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**FW: Summer Prayer Letter 2019**

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August 13, 2019

Dear Praying Friends,

Your prayers have been transfigured into praise unto our Lord. We want to share with you how the Lord is blessing in Ukraine and beyond:

**Tajikistan** – In July Derek traveled to Tajikistan with some male students from SBI. Not only did we get to participate in a local church's Sunday service in Dushanbe, but that afternoon we traveled to Kulob, a city that is 2,600 years old! From there we drove 4 hours to a camp with about 30 Tajik young people. Tajikistan is considered 98.9% unreached with the gospel, the majority being Muslim. It was a physically trying trip with heat reaching 117 degrees. The Lord gave grace to meet every need and blessed our time with these young people in a very unique way with decisions for Christ. We praise the Lord for His work not only among the Tajik, but also among our young men who accompanied us on the trip. Their eyes "affected their hearts" as they are seeking the Lord's will in their lives concerning unreached Tajikistan.

**SBI Summer Camp Ministry in Ukraine** - Two camps were staffed with SBI students in the Lugansk region not far from the war. In one village, 75 children enrolled in the day camp that week with 97, including relatives, present for the concluding service. The other team was even closer to the fighting and also enjoyed a blessed week of ministry. It was a joy to see our students organize, lead, teach and serve the Lord this summer. We have one more camp coming up later in August. Please pray.

**Ukmerge, Lithuania building fund** - The Lord in His time has provided all the needed funds and the church is in the process of finalizing the building purchase. Thank you to all that gave and prayed for this need! The only gospel-preaching church in this city will now own its own building!

**Prayer Requests** - SBI will hold its summer session in late August and your prayers are crucial for God's blessing. Pray for new students and for grace to see lives changed. Secondly, pray as we hold evangelistic outreaches with Couriers for Christ in September in Kyiv. On Sunday, September 22 we plan the first service of Living Hope Baptist Church of Kyiv. Pray for the Lord to call out a body of believers to this new church plant. The greatest deficiency in missions today and our greatest necessity are your persistent prayers. Though you cannot join us physically for September's outreach, you can join us in prayer at the throne of grace. Your influence there will more greatly impact the outcome here, and by His grace, generate more praise unto the One who is worthy of all praise!

For the glory of Christ in Ukraine,

Derek and Julie

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The above pictures are from our summer missions trip to Tajikistan. The top photo is



our group shot from camp. The middle two are Tajik people, of which 96% are Muslim. The population of Tajikistan is 9.3 million, with an estimated 98.9% being unreached with the gospel. Pray for Tajikistan and other countries of Central Asia which are virtually untouched with the gospel. Pray for the Lord of the harvest to call laborers from Ukraine to this barren part of the Lord's vineyard.

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The above photos are from one of our SBI Summer Camp ministries. We worked with a pastor from our SBI Advanced program and his church in the region of Eastern Ukraine called "Lughansk." Many children came to the day camp by bike! Praise the Lord for SBI students who were willing to surrender parts of their summer to serve, teach and lead for the glory of Christ.



Helen Alexander wrote:

*Anywhere with Jesus, over land and sea,  
Telling souls in darkness of salvation free;  
Ready as He summons me to go or stay,  
Anywhere with Jesus when He points the way.*

We're thankful for your faithful support and prayers that aid us in completing His mission for our lives. We love you and praise the Lord for you.





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