

For those who love to pray

About Prayer

“I thank my God every time I remember you.” Philippians 1:3

The Apostle Paul’s prayers for the churches are powerful. He loved the people in the churches he planted and wanted all of them to reach maturity in Christ. We feel the same about our camp leaders and campers in the FSU. So why not pray the same prayer for our people as Paul prayed for his people in Philippians 1:4, 9-11.

“I find myself praying for you with a glad heart. So this is my prayer: that your love will flourish and that you will not only love much but well. Learn to love appropriately. You need to use your head and test your feelings so that your love is sincere and intelligent, not sentimental gush. Live a lover’s life, circumspect and exemplary, a life Jesus will be proud of: bountiful in fruits from the soul, making Jesus Christ attractive to all, getting everyone involved in the glory and praise of God.”

The Message



DAVE’S OCTOBER TRIP

Thank you for your intercessory prayers. My health was good, my strength lasted to the end of each day and I rested well at night. All travel went well and as scheduled. My entire schedule was kept with several important events added. It was a very enriching and enjoyable trip, especially meeting several people I had not seen for 15 or more years and learning about their ministries. On a number of occasions God revealed to me that KVI’s ministry in the FSU has reached far beyond camping. God has used your prayers and gifts very effectively. The December KVI newsletter will carry a full trip report. May God bless you richly for your faithfulness!



FOLLOW-UP

Camper follow-up is high on the priority list for many camps. The internet makes contact with campers easier and less expensive. Weekly personal contacts by the counselors are very encouraging to the campers and very necessary for their spiritual development. It takes passion and discipline on the part of the counselors and desire to grow in their relationship with God on the part of the campers. God, who stirs the hearts of all mankind, can provide passion and discipline in the counselors and the deep desire in the campers. Be encouraged to intercede. God answers prayer.





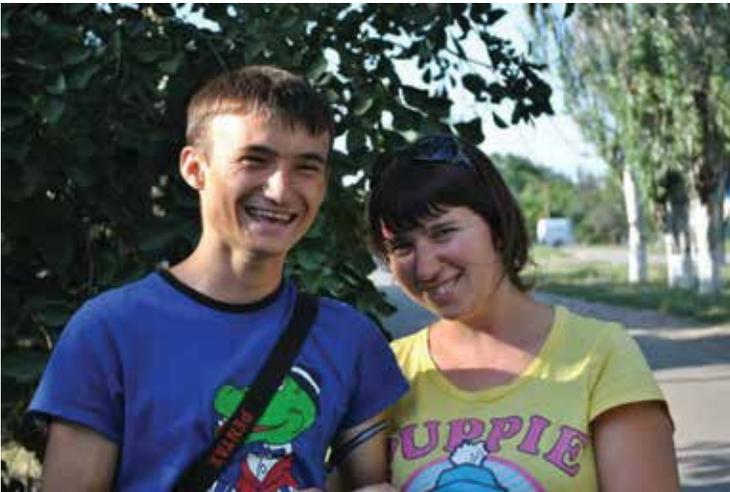
FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Dave had several meetings with staff and board members asking them to take more responsibility and initiative for raising funds locally to support their leadership development activities. It is difficult to solicit donations in the FSU because there is no practice of donating like there is in the west...another long-term effect of communism. The thinking is 'someone else should provide'. We are teaching them how to raise funds and they are making some progress. Ask God to give them courage, wisdom, sensitivity and much faith as they teach and inspire their own people to take more financial responsibility.



KOLYA UPDATE

You are wondering what has developed with Kolya. He worked on the maintenance crew setting up the campsite in June and then as sports coach in Boy's Camp in July. He did an outstanding job. He was cheerful, energetic and effective. Everyone liked him. Kolya was encouraged and made many good friends. In August Kolya married a girl from his church; he had been dating her for some time. He rented an apartment, found a job and is determined to establish his own stable Christian home. It is very rare for an orphan to achieve such progress. He is only 18 and his wife is a few years older. Praise God for His grace in Kolya's life and pray that all of God's plans (Psalm 139:16) for Kolya's life will come to pass.



MOLDOVA CAMPS

Alex B. directs Camp Joy which has been in operation since the early 1990's. He owns the camp personally and serves over 1000 children each summer. From its beginning Camp Joy has always included Chernobyl children. This summer 350 campers attended from Chernobyl and learned about their hope in Christ. Moldova, a country of 3.5 million people, has more than 30 Christian camps, 10 of which are owned. KVI has been training leaders in Moldova since 1991. Praise God for the thousands of youth of which many are now staff in the camps showing today's youth the way to Jesus. Pray for unity and cooperation among believers, camps and churches.



CAMPSITE OPPORTUNITY

The director, staff and campers of Source of Hope Camp are asking God for a miracle - to give them the 300 bed campsite they have been leasing for many years. The camp is for sale. We have trained the staff for this camp for many years. They serve up to 1000 campers each summer, many of them non-believers when they arrive. Please pray with this camp team, asking God to give them permanent possession of the campsite.



RISKS FOR GOD

It is becoming increasingly difficult to have Christian youth camps in five of the Former Soviet countries. Officially it is illegal for Christians to gather for any kind of activities. However churches still organize and operate camps. In one country the location of the leadership training workshop was changed daily to protect the workers. Two camps were fined heavily for operating this summer. The staff was thankful they only had to pay the fine and were not sent to prison. Thank God for the courage of the churches, the staff, and the parents who sent their children to the camps. Ask God to protect these brave souls and to bless the follow-up activities. Ask God to bless these staff and campers with a calling to be His faithful ambassadors who make Jesus Christ attractive to all the people they meet.

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