

# COUNTRY PRAYER FOCUS

MAKING "...RIVERS IN THE DESERT."  
Isaiah 43:19

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## PRAYER FOCUS: RUSSIA



**Capital City:** Moscow

**Government:** Semi-Presidential Federation

**Population:** 142,257,519 (July 2017 est.)

**Major People Groups:** Russian 78%, Tatar 4%, Ukrainian 1.5%, Other 10%

**Religion:** Russian Orthodox 15-20%, Muslim 10-15%, non-practicing 60%

**Language:** Russian 78%, Tatar 4%, Chechen 1%, Other 15%

### From Misha Goz, Russia National Director, on the Spiritual Climate:

As we continue to face challenges on the path of spreading the Good News in Russia, we are also feeling very blessed by the abundance of opportunities. Just last week I came back from our annual campus ministry Winter Bible Conference. What a joy it was to be among our staff and student leaders from across Russia, some of whom crossed nine time zones to join us from the Far East of Russia.

This time at the conference was devoted to prayer, training, envisioning, and commissioning our student volunteers. Some students responded to the challenge of joining staff. We have about 100 full-time and now about 10 new staff applicants! We are so excited to see how God is responding to our prayers for more laborers. We also got a chance to share Christ during a day of evangelism in the Moscow malls. So much better than being outside in 0 degrees Fahrenheit!!

While we do not currently have any significant Leader Impact ministry, we are encouraged to be reaching college students today as a way of reaching the future leaders of Russia.

"We in the New Life Russia (Cru) Ministry are thankful for your prayer support! Without you standing by as our partners in prayer, we would not see much result in the spiritual battle for the souls of the Russian people."  
--Angela Eding, National Prayer Coordinator

### Please pray for the following:

- \*The staff and volunteers to have conversations with the people around them and that we use opportunities to partner with various denominations (including the Russian Orthodox church).
- \*Protection of our staff and ministry from potential limits imposed by the government restricting our activities.
- \*Healing of Russian families. Current statistics say over half the marriages end in divorce and 930,000 women terminate pregnancy each year. Ask God to strengthen the Family Life Ministry in Russia.
- \*Breakthroughs to change the Russian mentality. People are driven by materialism, held captive by superstitions, and wallow in apathy and ignorance rather than search for spiritual truths. Changing their hearts and minds is something only God can do!
- \*Opportunities for the gospel through sports. There is excitement over Russia hosting the World Cup in 11 cities. Sport opens doors for relationships to be built.
- \*Lent (leading up to Russian Orthodox Easter on April 8) is a great time for spiritual interest and openness.

### Praises from 2017:

- \*103,437 people heard the Gospel through DVDs (Jesus film, Magdalene, and others). 13,389 people gave lives to Jesus and 1,496 are in regular Bible Study.
- \*In partnership with churches, 156 new groups and 7 new churches were started. Some already reach the third and fourth generations of believers.

