

# EASTERN EUROPE & RUSSIA AREA

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## **ALBANIA**

### **Partners in the Harvest**

A project to invite our supporters and their friends for a week of touring our ministry sites. During the second week of May we will have 8-9 people coming:

- Pray they will catch the vision and be captured by it so they can be more involved and serve as ambassadors in their respective countries for Christ's cause in Albania and the Orient.
- For creativity, wisdom and energy for the organizing committee.

### **Leadership Project 2, 7-12 June**

For developing staff leaders through identifying areas of growth and close mentoring. Pray for:

- The organizers.
- Great speakers and great talks.
- Great mentoring to take place during the project.

### **RACE Summer Project, 15-31 July**

**Reaching Albanians Coming from Everywhere**--the newest beach summer project--a joint venture between Campus and Coverage expecting about 100 students and volunteers. Pray about:

- iPod evangelism.
- Story of the Soul.
- "Magdalena" movie showings.
- Children's evangelism.
- Live concerts.
- Selling of books like "The Witness" and other helpful materials.
- Two good base camp facilities at reasonable prices.
- Funds.
- The right number of qualified participants.
- The organizers.
- Many people to be reached, especially from the much stronger religious cultures of Kosovo and Macedonia.

### **Family Life**

On April 24 we have the first Parenting Seminar. Please pray for the beginning and continuance of the Home Builders small groups following the seminar.

We are planning *A Day to Remember* seminar in Prishtina, Kosovo on May 22, first of its kind here.

Please pray for:

- Many couples to come and for marriages to be healed.
- Non-believers to attend the seminar.
- The speakers to connect well with the audience.
- The details of organizing it from a distance.
- Safe travel for the organizers.

We will also have training for key couples in Kosovo two weeks before the seminar. Pray for:

- Good vision casting and good training.
- Finances for a summer camp for couples.
- Continuation of the publication of materials for couples' small groups.

## Coverage

Pray for wisdom and humility as the Coverage staff organizes “Magdalena” showing events, now through June, in close cooperation with local churches:

- For many volunteers from the churches.
- For complete dependence on God for the staff and volunteers.
- For many people to come to the movie shows.
- For good follow-up work.

## BELARUS

Pray about:

- Staff visa needs for 2010-2011.
- Bible school 2010-2011.
- May 22--all Minsk region churches evangelism day--173 churches on the streets to preach the gospel.
- Three new HomeBuilders groups to start in Minsk.
- One new HomeBuilders group to start in Pinsk.
- More people to be challenged to become leaders of HomeBuilders.
- Upcoming Family Life Conference on April 24 in New Life Church in Minsk for about 40 couples.
- The personal growth of staff members and volunteers.
- A big door of evangelism to open up in Belarus.
- The Lord adding new staff members and support of the existing ones.

## BULGARIA

Please pray for the Bulgarian ministry as a whole as we transition into a new national leadership structure this summer. Pray that we would trust the Lord through the changes.

### Military Ministry

- Pray about raising support for and printing of 4,000 camouflage Bibles intended for all Bulgarian soldiers serving outside of the country.
- For legalization of the army chaplaincy. This will greatly open the door for evangelism.
- For new full-time staff members for the Military Ministry.
- For the Military Ministry team and all the volunteers.

### JESUS Film Team

- The “Magdalena” film – Pray that God would use it for:  
Evangelism in all of Bulgaria – every city, town and person.  
Establishing new churches, especially in regions where there are no churches.  
Building a bigger army of volunteers, full of faith, longing to minister, devoted to God’s work.
- For open doors for the gospel – everywhere in every region, city, village and person.
- That those who have heard (and seen) the gospel through the “JESUS” film, “The Story of Jesus for Children,” and “Magdalena” will devote their lives to Jesus and follow Him always and work in His harvest.
- That training of volunteers would be thorough, as well as give them vision and passion for evangelism and multiplying discipleship.
- Seek God about His will for every area of the ministry to go from “ministry” to “movement.
- For prayer groups to be formed by volunteers for lifting up the nation’s evangelism needs.
- Use of new strategies and materials for reaching the unreached - Christian films, videos, books, and brochures.

### Material (spiritual) needs:

- Funding for outreaches (fuel, rent, etc.) establishing churches, materials, salaries, training, etc.
- Materials – preparation, printing, distribution and effectiveness.
- DVD of “Magdalena” – reproduction, distribution and effectiveness.
- “JESUS film” DVD – reproduction, distribution and effectiveness.
- Web site – New sites for “Magdalena,” “JESUS” film and maybe “The Story of Jesus for Children.” For creation, design, maintenance and effectiveness.
- Staff – each of the staff to be well provided for with support, prayer partners and support from the local church.
- Most of the current salaried workers – for coordinators and future ones like them to come on staff. We believe the Lord wants to use entire families in His fields.

### Student Ministry - Sofia

General: Pray that we'd be consistent in our prayer and Bible study - personally, with students and as a team. (Col. 4:2-4)

### Pray specifically for:

- The English Club – At Studentski Grad and at New Bulgarian University – that they would have an impact during the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester and that meetings with student contacts outside the club would be a priority.
- Spring Retreat – that in the context of casual interaction we'd be acquainted with the spiritual interest of the students from the English Club, EQ Seminar and Leadership Seminar. And that we would be able to continue to help them with their understanding of the truth of Christ after the seminar.
- Prayer Meetings – that students would begin prayer meetings where they live and at their universities.
- Women's Bible Study Group – that it would be a time for personal ministry to non-believers.
- Evangelism Training - that students and staff would actively practice what they've learned.
- Personal appointments for evangelism and discipleship – that they'd be a priority for every student, staff and volunteer. That deep friendships would develop that lead to sharing the gospel with unbelievers or to believers becoming dedicated to ministry.
- New believers – that they would grow in their knowledge of God and find friends in their new family.
- Summer Projects – that staff and students with a heart to serve would participate; that we'd have support of the local church; and that support for projects would be raised.
- Plovdiv, Burgas – pray that we'd care for the students there, encourage them to pray for their fellow students, and help them start ministries at their universities.
- Finances - that we'd have connections with believers and/or churches devoted to working with us to fulfill the Great Commission.

## CZECH REPUBLIC

### Leader-led Movement

- Praise the Lord for the 11 business people who indicated decisions at our monthly evangelistic meeting in March, which does not necessarily mean these people became Christians but shows a true interest. Pray as we follow up these people.
- Pray that God would open the hearts of business professionals to the gospel.
- Part of our ministry to young professionals happens at the Economic University in Pragu - pray that God would open the hearts of students to the gospel.

## AIA

- Pray that our summer project and teams would produce momentum, energy and move those we work with closer to the gospel.
- Pray we would see athletes come to Christ on the Prague Lions American football team, Sparta basketball team and Kotlarka baseball team. All three have numerous players who are reading the Bible and are close to the gospel. Pray that many would come to Christ and get involved in discipleship.
- Pray our efforts on the federation level in basketball, baseball and American football would reach coaches and help us have a broader impact in these sports.
- Pray for wisdom as AIA develops two DVDs and an evangelistic soccer brochure. Pray that these could be used to sow many seeds in fruitful soil and help many Czechs start to consider Jesus and Christianity as a viable option.

## Church-led Movement

- The Czech Evangelical Alliance is developing a plan for reaching the nation through united efforts of the whole Body of Christ. Pray that God would lead in this planning process, give wisdom, provide the needed manpower and give unity among Christians. Ask for clarity in CCC's role in this.
- Pray for success of the "My Story" seminars for the two churches involved in April and May. May participants learn to use this tool to share the gospel and build local movements.

## Operations

- Pray for our new administrator to learn things quickly and be able to serve the whole team well.
- That we would be able to establish efficient practices in daily administration processes.
- That the Operations Team would dependably fulfill its mission to support field staff and ministries in their work.

## Student-led Movement

- A student project from LSU is coming in May-June to work with college students in Prague. Pray they can meet many new students. That God would open the hearts of Czech students to hear His gospel.
- For God to raise up three guys and three girls from LSU to STINT with the college ministry here in January 2011.
- Poland CCC is sending a team of staff and students to work in our Campus Ministry in September 2010 for several years. Pray for finances for this partnership.
- Pray for God to reach Czech students, they would come to know him, grow spiritually and disciple many others.

## HUNGARY

We are thankful for:

- The new, student-led Prayer and Fasting Movement that has been launched this spring.
- Our Internet evangelism and follow-up strategy, which is growing and gaining popularity.
- Our two or more new staff members (some applications are still being processed).
- Many new doors that are opening for Youth at the Threshold of Life (our Bible-based AIDS- and drug prevention program) through a cooperation with the Reformed Church (biggest Protestant denomination in Hungary) and the Police.

Pray with us for:

- Our evangelistic English Camp (called Speak Out) in July; that many non-Christians would come and become Christians, and our volunteers (Hungarians and Americans) would grow much in their faith and ministry skills.
- Joint ventures of our College and High School Ministries in various cities, so that after several years of a Budapest focus we can re-establish our presence outside the capital.
- Support raising by the staff, especially the new ones.
- The revealed corruption and radicalism of certain public figures in our country.

## MACEDONIA

Please pray for:

- More dependence on the Lord.
- Finishing the school year well.
- More boldness for our staff and students to share the gospel.
- That our believing students will share the gospel with their friends from the university and have a personal ministry of evangelism and discipleship.
- More student leaders.
- That we may have Student-led Movements on the campuses.
- Forming of the first Catalytic Team in Macedonia - Pray for choosing the right team and pray that they'll have good preparation, a good start and successful ministry.
- The Summer Project preparations - Pray for the 25 students who applied. Pray that the Lord will encourage all of them even more to come and pray that the Lord will provide their financial support. Pray that they'll have great time with the Lord as they raise support. Pray that the Summer Project will be a huge encouraging time for students in their walks with the Lord.
- The process of accepting new staff - We have four candidates who have applied and will soon be interviewed. Pray that God will lead them and us as we evaluate and decide. Pray that God will give us wisdom and guidance.
- The Lord to provide financial support for a few of our staff who are in deficit.
- Increased financial support for the national and Campus Ministry and specifically seven Macedonian staff units and two couples from the US raising money to come.
- Efforts to improve the translation of the New Staff Training Curriculum.
- More and quality translations/printings of ministry materials like "The 10 Basic Steps" and every-student Web site articles, etc.
- The Operations and Finance team to grow in number and effectiveness. To develop a full financial policy manual.
- Successful developmental 360 reviews to be finished on every senior staff member this year; we just introduced the 360 tool to our ministry last week.
- Healthy marriages, parenting, dating, and walking in the Spirit for our staff, as well as that we'd consistently enjoying spiritual disciplines of studying of God's word and prayer and worship of Jesus.

Albanian team in Macedonia

Thank God:

- Because He is with us and is guiding and protecting us through the difficult times in the ministry.
- That He answers our prayers as we pray daily that He would be opening doors for his gospel among students; we see that He is doing that and there is hope that He will do that even more that what we are seeing so far.

Please pray:

- That we are close to God in prayer, and that individually and as a team we would be hearing from Him.
- For our finances, that God will bless those already on our team supporting us with prayer and finances, but also in order for us to have enough we need more than we have right now. Pray that God would open new paths and bring people that will be a part of the ministry.
- That God would defend us spiritually and physically, and lead us in His way.
- That we would have good spiritual conversations and share the gospel in a clear way.
- That the Lord would speak to the students in every possible way – through what they have heard from us, through dreams...that they would have questions about the true, living God.
- For a new generation that will seek the Lord in their lives.
- For the summer project we will have together with the Albanian movement in Valona (Vlora). We will have an English camp in south Albania with a group coming from the USA that will be teaching lessons in English. The goal is to invite non-believing students and that they would have the opportunity to hear the gospel. Pray for the students that God wants to be in this project, that they'd be able to come and that God will be working in their hearts. May the Lord bless this time, that there would be enough finances, and that every detail will be under God's control and for His glory. Pray that God would be leading us to the students we should invite both from here and for the team in Valona(Vlora), and that we would see fruit from this project.
- For the Web page; we want to try new ideas. Pray that the Lord would lead us in all the details from the materials and how this will look as well. We want to leave this in God's hands so that He would open the right doors for the gospel among the Albanians with this tool.
- For our evaluation and planning time for next year, for strategies of how we would minister here next year.
- That God would prepare the hearts of the people that will be on our team next year.