

For those who love to pray

Call to Repentance

“...if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

II Chronicles 7:14

This proclamation made upon the dedication of the temple, is prefixed with God telling Solomon “When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command locusts to devour the land or send a plague among my people...” The “plague” has come upon Ukraine and it is time for the people to acknowledge their sin and repent. National prayers like we read in Ezra, Nehemiah and Daniel chapters 9 are needed. And it is beginning to happen in Ukraine. God is just and merciful and will heal our lands “...if my people...” turn from their wicked ways.

REPENTANCE

Orthodox, Protestant and Catholic churches across Ukraine are meeting for prayer, some day and night. The New Generation church in Kharkiv recently held a two-day Dedication Conference attended by 1300 people. 180 people repented as they heard testimonies amidst the celebration in praise and worship to our living God. In a recent all-night Faith, Hope, Love prayer vigil, Christians gathered to confess Ukraine’s sins of killing 30 million unborn babies, high divorce rate, fornication, pornography, bribery, fortune-telling, discrimination, low church attendance and the list went on...

Oleg, a youth pastor and camp director, organizer of the Prayer Tent in Maiden Square, epicenter of the crisis in Kiev (the same Oleg who is going to country Y to plan an STW), said, “the church must play a role in this crisis. We are the ‘salt and light’. We will be here as long as it takes to bring peace to our country.”



THE PLAGUE

The plague has come upon Ukraine! When the president of Ukraine turned his back on the European Union and accepted Russia’s generous offer, the people of Ukraine began their public protest. Three winter months later the protest in cities all over Ukraine continues. Protesters are asking for a just government. Many entrepreneurs have lost their businesses to government corruption. They are exhausted by government crime and foreign interference. Ukraine’s first post-Soviet president warned the world in January that Ukraine, the former homeland of many of our people, is on the brink of civil war.

God’s prerequisite for peace and justice to return to Ukraine is repentance. Pray for Ukrainians at every level to humble themselves and repent.

VIOLENCE

It began as a peaceful protest in Ukraine but planted provokers and armored police have responded with violence. A few people have lost their lives and over 100 have been jailed, others have been severally tortured and there are many wounded.

Thank God for compassionate people. Doctors and nurses throughout Ukraine are booking off work to attend to the wounded. A European country flew an

airplane load of the severely wounded to their own hospitals to treat them free of charge. Every day people bring food, winter clothing and medications to the protesters praying in the streets day and night even in this cold winter. Many conscientious police officers, judges and other civil workers have handed in their resignations explaining they cannot fight against their people. Praise God He is at work in Ukraine.



COURAGEOUS MONKS

On January 22, as protesters and police militia confronted each other, a group of monks from the Kiev-Caves Lavra, an ancient monastery dating back to 1051 intervened. They positioned themselves between an angry crowd and armed soldiers. They faced the crowd with a monk displaying a cross while a police was pointing a rifle at his back.

Instead of taking sides, the monk called on both sides to stop fighting and repent. Instead of shouting slogans, they prayed and sang an ancient hymn – “Christ is arisen from the dead, trampling down death by death; and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.” The protesters dispersed after agreeing to a truce with the police. But for a truce to last, it must be preceded by godly repentance. Thank God for the courageous monks. Pray for repentance and peace in Ukraine. Pray that the hundreds of thousands of youth that have attended Christian camps in Ukraine would become peace-makers. Pray that the camp directors would have faith to plan and prepare to have camps this summer in spite of the crisis.



ORPHAN CAMP

KVI is cooperating with Circle of Friends, a ministry to orphans headed by one of our former staff, to operate an orphan camp in our tent camp. Seventy-five teenagers want to attend this camp to develop their characters by learning to trust, to forgive, to love and to develop life skills to become responsible citizens serving God and man. As of mid-February, our donors have provided for 45 orphans. Praise God and ask Him to provide sponsors for 30 more orphans, ages 14-17.



FORBIDDEN

Oleg and Oksana are in country Y for a week to prepare for the spring Staff Training Workshop (STW). They are visiting churches and meeting with pastors, bishops

and camp leaders to plan the STW. Corruption is rampant in country Y and Christian camps are forbidden. Praise God for camps operating every summer and for the leaders and churches that have the faith to do it. Ask God to break down denominational barriers between bishops and pastors so they will support the interdenominational STW. Ask God to give Oleg and Oksana health and protection for this long journey. Ask God to grant them wisdom to unite the bishops and to encourage them to participate wholeheartedly. Thank God for the passion to evangelize the youth in that country - Oksana's birthplace.



PORTABLE CABIN

God is doing great things for our resident camp in Georgia. Many churches operate camps there. Valeri and his team are replacing the worn-out tents with portable cabins. Ask God to give Valeri insight and wisdom to make right decisions. Ask God to stir the hearts of the merchants supplying the building materials so they will see the importance of this youth camp and drastically reduce the price. Ask God to give Valeri grace, wisdom and courage to inspire the merchants. Thank God for the enthusiastic camp leaders who will help with the construction project!



BOYS CAMP TESTIMONIES

We asked some boys what they are doing now that they were not doing before they attended camp.

“I argue less with my teachers and sister. My friends and I visit old people and the poor to help them.”

“I have disciplined myself in Bible study and prayer. I work with orphans and I volunteer at Camp Vertical.”

“After camp I became more considerate of my parents. I understand why they want me to do something. Now I try to keep the fifth commandment ‘honor your father and mother.’”

“I began to conquer my laziness which was really hurting me.”

Praise God for these developments in the boys' lives and ask God to provide all the staff, boys, and finances for the 2014 summer camp.

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