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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.

December
**PRAYER
DIARY**

God, thank you that you are the God of hope. Thank you that you fill us with joy and peace, even in times of struggle, as we trust in you.

This month, we pray for Christian leaders in tough places as they prepare for Christmas. Fill them with joy and peace, and guide their work. We pray that you will help them bring hope in hearts as they care for their communities and share the good news of Jesus' birth.

Sandra is a leader who has stayed in Kyiv. She is putting hope in the hearts of traumatised children who have lost fathers at the frontline.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- The expert training Sandra recently received, giving her skills and strength to support traumatised children.
- Moments of play, laughter, and interaction with therapy animals that bring comfort to these precious children who are suffering deep loss.

PLEASE PRAY:

- Leaders like Sandra who are weary and depleted and who keep serving their communities. Pray that their strength will be renewed and their own hearts filled with hope.
- Children in Ukraine this Christmas who have lost loved ones, homes, and their sense of safety. Pray that churches will minister to them gently and with the hope of the Christ child.

Moldova will celebrate Christmas twice! Churches in the larger towns on 25 December, while small towns and villages still celebrate on 7 January, the Orthodox Christmas.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Church teams planning door-to-door carol singing, invitation events, and practical care for the most vulnerable this Christmas.

PLEASE PRAY:

- Many Moldovans to hear and experience the true Christmas message, in a culture where celebration can focus on gifts and commercial things.
- Vulnerable people to be reached with support this winter – wood for heating, food – and with the hope of the Incarnation.

CENTRAL ASIA

15th – 21st WEEK THREE

There are a lot of locations in Central Asia where local people are still to have the opportunity to follow Jesus. This Christmas, small teams of pioneers – supported by Innovista – continue to take good news to new places.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Courageous young people, being mentored by Innovista staff, who give their time to build for God's Kingdom in remote locations.

PLEASE PRAY:

- Hope in hearts for Christian believers as they celebrate Christmas quietly, in house churches. Pray that their celebrations will be filled with joy and peace, and that God will keep them safe.

NEW COUNTRIES

22nd – 31st WEEK FOUR

Every year, we receive more requests for training than we can meet. This year, to mark our 25th anniversary, we have set ourselves an ambitious goal, and made it our prayer: to equip Christian leaders in 8 more countries by 2028.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

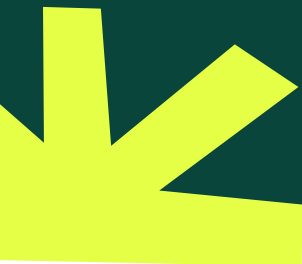
- Local Christian leaders and teams who choose to remain in tough, under-resourced places so they can play their part in growing God's kingdom.

PLEASE PRAY:

- God's guidance in the coming year as we seek new partnerships with local leaders who speak the language, love the people and want our help to share the hope of Jesus in their communities.
- Hope in hearts this Christmas in places where the Church is small, resources are few and countries are marked by poverty or persecution.

How can we pray for you?

Share a prayer request with our team [here](#).



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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 18th December**
7.30am and 7.30pm (GMT).

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



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