

About Prayer

“O God, whom I praise, do not be silent...but I am a man of prayer.”
Psalm 109:1-4

The psalmist David was a man of prayer because his hope and trust was in God. When reading through the Psalms you get the impression that there was always a prayer in his mind and on his lips. It seems every circumstance was an occasion for prayer, either praise or petition or both. David always felt welcome at the throne of grace. Like David, let us utilize this privilege.



FREEDOM TO TEACH

Thank God for the 25 camp leaders who attended the STW in RTC (name of country withheld). The government reserves the exclusive right to teach the children, however God has given the local churches the courage to have camps. Ask God to protect the camps from harm and to open the hearts and minds of the campers to His Word.

Elections in RTC will be held in November. If the present government will be re-elected, conditions will remain as they are. If the opposition party will be elected, Christianity will be opposed even more strongly. Please support the churches in prayer asking for God's will to be done in the elections. Ask God to strengthen the believers with courage and wisdom to continue to proclaim the gospel.



NEW LAW

The parliament of Ukraine recently passed a law stating that all official camps must operate for 21 days per session. This was the practice during the Soviet period when the purpose of youth camps was for physical health and recreation. Of course, there were ideological goals also. Our Christian camp sessions are 10-12 days. To extend them to 21 days would double the cost and reduce the number of youth attending camp in summer by 50%. Thank God for the hundreds of Christian camps in Ukraine and ask God to grant our camp leaders wisdom to deal with this new law.



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Praise God for the 5 Staff Training Workshops (STWs) and the Instructor Training Course (ITC) we were able to hold this spring. Two of them were successfully held in countries that prohibit anyone besides the government to teach children. In total, 569 camp leaders were trained in the seminars. Ask God to give them wisdom to apply what they have learned, love for their campers and boldness to show them “the way, the truth and the life.”

Thank God for our team of national instructors who did all the teaching. Ask God to develop them further so they will continue to understand the growing needs of camp leaders and be able to encourage and help them as they serve in their camps this summer.

Thank God for supplying KVI with the funds to make these leadership development events possible. KVI, the churches, camp leaders, campers and their parents are very thankful for our faithful, sacrificial donors.



FAITH AND COURAGE

“Pray that nothing and no one would prevent us from having the joy of running our camps this summer.” This request comes directly from camp leaders in a country where the government has cancelled all church registrations. The churches are now illegal but continue to meet. Camps are not allowed but our STW was run without interferences and camps are being planned for this summer. Praise God for such courage and faith. Ask God for a rich harvest in every camp. Thank God for the churches and ask His protection upon them.



LIGHTHOUSE AZOV

Lighthouse Azov is a privately owned Christian camp on the shores of the Sea of Azov. Ivan and Elena are the owners/operators of this 700 bed camp. They rent the facilities to churches for their summer camps. This is a great service to over 30 churches and organizations that use these facilities. The camp is well maintained and well run. Ivan and Elena also organize and operate their own camp programs providing the opportunity for many children, youth and families to attend a Christian camp.

Thank God for Lighthouse Azov camp and for all the churches that can have their camps in this suitable facility. Ask God to bless Ivan and Elena and to give them wisdom for dealing with all the legal issues connected with operating the campsite and to make this ministry fruitful.



KIEV STAFF

Our staff in Kiev is looking for an administrative assistant for our director, Pavel B. Pavel joined our staff one year ago and is responsible for all administrative aspects of our training events, services to camps, legal issues and finances. Volodia S. has served us in Ukraine since 1997 and is our academic dean in charge of all leadership programs, resource materials, publishing and online education. Pavel K. is the Boys’ Camp program director; we recently increased his employment from parttime to fulltime follow-up minister. Our secretary left us June 30 to be married to one of the boys’ camp counselors. The administrative assistant will take on the duties of the secretary plus help the director so he can free up some time to assist the dean in program development. Thank God for our wonderful staff and ask Him to provide an administrative assistant to become part of our team.



DETERMINED PENSIONERS

The small village church in one of the countries consists of senior ladies and a Sunday school class of children. It is the perfect place for a small camp because the officials have a hard time finding it. These ladies eyes just light up when the camp starts! They bring vegetables from their gardens, bake pies and cookies and feed the campers. The Sunday school grows after every camp. The camp is the highlight of the year for these village children who have little to do but to wait for the camp to happen. The church was built before World War II and survived the Stalin regime. The oldest member in the church was baptized in 1939. Pensions are pitiful and working adults have all left the village because there are no jobs. Yet these pensioners are determined to have a camp. Thank God for them and ask Him to supply all their needs to have a camp for the village children and another session for the orphans.

