



Welcome to the September Prayer Guide.

This month, we look back on some summer highlights. The Innovista team have been busy supporting leaders as they've led summer outreach, often facing considerable challenges. Summer is also the time for church teams to review and prepare for the next season serving God's mission. **Thank you for being a part of this with them.**

We thank God for:

In Tajikistan – and other Central Asian countries – it's illegal for churches to connect with under 18's, so work with young adults is critical. Thank God for the creative leaders who created 'Existential' – a weekend designed just for them. Sixteen people took part and some have joined the follow-on house group.

Also in Central Asia, three leaders were gripped by a vision to serve vulnerable children. Frustrated by the limits placed on local

churches, they decided to become school teachers: “As a result we can influence the children everyday.” These three Jesus-following teachers start work this week.

Innovista staff regularly travel long distances to support leaders in remote locations. We're thankful for safety through thousands of kilometres travelled as well as during summer outreach in cities and towns near the frontline in Ukraine.

Let's ask God for:

Faithful and fruitful follow up after summer camps and outreaches. For new Jesus followers to grow in faith, hope and love, especially those facing opposition from their family and community.

This from 'B', Innovista staff in Central Asia: “Please pray for our children as they go back to school; pray that the new school year goes well, that they will learn and be witnesses for Christ amongst their friends.

Young people like Dima and the rest of his youth group, who, on a recent retreat understood for the first time that they have gifts and talent to use in God's mission. Pray for courage and creativity as they serve in their city and for leaders like Jana who mentor them.

A GIFT TO HELP YOU PRAY

Lots of us find that holding a meaningful object helps us to pray. We have sourced hand-painted bullet cases from friends in Ukraine for this purpose.

If you'd like one (free), please email: luda.kosenko@innovista.org with your name and address and we'll send one your way.



How can we pray for you?

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

Thank you for 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 17 September**
7.30am and 7.30pm (GMT+1)
- **Thursday 8 October**
7.30am and 7.30pm (GMT+1)

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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