



This April, we are praying for Christian leaders who are working hard in their churches or ministries **to build a strong team**. We asked Innovista trainers in each region, “What is the biggest obstacle to building a strong team in your context?” and, “How can we pray for the Christian leaders you support?”

April
**PRAYER
DIARY**

1st – 7th

CENTRAL ASIA

WEEK ONE

The legacy of the Soviet Union has shaped what many people in Central Asia think about leadership. Team is often seen by many as a ‘western’ idea, and churches expect leadership to come from one man, with others taking orders.

Thank God that, through workshops and training, Christian leaders are seeing biblical examples of good leadership, and are realising that every member of a team has a gift to contribute. Please pray...

- For Erlan*, a young pastor leading a church team in a remote region. Following training, the team is exploring how they can use the skills of all church members to bring the good news of Jesus to local villages.
- For a training event for 30 senior church, mission and business leaders next week in Central Asia. Pray for security as they meet at a time of increased scrutiny by the authorities.
- For lasting impact from this three-day intensive, as they develop strategies and plans for their national ministries for the next few years.

8th – 14th

MOLDOVA

WEEK TWO

Moldova also has a cultural legacy from the Soviet Union, and many Christians feel they are unqualified to lead. This mindset is a huge obstacle to forming a strong team.

Thank God for Ivan and Ana, a couple from a church in Telenești. They were the only people in their church working with young people. After completing the Mindshift course, they were inspired to gather a team around them. The whole church family has seen the fruits of their ministry. Please pray...

- For the young people Ivan and Ana support to be inspired to get involved in the life of the church.
- That other churches will see the example of Ivan and Ana and be open to the idea of building a team.
- For a group of Christian leaders like Ivan and Ana, who are gathering for a retreat this month. Pray for good teaching and encouragement.

15th – 21st

IRELAND

WEEK THREE

In Ireland, many evangelical churches have small congregations. This makes forming a team more difficult, as people juggle work and family commitments alongside church roles.

Thank God for a youth ministry team that is taking part in Tempo training. They already feel better equipped to identify problems and tackle them as a team. Please pray...

- For this team as they make plans to reach young people in Sligo through sports and schools ministry.
- For the team to be strengthened as they continue to learn together and seek to expand their work.
- That workshops on 'leading through conflict' will help church teams in Dublin and the Northwest to strengthen team bonds and lead their communities through difficult circumstances.

22nd – 30th

UKRAINE

WEEK FOUR

The biggest challenge to building a strong team in Ukraine is the war. Military conscription means that many Christian leaders have been called into service, leaving a vacuum of leadership.

Thank God for a youth ministry team in Rozhyshe, in western Ukraine. Training has helped them to recruit new team members and set a clear vision to help raise the next generation of young Christian leaders. Please pray...

- For unity amongst this new team in Rozhyshe, as they minister to young people facing an uncertain future.
- For teams that are changing again as a new wave of leaders is called to fight. Pray that churches will be able to sustain their work and bring hope to many desperate people.
- That women leaders will be supported by their teams and churches as many take on additional responsibilities.

Supporting Christian leaders where they're needed most

Future Dates for Prayer Events

Join us for our monthly Zoom prayers, and stand with Christian leaders who are serving in challenging places:

- **Thursday 18th April** 7.30am and 7.30pm (GMT+1)
- **Thursday 16th May** 7.30am and 7.30pm (GMT+1)

Please register [here](#) and you will be sent the Zoom details. If you have any questions [please email Lydia](#). See you there!



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