

team, as well as our board of directors. These are truly challenging days with constantly changing ministry conditions across the former Soviet Union. Pray for wisdom.

**27** Lift SGA's international offices in prayer today. Whether in Canada, New Zealand, Australia, or the United Kingdom, all are united in the goal of serving Bible-preaching churches in the Slavic nations of Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

**28** We are thankful to God for the opportunity to help supply Russian-language Bibles, children's Christian literature, theological works, and other materials for use by evangelical churches across the former Soviet Union. We pray that God's Word will continue to spread across these lands for His glory!

**29** It is never too early to begin praying in advance for upcoming Christmas ministries across Russia and her neighboring countries. We pray that thousands more children will be reached with the Gospel through *Immanuel's Child* this coming season.

**30** Pray for the SGA-sponsored *Orphans Reborn* ministry across the former Soviet Union. Thousands of lonely, forgotten children have been reached with the Gospel and the love of Christ through the years. Pray for even more open doors in the days ahead.

**31 Reflection:** Let us conclude the month with Asaph's song . . . *I shall remember the deeds of the Lord; Surely I will remember Your wonders of old. I will meditate on all Your work and muse on Your deeds* (Psalm 77:11-12).

## Partner Prayer Requests

*Pray for the salvation of loved ones ...*

*Pray for peace in Ukraine ...*

*Pray for health and financial situations ...*

**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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# 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:

*The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance* (2 Peter 3:9).

**1 Reflection:** We begin the new month with the hope expressed by the psalmist . . . *I hope for your salvation, O Lord, and do Your commandments. My soul keeps Your testimonies and I love them exceedingly* (Psalm 119:166-167).

**2** Summer camp season will last through the end of August across the former Soviet Union. Intercede in prayer for the thousands of children attending, asking God to draw them to saving faith as they hear the Gospel.



**3** Although the war in Ukraine has rightly taken much attention over the past year and a half, the faithful churches SGA serves continue their dedicated ministries in the other former Soviet countries. Pray with us for the resources needed to help them keep expanding outreach as God provides the opportunities.

**4** We praise and thank the Lord for the opportunity He has given to help many pastors from the former Soviet Union to attend the Shepherd's Conference in California this past spring. May the encouragement they received continue to bear much fruit in their daily ministries back home.

**5** Pray for SGA's dedicated staff at our Loves Park, Illinois headquarters today. Though we are small in size, the Lord enables us to accomplish much in our service to evangelical churches overseas, and here in North America as we help acquaint congregations with the many ministry opportunities that exist.

## RUSSIA



**6** Pray today for Pastor Pavel, an SGA-sponsored missionary pastor in Russia's Vladimir region. Pavel has ongoing, fruitful ministry with youth in his area. Pray with us that many

will come to faith in Christ.

**7** Please continue to intercede for Dr. Piotr Mitsukevich, president of the Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists (UECB). Also remember the seven regional vice presidents and leaders at the state level across Russia as they fulfill their ministries.

**8** Pray for Valery Kazakov, director of SGA's Moscow Regional Ministry Center (RMC). These are difficult, challenging days in Russia for believers and their churches across the country. May the Lord protect and strengthen them, and grant them many Gospel opportunities out of the challenges.

**9** Join us in thanking God for SGA's faithful partners who sponsor missionary pastors in Russia and other former Soviet nations. Pray with us for more individuals, churches, and Sunday school classes who would be willing to support a missionary pastor on a monthly basis. The need is great.



**10** Pray for Pastor Eugene, who leads a vibrant, growing church in Russia's huge capital city of Moscow. May the Lord encourage his heart today and continue to bless his Gospel ministry.

## UKRAINE



**11** Ever since the war between Russia and Ukraine broke out, teams of faithful SGA-supported missionary pastors and church workers have traveled across Ukraine—

often in significant danger—to take food and other aid to needy families and refugees. Lift them in prayer today, asking for God's ongoing protection and provision.

**12** Students at the SGA-sponsored Irpen Biblical Seminary are on summer break right now, but still busy both in ministry and preparing for the fall term of study. Ask for God's ongoing provision and blessing on the faculty and students.

**13** We are thankful to God for director Ruslan Muratayev and his hardworking team at SGA's Kiev RMC. The war has created significant obstacles in serving churches across Ukraine, but by the Lord's grace and provision, their fruitful ministry carries on.

**14** Pray for Peter, an SGA-supported missionary pastor who serves in the war-torn Donetsk region in eastern Ukraine. Peter has shared some powerful testimonies about how God has used the help of SGA partners in reaching shattered families with aid and the Gospel. We praise God for what He is doing!

**15** As always, please lift up Pastor Valery Antonyuk, president of the Ukrainian UECB. May God grant him continual wisdom, strength, and times of refreshing as he carries out his oversight responsibilities.

## BELARUS



**16** Lift up the students at the SGA-supported Minsk Theological Seminary. Available tracks are Pastoral, Biblical Counseling, Missionary,

Music, Christian Education, and Church Librarian. We praise God for these avenues of study for future servants of Christ in the churches.

**17** Pray for Pastor Leonid Mihovich, president of the Belarussian UECB. Pray also for the regional pastors who oversee ministry across the six oblasts (states) across the country, asking for God's wisdom and provision.

**18** Continue to intercede for director Piotr Podrez and his staff at SGA's Minsk RMC. Also lift up Piotr's son Dima, who is also on staff and carries on a fruitful youth ministry through Golgotha Baptist Church in Minsk.

**19** SGA-sponsored missionary Pastor Pavel has been conducting fruitful children's ministry in the Grodno region, holding Christian puppet programs and other activities. Pray that many children will be drawn to faith in Christ.

**20** Please continue to pray for evangelical churches across Belarus that are ministering to refugees who have fled into the country from the war in neighboring Ukraine. Ask for God's provision and for many open Gospel doors as they share Christ's love.



## CENTRAL ASIA, CAUCASUS, & ISRAEL

**21** Pray for our friends and partners at Israel College of the Bible. We praise and thank the Lord for the opportunity to help train Russian-speaking Bible students and assist their congregations.

**22** Lift up Pastor Vasily Korobov, leader of the Baptist Union in Turkmenistan. Vasily was able to visit the SGA office in Loves Park, Illinois several years ago, and was a great blessing to our staff. May the Lord encourage his heart today.

**23** Dagestan and Chechnya are two regions of Russia located in the Caucasus Mountains, and are heavily Muslim. Ministry there can be very dangerous. Please lift up SGA-supported missionary pastors in prayer as they discreetly take the Gospel into these regions.

**24** Pray for Alexander Karyakov, director of the SGA-supported Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan. Ask the Lord to grant Alexander wisdom in his leadership role, and adequate resources to keep the school operating at full capacity.

**25** Pastor Sergei Kondaurov is the president of the UECB in Kazakhstan, following Pastor Franz Tissen who held the office for many years. We praise and thank the Lord for the pastors and leaders of the faithful Kazakh churches, and for the advance of the Gospel there.

**26** Please continually pray for SGA president Michael Johnson and our mission's leadership