



“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. Isaiah 43:19

July

PRAYER DIARY

Innovista wants to support the Christian leaders who are willing to try new things that their communities need, but haven't seen before.

1st – 7th

CENTRAL ASIA

WEEK ONE

In Central Asia, funerals are as important as weddings. But there's been confusion about what a Christian funeral looks like and where Christians are buried.

Thank God that Innovista's regional director, Madina, has been facilitating a group of women from different churches as they decide what a Central Asian Christian funeral looks like.

PLEASE PRAY

- For wisdom and unity for these women, who are often the first to respond after a death in small Christian communities.
- That these new funeral practices would be a blessing to believers and a striking witness to the predominantly Muslim culture around them.
- That the Central Asian church will develop a service that speaks to their own culture, instead of introducing Western norms.

8th – 14th

IRELAND

WEEK TWO

Steve* is a leader in a church in the North-West. He first attended a workshop last year, and knew that his whole church leadership team could benefit from the help Innovista offers.

Thank God that the leadership of Steve's church is now receiving support to put the church's vision into action.

PLEASE PRAY

- For the leadership team as they work together on a plan to bring their new vision into reality.
- For the congregation to feel inspired to join in and help the leaders take action.
- That people in the local housing estates would be open to the church and their message, as new outreach work begins.

In Moldova, many people feel that the only way to do something new is to leave. In Telenestî, Aneta is hoping that new initiatives will show young people that there is hope.

Thank God that Aneta's church has supported her efforts to open a centre which teaches children and young people essential skills and employability.

PLEASE PRAY

- That Aneta will have the resources she needs to keep opening her centre to children who need homework help and a warm meal.
- That Aneta's home town will become a more hopeful place to live, because the church is there.
- That the young people who are receiving mentoring and skills training will know God's love through Aneta's actions.

Many leaders in Ukraine are feeling the strain of caring for their teams and communities through the war, and are lacking the mental health support they need to keep going.

Thank God that leaders are sharing their experiences with Innovista and asking for what they need. Innovista is exploring what is available for them and identifying new ways we can help fill the gaps.

PLEASE PRAY

- That these leaders will know that they are not alone in their experiences.
- For the Innovista team in Ukraine as they seek to offer new ways of helping leaders, including peer support and mentoring.
- That different organisations will be able to work together to ensure more leaders across Ukraine receive the mental health support they need.

*Cover image:
Women in the Central
Asian church are
pioneering new
funeral practices as
a witness to those
around them (image is
representative).*

Supporting Christian leaders where they're needed most

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prayers, and stand with
Christian leaders who are
serving in challenging places:

- **Thursday 17th July**
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