



EASTERN EUROPE AREA

Area Team Leader: Marek and Ala Wyrzykowski

Area Leadership Team:

- Pray that God would be at work and raise up **50,000 multiplying disciples** in our Area by 2020. Pray that we would see **younger leaders** develop, and take on significant responsibilities across the Area.
- Pray that God would raise up **financial resources** that are needed by our staff and ministries.
- May we grow in our **digital maturity** both as the ALT and the national leaders across the Area.

Area DS and Area SLM:

- On April 21 the Area SLM team for Eastern

Europe and Russia hosted its first ever **Digital Day of Prayer!** This prayer initiative is part of the strategic plan: mobilizing prayer by students, staff, and volunteers to pray for missional gap cities in their region. People from around the world spent 24 continuous hours praying for the gospel to reach the 14 million students in Eastern Europe and Russia. 311 cities were targeted. The Area SLM team, and the Area and Global DS Teams collaborated on this project for united, strategic prayer. Students and staff in Eastern Europe and Russia live in seven different time zones, but they gathered in a virtual space or prayer! www.digitaldayofprayer.org

ALBANIA

- SLM: Pray for fruit that will remain through the **spring outreach projects** in all SLM teams in Albania and Prishtina. Please pray that God will bless and multiply SLM. Pray for the Albanian team that will go long-term to a sensitive country in a few months, that God will provide all the financial needs.
- GCM: Pray for the **church planting teams**, pray for God's leading as they continue with four church plants and for hearts open to the gospel.
- LLM: Pray for **Art of Marriage groups** that LLM has. Please pray for the participants, that they will take God and the biblical principles they are hearing seriously and will open their hearts to Christ.

BELARUS

- SLM: Pray for the leadership team of students developed as older students graduate soon and the baton is passed to the **next generation of students**. Pray about Student Summer Project preparations.
- FamilyLife: Pray for **HomeBuilders** started in the city of Novopolotsk (one group is running, two more are "to be birthed" and for more groups to start in the Vitebsk region. Pray for upcoming conferences in the cities of Molodechno and Brest.
- GCM: Pray for wisdom in **talking to pastors and bishops** to organize the ministry and to have vision for women's ministry and see God's leading.

BOSNIA

- Praise the Lord for the new **campus movement starting in Mostar**, Bosnia. Pray that God would give the team wisdom as they pioneer and that God would start raising up students to join the movement and lead the movement.
- Pray for the **high school movement in Sarajevo**. We will have our first Speak Out English camp this coming summer and we are trusting God to bring at least 20 students.
- Pray for the campus team in Sarajevo as we seek to be more intentional in engaging in spiritual conversations with students. Pray that we would have opportunities to **go deeper with students** and that God would draw students closer to himself and closer to accepting the gospel.

BULGARIA

- SLM: In April and May we are **focusing on personal evangelism and discipleship**, using the Worldviews strategy with students. We want to transition from there to the Christian Worldview (and/or Four Laws). Pray for many good opportunities and for key students to be an active part of this.
- AIA: We are **starting the AIA ministry anew**. The leaders need wisdom and clear vision as they create a Facebook group of present and former athletes and coaches for prayer, sharing and encouragement. Pray as they connect with 2-3 key athletes and starting discipleship with them. A seminar is planned at the National Sports Academy in order to generate contacts with unbelieving athletes. Also pray about sport initiatives with a church in Sofia, to expand its contacts with unbelievers.
- OPS: Pray for the **right staff person to carry the vision for operations**. At present we have field ministry people doing operations work; we want everyone serving where they serve best. We need to unify our operations team and work so that better work can be done by the team we have.

CROATIA

- Pray about official verification by the Croatian Ministry of Education for our **mentorship project** in Croatian high schools.
- Lift up in prayer the **First Speak Out** for high school students in Zagreb this summer.
- May the Lord cause continued **growth in ownership** by student leaders in the Split movement.

CZECH REPUBLIC

- **Laborers**: Pray that God would use the new partnership to produce new staff and multiplying disciples.
- **Increased fruitfulness**: Pray that we would see much more open hearts for the gospel. Pray that God would open hearts of many Czech students and would use new e-mail series Journey to God to bring people to Himself.
- **Engaged volunteers**: Pray about them becoming multiplying disciples. Pray for the Summer Mission team that will be in Prague May 12 - June 16; pray God would lead their every step and give them many divine appointments with Czech students. Pray that God would form a strong STINT team to lead the student ministry in Prague next fall and to start a movement.

HUNGARY

- Thank God that our **legal situation** is solved now - after much battle. We are also grateful to Him for open doors in the schools with YTL.
- We've just launched an **alumni ministry** – pray for a wise and effective strategy to implement so many alumni would find a way to share Christ in their workplace, etc.
- We are in a **leadership transition**. Pray that God would lead us in finding and selecting the new NTL.

MACEDONIA

- Pray that we will see the first Albanian students come to Christ. But also pray that we will see our students not only doing evangelism but **making disciples and spiritually multiplying** their lives.
- Pray for STINTers who will work in the high school ministry. Pray for the preparation of **Speak Out 2015**, for a good program, for tutors from the US, and for the campers.
- Pray for God to lead us and guide us as a Council to know what is the **next step in developing the ministry** in the future (moving from stage 1b to 2). Why? What does that mean? When? How? Pray that we'll depend completely on the Lord.

MOLDOVA

- Now we are in the process of making a lot of **changes in the way how we will function** legally in our country. Also there are some changes in the way how some laws are interpreted. Please pray for wisdom in making these changes in the right way and have enough expertise and help to do this. Pray for God's leading in this process.
- Please pray for the process of **buying a building for Great Commission Center of New Life Moldova**. We found the right building and needed \$279,000. Pray for Project 279, challenging 1,000

people to give \$279. About \$157,000 remains to be raised. Pray for our faith that God would provide the whole amount.

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MONTENEGRO

- Praise God that since starting the ministry in Montenegro last year, we now know 11 Montenegrin students who are believers and are actively meeting up with our STINT team to study the Bible. Please pray that God would raise these believers up to be **student leaders** in Montenegro, and that He would grow in them a heart for evangelism and a thirst for His Word.
- Please pray that students in Montenegro would become more aware of brokenness and would be seeking truth from the Bible. Pray that **Jesus would reveal Himself through the Word** and that students' hearts would be softened toward the gospel.
- Please pray with us against spiritual attack and all the ways the enemy tries to blind students from understanding that they can **experience a personal relationship with God!**

POLAND

- Thank God for the 75 people who came to the Lord this school year in Poland. Pray for **our vision**: 70,000 new believers and 7,000 new fellowships.
- Giving thanks for good fund development training for 22 leaders; it is a great start as we are going to be a **Stage 3 Country**. Pray that God will raise up new labors for the harvest.
- Thank God for an official invitation to be part of evangelization during **Catholic Youth Days** in 2016, in Cracow, Poland. Pray that Youth Days will be a great opportunity to share the gospel with people from the whole world.

ROMANIA

- May all participants of the **MC2 Training and Vision Conference** realize the importance of living the Great Commission and apply in their church what they have learned.
- God give strength to all **volunteers who started multiplying groups** to be consistent with God's promise.
- God provide financial support for all **GCM projects and the entire staff**.

RUSSIA

- Russia is very much in the midst of political and economic upheaval and tension. Please join with us in praying that this season of uncertainty and change would not in any way prevent our staff and volunteers from being able to proclaim the gospel and build movements, but that, to the contrary, we would see greater effectiveness and more openness. Please pray especially that God would continue

to protect our organization during these days, and the heightened political tension with the West wouldn't endanger our **ability to carry out the mission** of building movements in any way.

- Over the past year, the Russian currency has fallen precipitously against the dollar, and this is impacting both the giving habits of national ministry partners, and the purchasing power of the support that our staff receive. Please thank God for our national staff and their supporters, and pray that God would abundantly provide for our staff in the midst of this season of economic uncertainty. Pray for peace and joy, and that our staff would see **openness in the hearts** of the people of Russia during these days.
- One year ago, New Life Russia was able to enter into an **unprecedented partnership project** with the Russian Orthodox Church to distribute New Testaments and copies of the *JESUS* film. The Russian Orthodox Church is by far the most accepted and culturally relevant denomination, but partnership on this level is unprecedented. A year ago we were able to print 100,000 versions of the New Testament and copies of the *JESUS* film for distribution among non-believers. Right now, we are completing our second printing of 100,000 copies and are in the process of distributing them together with the film with the express purpose of helping the Orthodox Church to launch multiplying spiritual movements. Please pray for these partnership efforts in all MCCs - GCM, SLM, and LLM. Pray for the development of effective strategies to not only distribute these resources, but to come alongside like-minded churches to use these resources to share the gospel and build multiplying disciples.

SERBIA

- GCM: Please pray for a good start of MC2 in the **cities Pozarevac, Leban, Novi Sad and Negotin** and for the conversion of the people there. Please pray for people with whom we already shared the gospel and for people who watched the *JESUS* film around Negotin, that the seed of the gospel can grow in their hearts.
- We are also **translating and preparing materials** (*Magdalena, Rivka*, short films, *FamilyLife, Significant Man & Woman*) that they can be good tools in reaching people for Christ and for work with disciples; please pray also for support and new contacts.
- SLM: Please pray for our **new project Sport on true values**, which will start next month and through this we will try to get to know more students, during exercise and other times spent together.

SLOVAKIA

- One **Catholic school** does not desire to cooperate with us any longer; there was a miscommunication/conflict. Pray - we have a lot of students involved in the ministry from this school!
- Please pray for new staff members, so we can **open a new city**. Bratislava is looking to be the first.
- Pray for more SK students to apply as **volunteers for the summer project SpeakOut 2015**, and for one more American guy to come.

SLOVENIA

- Praise God for nine or more couples from Slovenia attending the FamilyLife Marriage Conference in Bosnia. Pray that those who attended the conference will gain a vision for how God can use them to reach Slovenia for Christ through small group **Bible studies related to marriage and family topics**.
- SLM: Pray that God would use the **Summer Mission students** (approximately 25 students) from Ohio and Ohio State University to bring momentum to our ministry. They arrive May 14 and will be in Ljubljana until June 20.
- SLM: Pray for **new outreaches** while we have many team transitions (Worldview Diagram, Expedition methods, EQ Seminar, Dinner Discussion) to provide increasing chances for Slovene students to hear the gospel and respond to Jesus.

UKRAINE

- **SLM is thankful** for three expedition teams working in three new unstaffed cities, two international teams are making progress in two more new locations. Because of the war, the most closed National University of Donetsk, was relocated to a new city and now even professors are open to our partnerships! We are thankful that we have the most of candidates for full-time ministry with Ukraine for

Christ this year than in the past 5-7 years; fifteen people are going through the process of being accepted on staff; the National SLM team needs a media person and assistant.

- Please pray we would be **relevant in our ministry to the time and needs our country** has now. There is a great opportunity to start **and develop military ministry** in Ukraine, we have key volunteers who are already doing this and Cru has a great resource in that worldwide too; please pray God would give us the courage to make the next step.
- Even though our country is all in giving toward to our army and refugees—with the economy as low as it can be--our staff need to go on support raising in just a month. Pray God would **open His resources and surprise and encourage** our staff and CrossRoads with His graciousness.