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The Great Commission Global Prayer Movement



Campus Crusade for Christ
Building Spiritual Movements Everywhere

Saturday, 1 June

Ukraine

Praise God for 5 Blessings:
1,700 believers in 168 prayer groups have committed
to pray for 5 people, 5 minutes each, 5x/week for 5 weeks!



Sunday, 2 June

Serbia

MetaPolis, a vision to build a fruitful coalition of churches
and Christian organizations, intends to organize
four conferences for church leaders.



Monday, 3 June

Slovenia

Pray for staff as they develop seminars
and follow-up studies to disciple participants of parenting
and marriage seminars that were done in the spring.



Tuesday, 4 June

Slovenia

As students in our ministry become disciplers
of other students, pray that the churches would become
a powerful tool for added growth in their lives.

Wednesday, 5 June

Russia

Pray for the transitions of two American staff families
returning to the States in the next few weeks,
as well as the friends and teams left in Russia.

Thursday, 6 June

Russia

Please pray for the Russian staff team, as a whole,
in the upcoming Ministry Partner Development training
and execution of each component of it.



Prayer in a New Light

We just had our annual conference for leaders of stage 2 countries. Even though the schedule was packed, a lot of the sessions were interactive, which made the four days go by very quickly. Personally, there was one takeaway from this conference that I will not forget. It came from the devotionals that were shared from the book of Acts. Both devotionals seemed to speak to me about the emphasis on prayer in the early church. The thing that struck me was that prayer was the one thing that the early church was doing a lot of.

When you read Acts 6:1-4, it is clear that it was because of the apostle’s own priority of prayer and the ministry of the Word that they urged the church to select seven men, who were to take care of the neglected Hellenistic widows. It struck me that they made this decision not only because of the importance of the ministry of the Word, but also because of the importance of prayer. The twelve apostles did not want to be distracted from that priority!

In Acts 12:1-11 the apostle Peter was in prison, most certainly awaiting a death sentence. **“But the church was earnestly praying to God for him.”** In this verse “But” points to the response of the church to the situation; they didn’t just sit and wait, but responded in the most effective and powerful way they could... by praying! The word “earnestly” is the same word used to describe Jesus’ prayer



in Gethsemane in Luke 22:44. They put everything they had into their prayers, believing God for the impossible!

Both of these passages struck me in a very fresh way. The early church and its leaders, just like us, dreamt of people being won, built and sent. They encountered a lot of obstacles. Even though our obstacles and challenges may feel different, without God working in a powerful way among us, we, like them, can do nothing. I feel we can learn a lot from the early Christian’s commitment and fervor in prayer.

The passages from the book of Acts made me want to rethink the place of prayer in my life and approach to ministry. How earnest am I as a believer in my prayers? What role does prayer have in my ministry? How do I as a leader prioritize prayer?

Ala Wyrzykowska
For the Eastern Europe Area Leadership Team

Friday, 7 June

Russia

Russia is hosting the World Student Games in the city of Kazan in July. This will be an incredible opportunity for the gospel to be shared broadly.

Saturday, 8 June

Russia

During the World Student Games, pray for the partnership among student-led, church-led and AIA ministries, and for all preparations including visas.



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Prayer Training Sparks a Movement



A new prayer strategy is spreading in Ukraine. It is fueled by a vision of ultimately introducing hundreds, if not thousands, of people to the good news of Jesus Christ. It starts with a simple challenge to church members to pray for five people in their immediate world. The movement has taken on the name 5 Blessings, and it is also known as the 5+5+5+5 Strategy. In autumn of 2012, the Ukrainian ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ International (CCCI) began using this approach.

Believers go through prayer training. At the conclusion each commits to asking God for the names of five people who need to hear the gospel. These individuals could be neighbors, co-workers, family members or others. Once they have the five names, the trainees pray for these people five days a week, five minutes each day, for a total of five weeks.

The believers often take the initiative to go to “their five people.” As they ask how they can pray specifically, relationships are built or deepened, and eventually the gospel message is shared. It is hoped that many of the people prayed for will receive Christ and join a local church or fellowship group. The original believer then repeats this prayer strategy with five new people while continuing, as the Holy Spirit leads,

to pray for the first five.

As of spring of 2013, 168 prayer groups have been formed; 1,700 believers are currently praying for people; and 17 groups are in the process of becoming church plants. These potential church plants are the result of NLTC (New Life Training Center) and BTCL (Biblical Training for Church Leaders). The 5+5+5+5 Prayer Strategy can serve as a spark to encourage believers and churches to try out the NLTC. But it is also being used by God to raise up an army of pray-ers for the nation, the churches, and our CCCI ministries. Multiplication is happening. The organizers expect to have 3,000 pray-ers by the end of the next school year!

Global Church Movements staff member, Roy Stiff, explains that this amazing prayer movement and resulting changed lives have been built on the foundation of many years of ministry by CCCI in Eastern Europe and specifically in Ukraine. Eventually, as Roy works closely with Nikolai, a local staff leader, they hope to see a new church plant begun as the result of the prayer and training conducted in Nikolai’s church. Both see prayer as critical to any ministry success. They are looking forward to what God will do as this movement sweeps across Ukraine.

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pressure-brewed/concentrated

A good place to get a small but flavorful taste of God’s work, deserving fully alert prayer

Shooting Stars and Prayers

Campus Crusade for Christ International (CCCI) has a vibrant ministry presence in Ufa, Russia. The two staff couples directing the work, however, are not Russian. They were sent cross-culturally three years ago, from a staff team in Moldova to Ufa, 1,677 miles distant.

This has been a year of seeking to develop a team of student leaders who could build spiritual movements of multiplication in Ufa and throughout Russia. Much prayer, thought and long discussions went into the plan they agreed on. On one hand they were very aware that only God could fulfill His Great Commission. But the team also felt compelled to “expand their limits” and obediently sow more broadly. He gave them a practical example of how the Lord can use a focus on student-led movements to change lives and reach the world.

The nearest major city to Ufa (450 kilometers away) is Chelyabinsk, with a population of 1 million. This is near the spot where the meteorite struck on February 15. The team recently visited a church in the city and told their youth how God was leading in the vision of student-led movements in Ufa. While there they learned about a Christian youth conference for all of the Urals region. Permission was



given for them to present a seminar on May 10, during the conference. The topic of course was how students could start spiritual movements in their own universities.

Pray for ongoing fruit from the recent seminar. Ask God to raise up additional workers for His “fields.” Pray that the student-led movement in Ufa will become a vivid model for other students in other regions of Russia. Only God can do this, but so much more.

Sunday, 9 June

Russia

Two young men have applied to do a Stint year with the student-led ministry. Pray that the application process would help leadership discern God’s will.

Monday, 10 June

Russia

In a few days New Life Russia is going GOOGLE! Pray for the staff not to go crazy with technical aspects. Pray for a smooth, successful transition.

Tuesday, 11 June

Romania

Summer English Camp, July 25 - Aug 3:
May workers show God’s love and forgiveness through the messages, group activities and discussions.

Wednesday, 12 June

Poland

Polish ministries using the Alpha Course have 3,500 people involved in 85 groups (double the projection+) and expect 8,000 by year’s end!

Thursday, 13 June

Montenegro

It will take wisdom, love, fire, courage and persevering prayer to bring the gospel to open hearts in this least evangelized country of Europe.

Friday, 14 June

Montenegro

We are starting a faith project to build our country's first Christian camp. Please pray as we trust God and collect the money to purchase the land.

Saturday, 15 June

Macedonia

Pray for the Speak Out English camp this summer. May many students come and be open to hearing the gospel and come to know the Lord!

Sunday, 16 June

Kosovo

Pray that the summer English language camps that we have for Kosovar students will be fruitful. We are partnering with several U.S. churches.

Monday, 17 June

Hungary

Pray for students ministering for three weeks among non-believing campers during Speak Out 2013 evangelistic English Camp near Lake Balaton.

Tuesday, 18 June

Hungary

High taxes on non-profit groups are a huge challenge for the staff. May God use discussions with another organization, etc. to resolve this and provide.

Wednesday, 19 June

Georgia

Pray for unity of heart and mind among our ministry team members and for clarity on exactly how best to move forward in the next phase of ministry.

Thursday, 20 June

Czech Republic

Ask God to soften hearts and send revival to the nation. This is one of the most agnostic countries in the world, and people are indifferent to the gospel.

Friday, 21 June

Czech Republic

Thank the Lord for five businessmen who are involved with Priority Associates in the city of Prague. May each of them become a spiritual multiplier.

Saturday, 22 June

Croatia

After 17 years of American leadership of the ministry, a transition to national leadership is taking place; lift up the staff and the entire process.



Sunday, 23 June

Croatia

Pray for a refreshed presentation of the ministry and a renewed structure to present the gospel more effectively to a nominally Catholic culture.

Monday, 24 June

Croatia

Praise God that new believers are actively practicing their faith and are forming spiritual movements. Ask Him to raise up more volunteers.

Tuesday, 25 June

Croatia

Pray for the capital Zagreb where there is no student movement and for the young staff family starting the ministry in the coastal town Split.

Wednesday, 26 June

Bulgaria

We give thanks for the mighty work God is doing in starting many churches these past 18 months and in sending this generation of volunteers.

Thursday, 27 June

Bosnia

Pray for our Sarajevo team building the first student movement in Bosnia-Herzegovina. May God's grace overcome past wars, ethnic division, etc.

Friday, 28 June

Bosnia

Pray for God's timing and preparation over the next five years for the start-up of new ministries in the regional cities of Mostar and Tuzla.

Saturday, 29 June

Albania

Pray that students sent into Macedonia and Bosnia short term will consider going to these and other least reached nations after they graduate.

Sunday, 30 June

Albania

Thank God for the 100+ Albanian missionaries and those applying to join staff; may God guide them all and use them wherever He sends them.

My Prayer Life

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My prayer requests ...

People I'm praying for ...

Answers to prayer ...

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