

## About Prayer

***“The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear Him; He hears their cry and saves them.”***

***Psalm 145:18 & 19***

The key to effective praying - prayer that produces results, is to align our desires with God's will. Calling on Him in truth and fearing Him, the two requirements stated in Psalm 145, means we are seeking His kingdom and His righteousness above all else. When God has first place in our lives, He trusts us with His answers.

We have seen many camp leaders stepping out in faith and getting into circumstances they cannot handle. God sees truth in them, responds to their cry, fulfills their desires and saves them. And the Kingdom of God is moved forward on earth.

## For those who love to pray



### UKRAINE IN CRISIS

War continues in parts of eastern Ukraine. To date about 3,000 Ukrainians have died due to the war. Hundreds of thousands had to flee and have lost everything. Thank God for all who are providing food, clothing and shelter for those refugees. Many are living in unheated facilities.

Due to the war Ukraine's gas supplies have been greatly reduced and millions are facing the winter in a cold climate. Pray for peace in Ukraine. Praise God for the spirit of prayer which is very alive throughout Ukraine. Pray for unity among believers.



### STAFF REQUESTS PRAYER

Vladimir Shevchenko gave a strong appeal for prayer at the banquets. He encouraged the audience to praise God for the thousands of camp staff who are committed to Christ and to Christian camping. And more staff are urgently needed. Ask God to call and send leaders who are open to be trained to lead with excellence.

Camps are not filled to capacity. Ask God to fill every camp and continue to raise up a new generation.

And most importantly, pray that God's will be done in Ukraine. Pray for unity and cooperation among the various denominations





## WHERE CAMPS ARE ILLEGAL

Thank God for the churches and staff who took the risk of operating camps and that as far as we know, no camp experienced interference. Thank God for all the parents who took the risk of sending their children to Christian camps.

Ask God for the registration of the churches to be restored by the Committee on Religious Affairs.

Pray for the spiritual development of the campers as they participate in Bible studies and various youth activities provided by the church.

Ask God to provide the people with courage and faith to stay true to Him when they are persecuted.



## SASHA AND MARINA

Marina, mother to 10 year-old Sasha, agreed to send him to camp. A friend had offered her a campership for Sasha. But when it was time for Sasha to go to camp, Marina worried about how he would adjust so asked if she could go to camp to care for him. Permission was granted on the condition that she would not interfere.

Everything was new and exciting in this Christian environment for both mother and son. They felt accepted and absorbed the atmosphere. During a chapel service Sasha responded to the call to repentance.

Marina stood in amazement watching Sasha. Her life changed. After camp both began attending church regularly. Marina is already baptized. Praise God for families who experience new life in Christ at camp.



## ORPHAN CAMP

“Today I received a gift of enormous value – the Bible. I have waited for this moment for a long time,” exclaimed one camper. Many of the orphans accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour and are growing in Him through reading their Bibles and attending the follow-up programs. Many have formed good habits after experiencing forgiveness and healing of their deeply wounded hearts. “It was a miracle and we all noticed it,” said one of the counselors.

Praise God for His work of grace and ask God to supply all counselors, open doors in the orphanages and willing attitudes in orphans for fruitful follow-up. Ask God to supply sufficient funds for 80 orphans to attend camp in 2015.



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## These words come to mind as we think of Dave & Elfrieda and their work...

- 1. COURAGEOUS** – like Abraham you entered a foreign land not knowing where or how events would unfold. You had more than 25 years of experience in the camping ministry in Canada, but not in a culture like the Soviet Union. You had the courage to step out.
- 2. CALLED** – You have an unwavering sense that this is where and what God had called you to do, that God would direct your paths and also walk before you. You knew you were doing God's work.
- 3. DETERMINED** – After the Arnes' years when the FSU challenge was given, you grabbed on and pursued the goal of training camp leaders with all your might. This determination was expressed through strong leadership that was needed there as it is needed here.
- 4. ENTHUSIASTIC** – I don't know of a time or any board meeting when you were not excited about this ministry. It was part of you. You were always enthusiastic about what God was doing through youth camps in the land from which your parents came. Your enthusiasm was contagious and inspired the board and staff.
- 5. COMPETENT** – God was preparing you for this ministry during your years at Camp Arnes. You came to the FSU with expertise that was needed and appreciated. You learned a lot more there and God blessed you.
- 6. COMMITTED TO PRAYER** – The Prayer Partner is testament to this. You never apologized for appealing for prayer. You were convinced that only through the prayers of God's people would the work succeed. Your legacy, as a board member put it, is your belief in the power of prayer. May God continue to bless you as you devote the next leg of your journey to writing leadership manuals that will inspire the pursuit of excellence in Christian camps!