

## UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS

**May 3:** We're hosting a regional youth conference for School Without Walls (SWW) students in Grodno, Belarus.

**May 7-8:** There will be a retreat for youth leaders in Boryspil, Ukraine at the Word of Life headquarters. Mission Eurasia will participate and provide printed resources.

**May 7-8:** There will be a retreat for youth leaders in Kyiv, Ukraine.

**May 16:** Our team will offer a Next Generation Professional Leaders Initiative (NGPLI) conference in Dubno, Ukraine.

**May 18-19:** We'll hold an Art of Renewal seminar for pastors in Chisinau, Moldova.

**May 25-27:** We're hosting a pastoral conference in Krasnodar, Russia for 150 people.

## YOUR PRAYERS ARE CHANGING LIVES!

Dmitry comes from a devout Christian family in Ukraine, but many of his peers at school used to tell him that Christianity was a hoax and that Jesus never existed. Dmitry tried to convince them that he was right, but they made fun of him. During a break from school, Dmitry decided that he needed to learn how to share the gospel, so he began reading the New Testament with his grandparents, who helped him better understand the story of Jesus.

Dmitry tried again to share the gospel with his schoolmates, but they continued to make fun of him. He didn't give up and he decided to join School Without Walls (SWW) leadership development program to receive formal ministry training. After studying at SWW, Dmitry invited two of his peers from school to church. He hoped they would come, and he prayed that God would work in their hearts. The Lord faithfully answered his prayers, and that very Sunday, they came to church. During the service, they listened—and even though they didn't understand everything they heard—they became interested in learning more about God and attending church.

Now, they no longer make fun of Dmitry, and they are open to talking about Christianity. Dmitry remains grateful for the training he received that helped him gain the courage and knowledge he needed to effectively reach his peers for Christ.



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# PRAYER GUIDE

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“And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.” Mark 1:35

**1** Please pray for peace between Ukraine and Russia as tensions have recently been rising between the two nations. Pray for our ministry leaders and partners in areas impacted by the conflict.

**2** Pray for ministry events and services that will be held on Orthodox Easter (May 2) throughout Eurasia. Pray that millions of nonbelievers will turn to Christ as they hear the gospel.

**3** Pray for the regional youth conference we will be hosting today (May 3) for School Without Walls (SWW) students in Grodno, Belarus.

**4** Pray for our SWW students and graduates throughout Eurasia as they complete their final sessions for the school year and that they become actively involved in ministry in the days ahead. As COVID-19 cases increase throughout Eurasia, pray everything stays on schedule.

**5** This month we plan to host 8-10 Empower mini conferences in eight countries. Pray for us as the dates and exact places are still being confirmed. These events help prepare SWW leaders for effective camp ministry during the summer.

**6** Please pray for the opening of the borders of Mongolia this month. As it remains unclear what the requirements will be, we pray we are able to hold a training conference in western Mongolia in May and a children's camp in June.

**7** Pray for the youth leaders retreat today and tomorrow (May 7-8) in Boryspil, Ukraine at the Word of Life headquarters. We will participate in the event and provide resources. We also will hold a retreat on these days for youth leaders in Kyiv, Ukraine.

**8** Pray for the sports tournament outreach on May 8-10 that the SWW team will be leading in Ulyanovsk, Russia.

**9** Pray for the preparations leading up to our summer camps. Please pray that leaders will develop creative programs and for the students to be fully involved in ministry. Pray that everything would be well-organized and for God to provide needed resources.

**10** Pray as ongoing political tensions and persecution against the church continue throughout Eurasia. Pray that fellow believers will stay strong in their faith.

**11** Pray for the new SWW group being organized in Grodno, Belarus with help from local churches.

**12** Continue praying for church leaders who struggle with multiple jobs. Pray that those who are looking for a new position would find one that allows them to spend more time in church ministry.

**13** Pray for the youth center team at Church Without Walls in Pinsk, Belarus. Pray that God would bless them with vision, wisdom, and needed resources in reaching young people in the city for Christ.

**14** Pray for the ministry at Light of the World Church in Grodno, Belarus and the needed work on the church building. Pray the congregation will be able to pay off their church debt.

**15** Pray for the youth seminar Fresh Wave in Perm, Russia, today. Pray that God would impact those who attend and equip them to influence their peers for Christ.

**16** Please pray for our team as they offer a Next Generation Professional Leaders Initiative (NGPLI) conference today in Dubno, Ukraine.

**17** Pray for the ministry team at Life with Abundance Church in Minsk, Belarus as they raise needed funds to buy a ministry vehicle.

**18** Pray for our team as they hold an Art of Renewal seminar today and tomorrow (May 18-19) for pastors in Chisinau, Moldova.

**19** Pray for the Church Without Walls in Pinsk, Belarus and for growth in discipleship with small groups. Pray that more leaders would step forward to help with different ministries.

**20** Continue to pray for several upcoming events: the pastoral conference in Krasnodar, Russia; the youth conference "Christian of Our Time" in Voronezh, Russia; and for the pastoral school for youth ministers in Zaporozhye, Ukraine.

**21** Please pray for our media ministry in Grodno, Belarus. Pray that their podcasts continue and for the success of other related projects.

**22** Please pray for our church in St. Petersburg, Russia. At the end of April, the church began a spiritual growth course. Pray the Lord will give new leaders wisdom as they invest in their small groups.

**23** Pray for the preparation of summer ministry events for children, teenagers, and youth in Buryatia, a Russian republic in eastern Siberia. Pray God would provide leaders with transportation for short-term ministry trips in this mountainous area as teams begin ministry in new places.

**24** Continue to pray for the healing of family members of our SWW leaders throughout Eurasia as there are various health concerns, surgeries, and other related health issues.

**25** Pray as we're hosting a pastoral conference this week (May 25-27) in Krasnodar, Russia. About 150 people are expected to attend.

**26** Please pray for continued quality work on the translation of our Russian online training course in Ukrainian.

**27** Pray for the Mongolia SWW team as they plan to host a Zoom conference. The pandemic continues to present challenges to ministry efforts as some people aren't allowed to leave their homes.

**28** Pray for the team in Georgia as strict COVID-19 lockdowns remain an issue while the country deals with an ongoing political crisis. Pray SWW events would still be held as planned.

**29** Praise the Lord for the ministry work going on among the Muslims in the Omsk region of Russia. Continue to lift up this ministry work in prayer.

**30** Pray for ongoing relief efforts among the thousands of refugees in Armenia who continue to rebuild their lives following the conflict that erupted last year over the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh region.

**31** Pray for the church construction project in Ulyanovsk, Russia. The church is struggling to obtain needed documents, and they also are looking for a place to worship during this time.



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