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Since
I myself was created I cannot help
having the desire to create.

Igor Stravinsky

*Russian composer, pianist, and conductor (1882-1971)
(U.S. naturalized citizen in 1946)*

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Building Spiritual Movements Everywhere

The year 1988 was a time of special prayer emphasis for the Communist countries in Europe. As part of this emphasis, I remember organizing prayer initiatives. And God didn't take a lot of time to respond to those prayers – the Iron Curtain started to be removed in 1989.

Eastern Europe and Russia (and Israel) is a very diverse Area. It spreads over 11 time zones, with over 300 million people living in 20 countries. Some countries are strongly Eastern Orthodox, others strongly Roman Catholic and still others traditionally Muslim. Add to the mix, one country committed to Judaism and one proud of its atheism and you have a good picture of the complexities of the ministry here.

Openness to the gospel is also varied. Some countries are quite open spiritually. For example, some call Ukraine the "Bible Belt" of Europe. Ukrainian Campus Crusade, known as "Ukraine for Christ," recently became the largest in our Area in terms of the number of national staff members. On the other end of the spectrum is Czech Republic and Israel, where

it is very difficult to see people coming to Christ and growing as His disciples.

We are excited to see the growth of the ministry in our Area. God is calling new people to the staff - this year we will see the largest growth in numbers of new staff members in the last several years – 12%. The ownership and responsibility for the mission is more and more in the hands of nationals. We praise God for this and pray for His continued blessing on this ministry.



Marek Wyrzykowski
Area Team Leader,
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Tuesday, June 1

Isaiah 60:1-2

Pray for project Island 2010, **St. Petersburg**, June 4-6, to encourage participants and provide opportunities to introduce people to Krysha.

Wednesday, June 2

Isaiah 60:3-4

Ask God how best to resource and lead believing students who want to reach fellow students for Christ on distant campuses all over **Russia**.

Thursday, June 3

Isaiah 60:5-7

Russian National Summer Project, Black Sea, July 1-21:
Pray for student leaders' commitment to apply on their universities all God teaches them.

Friday, June 4

Isaiah 60:8-10

May God supernaturally expand the borders of Leader-led Movements throughout **Russia** and the area's other nations.

Saturday, June 5

Genesis 39:21-23

Russia's Internet Evangelism Team:

Pray for experienced partners, specialized sites launched, and protection. <http://www.mirstudentov.com/rf/>

Sunday, June 6

Isaiah 60:11-14

Praise God for using Global Aid Network to enhance Russian churches, New Life ministries and social services, while providing assistance.

Monday, June 7

Isaiah 60:15-17

Lift up Russia's National Office dealing with new laws, work permits and visas, re-registering New Life, IT upgrades, new staff web, etc.

Tuesday, June 8

Isaiah 60:18-20

Ukraine's Leadership Camp for Families, June 10-13: Pray for God's total financial provision and for volunteers to grow in faith and vision.

Wednesday, June 9

Isaiah 60:21-22

Pray that young men who went to the national soccer tournament with our Odessa and Donetsk Campus teams will receive Christ.



Art destroys silence.

Dmitri Shostakovich
Russian composer (1906-1975)

Ted Wilcox - Worldwide Challenge

Thursday, June 10

Joshua 1:1-5

Pray for Ukraine to develop into the forward staging area for reaching the entire Russian-speaking world for the Lord Jesus Christ



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that leads to Spiritual Movements



When we staff members shared with the students the idea of our ministry becoming more student-led, they absolutely loved it. “Wow! You want us to do that? You trust us that much? When can we start?”

After giving them responsibility for many things that we had been doing before, we noticed that students were taking more initiative to organize even more activities than we had done in the past. They were feeling increased ownership in our movement!

Before we began this re-focus on them leading, we were very busy organizing and doing things. We didn't have time to see the students' potential. Now we see that they do everything in such a good way. They have great hearts and are so creative!

At one meeting, we suggested that there be a night of prayer for this vision of student leadership and for revival. The staff asked the students if they would like to organize it. One guy said he would love to be responsible for the event.

When that night came, the atmosphere was clearly special - because it was all organized by

students! We saw with our own eyes how great God's work was, in and through them.

One of the best things they did was to involve new students--students we would not have involved--in organizing the event. We also noticed that students were very motivated to come because they had responsibilities they had taken on. As a result there were many more students at this event than the number we had had at similar events over the past two years.

There are only two university dormitories in Cahul. A few students took one more step of faith and excitedly initiated a prayer time every evening at 10:00 p.m. in one of the dormitories! Within a short time, as the number of Christian students in the second dormitory increased, they decided to organize their own prayer meeting there, just like in the first dorm.

But the changes and signs of growth didn't stop there: There are also some high school students in our movement. They were so motivated by the example set by the university students, they decided to organize a prayer time every evening in their dorm as well.

Other reports continue to come in: One evening a student who didn't even know the Lord attended one of the prayer meetings. She was so overwhelmed with the passion of these students' prayers that she started to cry!

The Holy Spirit is directing a group of Christ followers into new steps of faith. And in a small town with just a few dormitories, students are faithfully leading prayer movements everywhere.

Thank you, Lord, for using them in such a great way!

The Cahul City Staff Team
Moldova

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Friday, June 11

Joshua 1:6-9

Pray for a “Brave Heart” project for **Ukrainian** male students in the Carpathian Mountains to reach and build male leaders.

Saturday, June 12

Joshua 10:25

Pray for a new generation of disciples who can lead the movement today and disciple the next generation in **Romania**.

Praying boldly

is the opposite of excessively polite prayer and of-I'll just say it--wimpy prayer. Praying boldly is praying without intimidation, not caring what other people think, expressing ourselves to God without concern for being appropriate or religiously correct but rather with a passion from our guts that pours out, unashamedly. Bold prayer is not arrogant. It's humble and faithful, because of its self-abandoned focus on God and expectation of what God will do.

People often assume they must be polite or solemn before God. Nowhere does the Bible teach this. Two thirds of the Psalms are complaints, and they are not polite. Most prayers in both Old and New Testaments are bold, expectant, and to the point. When Jesus teaches on prayer in Luke 11:5-10, he talks about an obnoxious guy who bangs on his friend's door at midnight. Then he says we should bug him the same way by continually asking, seeking, and knocking. I often wonder if God gets tired of diplomatic

prayers. Why else would he actually tell us to be bold and persistent-and use examples that, if we were on the receiving end, most of us would say are obnoxious.

There's no real method to doing this. It's a mindset that chooses to free itself from previous assumptions and uses the Bible as a model of how to pray.

Peter Lundell, author of *"Prayer Power: 30 Days to a Stronger Connection with God"* (Revell, January 2009)

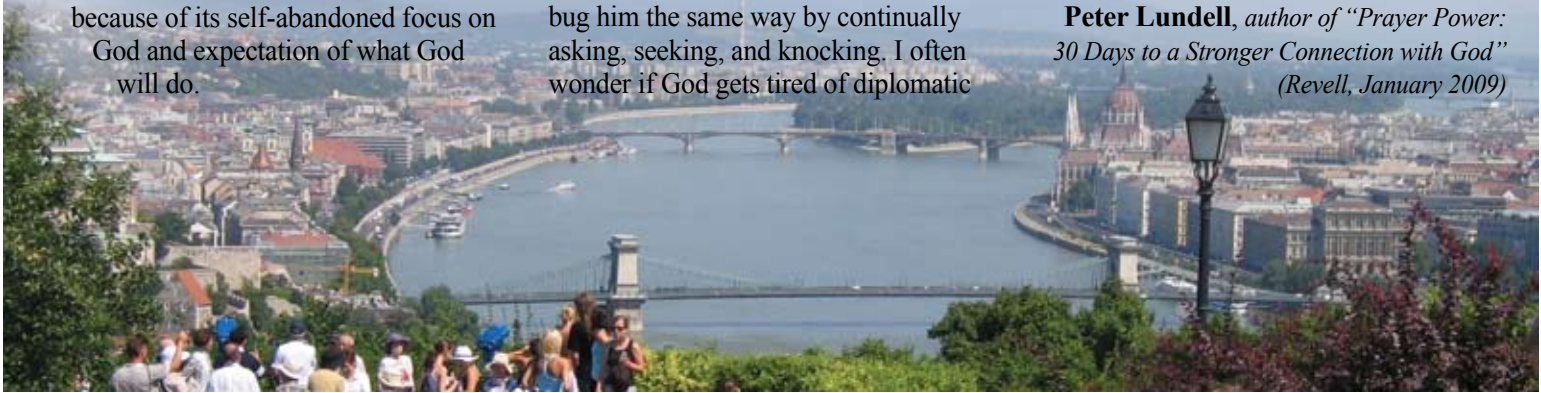


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Sunday, June 13

Joshua 11:4-6

Ask God for workers, funds and miraculously responsive students for launching campus ministry in **Prague, Czech Republic** by September.

Monday, June 14

Joshua 11:7-9

Pray for the students' hearts at Economic University in **Prague** – to be open to the gospel and to becoming spiritual multipliers among peers.

Tuesday, June 15

Joshua 11:15-23

Pray for an ever broader impact on federation level athletes and coaches in **Czech** basketball, baseball and American football.

Wednesday, June 16

Deuteronomy 32:29-31

May the Lord multiply joint ventures of **Hungary's** college and high school ministries, re-establishing their presence outside Budapest.

Thursday, June 17

Isaiah 9:1-3

Thank God with the **Hungarian** team for an Internet evangelism and follow-up strategy, which is growing and gaining popularity.

Friday, June 18

Colossians 4:2-3

Pray for funds to print 4,000 camouflage Bibles for all **Bulgarian** soldiers serving outside the country and legalization of the army chaplaincy.



Every time you pray, if your prayer is sincere, there will be new feeling and new meaning in it, which will give you fresh courage, and you will understand that prayer is an education.

Fyodor Dostoyevsky
Russian writer and essayist
(1821-1881)

Ted Wilcox – Worldwide Challenge

Saturday, June 19 **Colossians 4:4-6**

Ask God for an army of volunteers to use the “Magdalena” film for evangelism and church planting in every **Bulgarian** community.

Sunday, June 20 **Philippians 1:3-6**

Pray Spiritual Life Skills Training will mobilize **S.E. Slovakian** churches to step out in faith to reach their communities with the gospel.

Monday, June 21 **Philippians 1:27-30**

Slovakia’s campus ministry empowers students to lead out in ministry to fellow students. May similar doors open for high school students.

Tuesday, June 22 **Philippians 2:1-4**

Pray the multi-nation Leadership Project in **Croatia** this summer will greatly develop our staff and bring about overall unity.

Wednesday, June 23 **Philippians 2:5-11**

Pray with **Bosnia-Herzegovina’s** Sarajevo campus team as it grows substantially and cultivates a partnership with **Albania** for more workers.

Thursday, June 24 **2 Chronicles 7:11-14**

Lift up 110 enthusiastic **Moldovan** teachers who attended CrossRoads Teachers Training. Thirty said, “I want to make a difference in my school.”

My Prayer Life

Notes ...

My prayer requests ...

People I'm praying for ...

Answers to prayer ...

Friday, June 25

2 Chronicles 7:1-3

Pray about **Albania's** student Leadership Project, 7-12 June; and its newest beach project, RACE, 15-31 July (with iPod evangelism!).

Saturday, June 26

Colossians 1:27-29

Ask God to give **Macedonia** more students leading movements of evangelism and discipleship, with many encouraged during summer projects.

Sunday, June 27

John 14:5-8

Pray that believers in **Slovenia** would be eager to learn to lead conversations toward Jesus - the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Monday, June 28

Ephesians 1:2-10

Ask God's blessing on new staff members and national leaders, that each would have a close, personal relationship with the Lord.

The human heart is a factory of idols.

John Calvin

Influential French theologian and pastor during the Protestant Reformation (1509-1564)



Photo by Matt Casior

Tuesday, June 29

Ephesians 1:11-14

Pray for strength of mind and body for our staff, family members and ministry volunteers during the coming year.

Wednesday, June 30

Ephesians 1:15-23

Pray with the staff for abundant funding of all the Lord has called us to do and every staff member fully supported.



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