LINNOVISTA



May PRAYER DIARY

Last month, we shared our new goal to start working with leaders in 8 new countries by 2028.

Every year we receive requests from leaders in new countries. This month we are praying for some of the leaders and partnership opportunities we are exploring. In recent months, we've been working with Cant i Gymru. Their aim is to plant 100 healthy new churches in Wales. We're helping them to establish a mentoring programme for young church planters.

Thank God for Ben and Lois, a young couple planting a new church in Rhondda. They are already bringing hope where it's needed most.

LEASE PRAY

 For Ben, Lois and other church leaders as they start their coaching with Innovista this month. Pray that the coaching sessions will help them overcome the challenges they're facing.

- For the church in Rhondda as it welcomes the community in.
- That, as Cant i Gymru identifies new leaders who are called to plant churches in Wales, more people will hear the good news of Jesus.

11th - 17th

UKRAINE

WEEK TWO

Last year, Tolik, Innovista's national director in Ukraine, accepted an invitation from a church team in Azerbaijan. They asked for help equipping church teams with the training and tools to work together.

Thank God that Zahra and Khalil* have invited Innovista back this year to do more training.

EASE PRAY

- For the church teams who will meet Innovista's trainers this time, and experience training and new ideas on leadership.
- That as we help churches work together for the first time, it will promote
- a culture of unity in Azerbaijan's church network.
- That as we plan and carry out this training, we would identify leaders with distinctive character and skill to carry on Innovista's training in the country.

Madina*, Innovista's regional director in Central Asia, recently delivered training at a conference that brought together Christian leaders involved in education and training.

Thank God that leaders from all 5 Central Asian republics could attend to share resources and fellowship. Persecution in the region makes forming these connections difficult.

PLEASE PRAY

- That as a result of this event, Christian leaders would be able to help each other provide culturally relevant resources and training within Central Asia.
- That these new connections will result in invitations to provide Innovista's distinctive

- support to leaders in new countries.
- That as Central Asian
 Christians work more closely together, they'll see real change in each country, as more people hear about the hope of Jesus.

25th - 31st

MOLDOVA

WEEK FOUR

Last year, Maricela, Innovista's national director in Moldova, was invited to speak at a conference by Transform Europe Network (TEN) in Sofia, Bulgaria.

Thank God for Maricela's workshop, in which 51 pastors and ministry leaders from at least 6 countries took part. They were equipped with tools and training to help them to nurture their own faith whilst also growing others.

PLEASE PRAY

- That the Christian leaders who attended the workshop will be able to put their training into practice, and nurture their own faith as they lead others.
- For more fruitful partnerships with other organisations like TEN, who

- are working in challenging contexts like Moldova.
- That through partnerships like this, the Innovista Moldova team would be able to offer support to new leaders from more countries and contexts.

^{*} Pseudonyms used for safety

Cover image: Leaders from churches in Azerbaijan take part in training together for the first time.

Supporting Christian leaders where they're needed most

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

• **Thursday 15th May** 7.30am and 7.30pm (GMT+1)

Please register <u>here</u> and you will be sent the Zoom details. If you have any questions <u>please email Lydia</u>. See you there!

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