

About Prayer

“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.” Romans 8:26

Our spiritual brothers and sisters in Ukraine have experienced Romans 8 in the past seven months. The chapter tells us how people whose mind is not controlled by the Spirit of life and peace behave. It also tells us clearly how people who are led by the Spirit of God behave and how God responds to their inward groans.

This chapter also speaks of the rewards awaiting those who remain faithful and live their lives in accordance with the leading of the Holy Spirit. They are more than conquerors because they are bonded with Christ Jesus. God’s will is being accomplished through them.

When we are at the end of our resources, groaning under the burdens of life, the Holy Spirit fills the gaps. God answers prayers we don’t have words for.



2014 STAFF TRAINING WORKSHOPS

The Staff Training Workshops (STW) held this spring were “beyond our expectations” according to staff and participant reports. “I have learned that when you are doing something that is pleasing to God, to do it boldly.” Of the five STWs planned, three achieved their goals, one was cancelled due to lack of funds and one was rescheduled, due to police threats, into a series of one-day events. STWs were immersed in prayer and marked by solid teaching, good atmosphere and warm fellowship.

Thank God for protecting all participants during the workshops and during their travel on dangerous and often barricaded roads. Opposition to Christian gatherings seems to be growing everywhere.



SUMMER CAMPS

The 2014 camping season is in operation in FSU countries. Thank God for all the camp staff who are working hard and sacrificing much to bring the message of hope in Christ to the youth. Many needs for campsites, sufficient staff and funding are still unmet. Not all the camper spaces are filled yet. Not all the certificates needed to open camps have been issued. Then there are the safety issues and the possibility of harassments and fines from officials who are opposed to Protestants. And remember to ask God to fill every day of every camp with *the joy of the Lord*. Pray for a rich harvest in righteousness.



CRISIS REFUGEES

The seven month crisis in Ukraine has produced thousands of refugees. People, fleeing Crimea and the Donetsk and Luhansk regions heading for Kiev and western Ukraine, have left everything for fear of losing their lives. Many refugees are widows, orphans and other destitute people. Some churches have been turned into rescue centers supplying shelter, food, clothing and much needed love.

The crisis continues to bring out the worst and best in people. Killings, beatings, destruction of property and threats are daily occurrences. On the positive side, fervent prayer, assistance for the destitute and positive government action is strong and hope for a peaceful, sovereign Ukraine is still alive. Please continue to intercede for peace in Ukraine.



WHY YOUTH CAMPS

For 70 years communists operated thousands of youth camps because they believed the proverb “train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it...” Proverbs 22:6. Youth were systematically trained to believe that God doesn’t exist and Truth is not a priority. The deception fueling the crisis in Ukraine is a direct result of the training the perpetrators received in their youth. Just imagine how different the former Soviet countries would be today if their present leaders had attended Christian instead of atheistic camps in their youth.

Enrolment in camping world-wide is on the decline, even in most Christian camps. If we don’t give our children and youth a Biblical foundation, they will not live by Biblical principles as adults. Pray fervently for a renewed vision for the need for our youth to attend Christian camps. The uniqueness of camp prepares children and youth for that all-important life-changing experience. Plead with God to give our pastors and parents a genuine burden for training our children and youth in righteousness. Ask God to cause us to turn our lives around and to make all sacrifices necessary to give children and youth of today a vibrant Christian camp experience. We should be creating new camps today and revitalizing existing camps; not selling or closing them.



PERSECUTION IN EASTERN UKRAINE

Militants, many of them criminals and drug addicts, with “Russian Orthodox Army” emblems on their sleeves, are attacking pastors and trashing



church buildings. They are kidnapping, torturing and threatening protestant believers because they consider the protestant religion to be a cult. The pastor who initiated the “Prayer for Ukraine” movement was beaten and detained. People in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions (provinces) are in panic. No youth camps are operating in those regions. Thank God for pastors and their helpers who, at great risk, continue to provide food and shelter for the destitute and help them flee to safe regions. Pray for the government who is trying to deal with this conflict.



KVI CELEBRATION BANQUETS

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for the Celebration Banquet on November 1 in Winnipeg or on November 9 in Abbotsford. Three of KVI’s leaders from Ukraine and the Transcaucasus will tell the stories of God’s Awesome Deeds among their youth and in their churches during the 24 years of KVI’s camping ministry. One of the three is a great singer. For those who don’t live close to Winnipeg or Abbotsford - plan to travel to attend one of the celebrations. Come, see and hear what God has accomplished through your prayers and gifts these 24 years. Visit our website for information on how to get your Celebration Banquet ticket or call 204-224-4175.

HymnSing

KVI HymnSing with 42 musicians of the Kiev Symphony Orchestra & Chorus

Sunday, Sept 28, 6:00 pm

Calvary Temple, Winnipeg

EXPERIENCE THE GLORY

Admission – offering



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