning this month. Pray that thousands of children will have the chance to hear the Gospel this Christmas with the help of our partners.

**3** Pray for Dr. Allan Vincent, director of SGA/Canada, and his staff as

they continue to faithfully share the Gospel opportunities that exist in the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) with generous Canadian partners.

Pray for SGA's board of directors as they meet later this month. Pray for wisdom and clear discernment as they—along with SGA president Bob Provost, set direction for our mission.

**5** Pray for Bob Provost in his heavy travel and ministry schedule at several locations this month. Bob's great joy is to share what God is doing across the vast lands of Russia through SGA ministries.

## Ukraine

6 Lift up the students of the SGA-sponsored Irpen Biblical Seminary as they will resume classes soon. We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ (Colossians 1:28).

Pray for the staff at SGA's Kiev Regional Ministry Center (RMC). Pray for continued effectiveness in their ministry of serving local churches across Ukraine in these troubled times.

Pray for Valery Antonyuk, the recently elected president of the Ukrainian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB), as he and his fellow pastors lead evangelical churches during this critical period in the country's history. May God grant them abundant wisdom.

Ask God to raise up more youth leaders in SGA's Youth IN Ministry program, which is equipping the next generation to serve in their churches and to boldly proclaim the Gospel in both word and deed.

10 Lift up students enrolled in the missionary program at the SGA-sponsored Odessa Theological Seminary, as several are serving in Islamic countries. Pray for safety and God's anointing as they bring the Gospel to the lost.

## Russia

11 Intercede for the staff of SGA's Moscow RMC, led by Valery

Kazakov, as they work diligently to be a source of encouragement and supply to evangelical churches across the nation.

12 Pray for the SGA-sponsored Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary. Especially intercede for the families of students as they support their loved ones through all the long hours and exacting work.

13 Intercede for SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Iftihar as he ministers in the Muslim-dominated Dagestan region. Pray for Iftihar's health, and for protection as he serves in a tense situation.

14 Because Ukraine's former acting president is an evangelical Baptist, some authorities across Russia have unjustly blamed Baptists for the unrest in Ukraine. Pray that God will enable the truth to prevail, and for the protection of the churches.

15 Intercede for Pastor Alexei Smirnov, president of the Russian UECB. There are more than 1,750 churches and new church plants across Russia's vast territory, and many more trained pastors are needed.

## Belarus

16 Pray for the staff of SGA's Minsk RMC, led by Piotr Podrez, as they support and encourage more than 50 SGA-sponsored missionary pastors in Belarus.

17 Remember Dr. Viktor Krutko, president of the Belarussian UECB, in your prayers today. Under Belarus' authoritarian, pro-Russian government, evangelical Baptist churches can face undue scrutiny there because of the Ukrainian crisis. May God grant Dr. Krutko abundant wisdom.

18 Pray for the SGA-sponsored Minsk Theological Seminary as students embark on a new academic year. Pray also for SGA's Bible professor Dr. Roman Dechtiarenko as he teaches in Minsk this month.

19 Lift up SGA-sponsored missionary pastor Alexander, who serves in the Vitebsk region. Pray for continued opportunities for him to share the Gospel in hospitals, public schools, and in private home meetings.

20 Vasily is an SGA-sponsored missionary pastor in the Minsk region. He requests prayer for local orphans, along with their caregivers and officials. Pray for opportunities to show Christ's love to these children through *Orphans Reborn* and other outreaches.

## Central Asia, Caucasus, and Israel

2 1 Pray for Russian-speaking immigrants to Israel who are serving Russian Jewish congregations and their families, as well as operating drug rehab centers. Pray for safety and continued strength, as Jewish believers in Jesus can

encounter significant opposition from families and neighbors.

22 The Caucasus region extends into southern Russia, including Chechnya and Dagestan. Pray for the safety of missionary pastors in these Muslim regions.

Pray for the preparation of 80th and 85th anniversary celebrations of two special churches in Tajikistan this month. What a tremendous testimony in a land where opposition to evangelical churches is strong! Praise God for his everlasting faithfulness!

Pray for brothers and sisters in Central Asia who face persecution from their family and friends due to their faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. Pray that their testimony will call others to repent and receive Christ as their Lord and Savior.

25 Tajikistan continues to be counted among the poorest countries in the CIS. Pray for SGA's compassion ministry as we partner with CHF to distribute food parcels to poverty-stricken families, and to also bring them the Good News.

Pray for churches in the Caucasus nation of Armenia, as many refugees from the Syrian conflict are showing up there. Missionary pastors are beginning small group Bible studies that will reach these communities with God's Word... The teaching of the wise is a fountain of life, to turn aside from the snares of death (Proverbs 13:14).