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Six part prayer guide for the people of Siberia.

LEADER INSTRUCTIONS

This Kid Missionary Challenge is to pray for the people of Siberia. We suggest that you follow this six part guide on a weekly basis. Our hope is that you will use this simple tool to teach your kids about world evangelism. Each part includes:

Topic – describing the focus of the prayer guide

Introduction – providing context or background for the prayer

Prayer Needs – listing actual needs of the Russian people

You can download pictures, music, and videos at the link below (case sensitive). Look for media cues (*like this*) when you unpack these ideas for kids.

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PRAY GIVE GO

KMC exists to help kids *pray*, *give*, and *go* with missionaries around the world. You are leading kids in *prayer* for the people of Russia. God is calling many of them to *go* across cultures and tell people about Jesus.

Consider *giving* toward those who are ministering to the unreached peoples of Siberia. You can give online by following the link below or by using the contribution form attached to the back of this prayer guide.

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PART 1

Topic – Open Doors to Share the Gospel

A lot of people do not believe in God or serve false gods. Their hearts are hard and they do not want to hear about Jesus.

Lena is a girl from the Buryatia region of Siberia (*Buryatia People*). She is Buddhist. When I first met Lena, she had no desire to hear about Jesus. We invited her to the English Café. English Café is a place where people can come and practice their English. After coming for a while, Lena became interested in coming to our church. Through this outreach, her heart started to become soft towards the Gospel.

- Pray for people like Lena whose heart is hard toward Jesus. Pray for God to make their hearts soft.
- Pray for those with soft hearts already and who are ready to hear the Gospel, that God will lead them to a missionary who can tell them about His Son Jesus.

PART 2

Topic – Creative Ways to Share the Gospel

In some places in Russia it is dangerous to openly talk about Jesus (*Siberian City*). And even more dangerous to become a new Christian. For a lot of people in this region their families and friends will not talk with them and sometimes even try and kill them when they become a Christian. This is a place in Russia where the Middle East culture meets the Russian culture. In this place missionaries need to find ways to carefully and creatively build friendships with people so they can then talk with them about Jesus.

In one place there is a new Christian and Muslim Bible Study. People from these two religions are starting to become friends and starting to study the Bible together (*Bible Study*).

- Pray that God will continue to give missionaries creative and safe ideas on how to tell people in this region about **Jesus**.
- Pray for these people to have courage to choose Jesus, even if it means they lose their family or even their life.

PART 3

Topic – Face to Face Student Project

Every person deserves to have a Christ experience. There are many religions in Russia, Shamanism (witch doctors), Buddhism, and Orthodoxy (*Russian Orthodox*). Religion is everywhere, but it is a true experience with Jesus that changes lives. The Face to Face project is for students (high school to college) to go deeper in their relationship with God. Students agree to give up their free time to seek God and to serve others (in the street, in the orphanages and even to another country). Students are getting out of their comfort zone and finding out that God can use them.

Svetagor and Ksoosha first came to this project to prepare a team to do National Russian Dances as they were going to Mongolia on a mission trip (*Russian Dance*). They enjoyed this time so much they signed up the next year to participate in the project. They were new believers and began to hear from God in a new deeper way, through prayer and reading the Bible. They experienced the Power of God and were baptized in the Holy Spirit. This couple is now married and strong leaders in their local church.

- Pray for those who are waiting for the Face to Face Project to come to their regions.
- Pray for the students currently going through this project who feel a call into missions, that they will follow the call of God without fear.

PART 4

Topic – Mongolians Get Back to Their Roots in Siberia

Christianity in Mongolia is only 25 years old (*Mongolia*). At the church's 20 year birthday, God called Mongolians to reach the Mongolian people in other countries, like Siberia.

Ayuna is 50 years old, and Mongolian. But she obeyed the call of God to go to Buryatia, a region which used to be part of Mongolia, but is now in Siberia Russia. She doesn't speak Russian very well, but she understands the culture of Mongolia. She spends her days in the streets of the village inviting the people to tea (*Russian Tea*). She is a massage therapist and so as they drink tea, she gives them a massage and they are coming to know Jesus. Ayuna is not a pastor, but just a regular person who obeys God. Isn't it great that God uses regular people to tell others about Jesus?

- Pray for God to call more of the Mongolian people to become Missionaries.
- Pray for the people who are waiting for these Mongolian missionaries to tell them about Jesus...The Evenki, Reindeer People, Buryats, Soyats and many other tribal groups across Siberia.

PART 5

Topic – God Protects His Missionaries

Nina is a Russian missionary to the Soyat people, near the Mongolian border. The Soyat people don't like the Mongolians very much because they steal their cows (*Mongolian Cow*). There are only three Soyat villages, totaling about 500 people. They come from Mongolia. When Nina first went to the Soyat villages, the people wouldn't talk to her, they would cross to the other side of the road when she walked toward them. Her very first visitor was from a Soyat witch doctor. This witch doctor told her she had to leave the village and offered her \$20,000. Nina said she would not leave because she was there to tell people about Jesus and that Jesus is worth more than \$20,000 (*Other Faith*). A week later, a second witch doctor came to visit and threatened her. He said that if she didn't leave, that he would call curses down on her and that she would then become very sick. Nina told the witch doctor that she was not afraid of his god, and that her God is bigger. And she refused to leave. A week later, the head witch doctor came to Nina, and was very angry, and told her she must leave this place. He said that if she did not leave, within one year, she would die. Nina said she was not afraid and that her God is bigger than their gods, and that Jesus would protect her. Within one year, Nina was safe and alive and still living in the Soyat village and the witch doctor had died and was buried on the hill. The Soyat people saw that Jesus was more powerful than their gods. A church was started, and people consider Nina one of their own people and greet her in the streets today.

- Pray for God to protect these missionaries.
- Pray for other missionaries to be bold like Nina and to be willing to go to these villages and tribes.
- Pray for God to show Himself more powerful than the gods of the witch doctors, so that people will believe in Him.

PART 6

Topic – Missionaries Stepping Outside of their Comfort Zone

It's 2am when there is a knock at the door. Standing outside is a group of students from several different countries that have come to Siberia to study the Russian language (*Russian Language*). Two of the guys are carrying a girl who was at a party and had too much alcohol to drink. This is life in a Russian dorm. This is a very uncomfortable situation for a missionary to live in, but an incredible opportunity to build friendships and tell the students about Jesus. I lived in an international dorm in Russia for two years. Sometimes people think missionaries stand on the street and preach all day. My "preaching" was different. I had to preach through my actions (*Friends*). I got to build friendships with people from many different countries, Poland, Italy, France, Tajikistan, South Korea, etc. As I got to know these students, I was able to invite them to outreaches and coffee meetings, and eventually church.

- Pray for missionaries to have an effective ministry in places that are uncomfortable, for example, phone calls and knocks on the door at all hours of the day, very little privacy and students who are bound by drugs and alcohol.



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