

About Prayer

“Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God’s.”
II Chronicles 20:15

Like King Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, so Ukraine faces a vast army. God’s reply (vs 15) was to Jehoshaphat’s prayer before the assembly of Judah. He prayed, “For we have no power to face this vast army that is attacking us. We do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon you.” vs 12.

Up until this point, Ukrainians have chosen prayer over war. This is God’s doing. God is at work in the crisis in Ukraine. He has spread the spirit of prayer throughout Ukraine. Prayer tents have been set up in public places where people come to pray around the clock. They are on their knees - in city centers, in the streets and in metro stations. Churches meet for prayer daily because their hope and confidence is in God.

The battle for truth and righteousness has always been the Lord’s. When we admit that we have no power to face our enemy, that we are at the end of our own resources and depend on Him, we are inviting Him to fight our battles. His solutions are always in keeping with His good, pleasing and perfect will.



STAFF TRAINING WORKSHOPS

A bishop recently informed our staff that the Staff Training Workshops (STWs) “are indeed very valuable because they change our leaders and our camps.” Experienced leaders need advanced training and new leaders need the basic training. The theme for our 2014 STWs is Achieving Quality.

Thank God for our instructors who are mostly nationals, and ask God to fill them with the Holy Spirit and to equip them to teach with authority. Ask God to call and send camp workers to the STWs who have a passion for youth evangelism, a deep desire to learn and a sacrificial spirit to serve with all their heart, soul, mind and strength.

Ask God to inspire the churches to encourage their young adults to become camp workers and to provide funding for them to pay the registration fee.



Country X STW – May 16-23

Ukraine STW – May 17-21

Armenia STW – May 26-June 1

Georgia STW – June 9-16

Several STWs cannot be listed because they are held in countries where Christian gatherings outside of church buildings are illegal. Pray God’s protection upon these STWs and those attending them.





ORPHAN CAMP

Plans are well underway for the Orphan Camp scheduled for August 1-15. We already have sponsors for 70 of the 75 orphans. We thank all who have sponsored the 70 orphans and are hopeful the remaining five will also be sponsored.

Pray for God's guidance for the selection of the orphans to attend this camp. There are thousands who would like to attend. Ask God to send those orphans that are ready to trust and forgive and become responsible citizens. We want those who God has called to be His faithful servants. Thank God for Oksana, director of the camp, and ask God to bless her with wisdom and grace to radiate His love as she prepares for this camp.



CRIMEA

The peninsula of Crimea on the Black Sea is a favorite summer holiday resort. Many of the former communist camps are located on the Crimean seashores. The churches have been renting those campsites for many years and operated their youth camps there. Operating their camps under Russian occupation concerns them. Many are searching for suitable campsites in Ukraine.

Ask God to provide campsites in Ukraine. Thank God for the camp directors who in spite of all the disruptions have decided to operate their camps this summer. Ask God to give them wisdom and discernment in their search and lots of courage to face all the setbacks they will encounter.



BUCKLE UP

Recently one of our staff in Ukraine commented on the cause of the crisis saying, "there is no truth anywhere!" The public protest broke out over government crime and corruption. The years of atheism have produced liars who have deceived the nations. The truth is not in them, 1 John 1:8. Yet Truth is the foundation of life. Jesus is the way, the truth, the life. We come to the knowledge of the truth by holding to His teaching, John 8:31, 32. Truth sets us free. Therefore we are commanded to buckle the belt of truth around our waists, Ephesians 6:14.

Jesus is truth personified. Thank God for the Holy Spirit who guides us into all truth, John 16:13, and for all the people in the former Soviet Union who live by the Truth today. Pray that He will fill their hearts and minds with truth in these hard times. Ask God to cause truth to prevail in every home, church, camp and at every government level world-wide.



UKRAINE CRISIS

Our board and staff in Ukraine have decided to go forward with all their plans for the 2014 camping season. They understand that their first task is to encourage the churches and camp leaders to have faith that God will provide all their needs in the face of current conditions. The inflation caused by the crisis has increased operating costs significantly so parents have less funding available to send children to camp. Fewer people will be able to volunteer for summer staff. The uncertainty of the future makes parents hesitant to let their children out of their sight.

The crisis is a strong reminder of how huge the need for Christian youth camps is. Ukraine would look different today had the elected officials attended Christian rather than communist youth camps in their teen years. So pray that the Christian youth camp movement would be strengthened and greatly increased. Claim God's promise to supply the needs of all camps. Philippians 4:19.



MAY 25 ELECTIONS

After the overthrow of the government, the interim parliament of Ukraine called an election for May 25. Ukrainians long for a just government which will eradicate crime and govern with righteousness. Thank God for Alexander Turchynov, interim president of Ukraine, who is a Christian. Ask God to give him wisdom and to surround him with men and women of integrity who will stand for the truth without compromising it.

Ask God to call and prepare a president and electoral candidates who will form a government of God's servants ready to do good to the people, Romans 13:4. Pray for fair election procedures. Pray that God's will be done in Ukraine. His solution will be better than anything man could devise.

For updates on current developments in Ukraine and the youth camping ministry please check KVI's website www.kvicanada.org - Click on News Updates

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