

# Texas Country Boys and MGI 2018

## MISSION PRAYER GUIDE

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October 15 - 26 , 2018

*“Because God is the living God,  
He can hear;  
Because He is a loving God,  
He will hear;  
Because He is our covenant-keeper,  
He has bound Himself to hear.”*

*C. H. Spurgeon*

*“Here is the promise we have: our gracious God has never once  
refused to hear any of His children who went as far  
as from earth to heaven on their knees  
to ask Him for something.”*

*Michael Gott*

*“Work for God as if everything depended upon your work; but pray  
to God as if everything depended upon your prayers.”*

*William Booth*

*Here is how you can pray for the mission in Ukraine each day beginning October 16. First, remember the time difference – Ukraine is 8 hours ahead of Central Standard Time. At 7:00 a.m. CST it's 3:00 p.m. in Ukraine. So we especially need you to pray for us when you wake up and off and on until 3 p.m. your time each day. That's when we will be most busy and challenged. Most concerts are between 10:00 a.m. and noon Texas time. We ask you to pray fervently each day. We believe that the success of this evangelistic mission is greatly increased by your prayers. This is extreme mission, and we cannot do this alone. We depend on you to pray for God's touch and triumph on this mission. You are a vital part of this team! Look on the Texas Country Boys Facebook page for a daily mission report with photos.*

**October 15  
Monday**

*Flights  
through  
Chicago and  
London*

**Travel Day** – The team departs from home cities flying overnight eastward toward Europe and Ukraine.

- ✦ Pray for on-time flights and safe travel for the band traveling today: ***Kevin Barham, Trent Blackley, Michael Bridges, Steve Colburn, Jason Ferguson, John Hewitt, Paul Jennings, Igor Kudelin, Harold Pearce, Steve Slayton, Joshua Smith, and Rockey Smith***
- ✦ Pray for ***Susan Colburn*** who is joining her husband for this very extreme mission and will work with the MGI support staff.
- ✦ Pray that the instruments and bags will be transferred and loaded correctly each time the team changes planes.
- ✦ Pray that the Texas Country Boys will be protected from viruses and can rest on the flights.
- ✦ Pray for Michael Gott International's staff of 20 who are already in Ukraine checking all venues and complete all preparation.

**October 16  
Tuesday**

*Arrive Kiev  
and bus  
transfer to  
Odessa  
Ukraine  
on the Black  
Sea*

**Travel Day** – The group will transfer in Frankfurt to their ongoing flight to Kiev, Ukraine.

- ✦ Pray for an on-time, problem-free transfer in Frankfurt as team members board their final flight into Kiev.
- ✦ Pray again that bags and instruments will arrive in Kiev with the group.

**Afternoon arrival in Kiev and board private bus for 7 hour transfer to Odessa in the far south of Ukraine.**

- ✦ Pray every day for our bus driver Andriy who also drove for the group for the last 3 years on mission. Andriy is a Christian brother.
- ✦ Pray every day for the person who asked you to pray for this mission.
- ✦ Pray that the team will be able to rest on the bus and tonight at the hotel.
- ✦ Thank God for the common heart He has given Michael Gott, Texas Country Boys band members, MGI staff American team and MGI Ukrainian staff members. Most of this team has worked together before on evangelistic tours – some many times. (Romans 12:5 – apply it.)
- ✦ Pray that each team member will be filled with expectancy about what God will do through them in these coming two weeks. (Acts 3:5)

October 17  
Wednesday

*Tairove*  
*Odessa Region*

**First Ministry Day** – *The team will wake up in Odessa – the capital of southern Ukraine - population one million. The morning begins with breakfast and team devotional followed by planning and set up for - **Concert one.***

- ✦ Pray wisdom for the MGI leadership staff by name: **Michael and Jan Gott, Amy Pannell, Valery Sherbina and Kseniya Bondarenko** who have organized and will administrate this mission .
- ✦ Pray for the singers, instrumentalists and technical staff **again by name** as they prepare for their first concert on this tour. Ask God to keep their bodies, spirits and voices strong.
- ✦ Pray for the support staff – **Susan Colburn, Linda Comstock, Sherri Johnston, John Kiracofe, Judy Shipp, Allison Ware, Larry and Tammy Wood.** Support staff will greet, hand out programs, pens and decision cards, CD's and New Testaments.
- ✦ Pray for the Ukrianian staff that travels on the bus with the band and MGI staff by name: **Pasha Onatsko, Sasha Marchuk and Vitaly Sherbina.** The Ukrainian staff all interpret for the Americans, help load the bus and work directly with the church pastors and staffs in each city.
- ✦ Pray for **Joshua Smith** and the media team. Pray that the media presentation will have great impact as words of the songs and sermon are projected on large screens in Ukrainian language so that the songs and message are understood by the audience.
- ✦ Pray for **Michael Gott and his interpreter Valera Tseona** as they stand in God's strength day after day to preach a clear message of forgiveness and new life through Christ.
- ✦ Pray for the **7:00 p.m. concert in Tairove Church - 600 seats.**
- ✦ Pray that every church member will bring an unbelieving friend.

October 18  
Thursday

*Odessa*

**Second Ministry Day** – The Texas Country Boys and staff will prepare for a challenging concert this evening in Odessa's famous Philharmonia – **Concert two.**

- ✦ Pray that the daily devotionals will minister to each team member at the point of their need. Ask God to use this time to give the team one heart and purpose.
- ✦ Pray specifically for our witness in the hotel today. Pray that desk managers, waiters, waitresses and housekeepers will all see Christ in us.
- ✦ Pray that God will give all on the team perfect health and good energy.
- ✦ Pray that lost, hurting people will see the banners and posters and online promotion and come to the concert.
- ✦ Pray for God's best blessings on the sound team who travel by van ahead of the band to set up sound and video equipment in the next hall and help Rockey during each concert. Pray for them by name: **Vova Ostapchuk, Roma Simon, Bogdan Linnik, Pasha Vinigradsky, Sasha**

*Karplyuk and Vasya Talko.* Five on this team have worked together since the first concert tour to Ukraine in 2010. They work extremely hard and they love to use their gifts to make Christ known.

- ✦ Pray for the **7:00 p.m. Concert at Odessa's Philharmonia – 900 seats.**
- ✦ Pray that when the band begins to sing Christian songs, the audience will be glued in their seats and feel deeply, “This is something I need.”
- ✦ Ask God to accomplish the spiritual work of life change beginning with peoples hearts!

**October 19  
Friday**

**Third Ministry Day** – After breakfast and devotional, the team will travel 3 hours north to **Pervomaisk** (first-time city for MGI harvest), population 70,000 for – **Concert three.**

*Pervomaysk*

- ✦ Ask God for the spirit of refreshing faith from Christ to come to everyone during the daily devotional time. (Philemon 1:6-7)
- ✦ Pray for the follow-up teams in Odessa where people responded to Christ on Wednesday and Thursday to do their work faithfully and prayerfully as they call and write to those who said “yes”.
- ✦ Pray for Andriy our bus driver and for the team as they travel 3 hours to Pervomaysk and return 3 hours back to Odessa after the concert.
- ✦ Pray that God is exalted in music and message this evening in the **7:00 p.m. Concert at Pervomaysk Palace of Culture – 800 seats.**
- ✦ Pray that each lost person at the concert will say “yes” to forgiveness and new life through Christ and declare their faith at this concert.

**October 20  
Saturday**

**Fourth Ministry Day** – This day includes devotional together with area pastors for a strategy on evangelism meeting and afternoon transfer 1 hour to **Yuzhny** (first-time city for MGI harvest), population 30,000 for – **Concert four.**

*Yuzhny*

- ✦ The musicians, evangelist and interpreter are now entering the most demanding days of the mission. Ask God to lift them up in heart and voice so that they can continue to sing and preach the message of salvation through Christ.
- ✦ Ask God to unite the team in Jesus Christ for His exclusive glory!
- ✦ Pray today for strong voices and health of band members, Michael Gott, interpreter and all the staff.
- ✦ Small towns like Yuzhny do not often have live concerts especially with an international band like the Texas Country Boys in their concert hall. Going to this city will reach 1 in 25 people who live there with a clear gospel message! Ask God to use the music and the message to turn the city to Christ like He used Paul and the early church.
- ✦ Pray for God's glory to fill the **6:00 p.m. Concert at Yuzhny Palace of Culture – 1,200 seats.** Pray for hundreds of men, women, boys and

girls to be gloriously saved!

- ✦ **Tomorrow morning in Bible study please have a time dedicated to praying through the list of requests for tomorrow.** See Day Five -

**October 21  
Sunday**

**Fifth Ministry Day** – Today the team will travel 5 hours on bad roads through the far South delta lands of Ukraine to **Izmail** (first-time city for MGI harvest), population 75,000.

– **Concerts five and six.**

**Farthest point  
South to  
*Izmail***

- ✦ Because Izmail is 5 hours south-east of Odessa, few evangelistic teams go to the city. They feel forgotten and alone in the marshlands of the Dnieper River. Please pray for a harvest in this city.
- ✦ Ask God to renew strength and voices of the Texas Country Boys and Michael Gott after the long morning travel to Izmail (pronounced Is-my-ill).
- ✦ Pray that those who respond today will be “radically saved” and that the gift CD with a sermon will be listened to by whole families so that family members are saved, too. (Acts 5:42 – claim it for all!)
- ✦ **3:00 and 6:00 p.m. Concerts 5 and 6 at Shevchenko Palace of Culture 570 seats.**
- ✦ Pray that all seats are filled in both concerts with hopeless and empty people who are longing for good news.
- ✦ Ask God that the impact will be area wide. (Read Acts 4:31.)
- ✦ Ask God that all praise be to Him alone as the group sings and preaches.

**October 22  
Monday**

**Sixth Ministry Day** – Today the team will travel 3 hours back toward Odessa. They will be in another Dnieper delta town - **Bilhorod-Dnistrovsk** (first-time city for MGI harvest), population 50,000 – **Concert seven**

***Bilhorod-  
Dnistrovsk***

- ✦ Thank God for the mission staff member or musician who gave you this prayer guide. Ask God to continually give them great joy as they travel long miles to lift up Christ.
- ✦ Continue to pray that the team will be united in heart and purpose.
- ✦ Pray again for the technical staff – six brothers who drive ahead by van and set up the sound equipment, special-effects lighting and projection for video translation before the bus with the others arrive at halls.
- ✦ Thank God that the church in Bilhorod has the largest auditorium in the town and can host the concert. Pray that this very conservative congregation will joyfully open their hearts to this different music and to the lost of their city with evangelistic hearts. (I Corinthians 9:22-23)
- ✦ Pray for a young and joyful audience to fill the church this evening.
- ✦ **7:00 p.m. Concert at Bilhorod-Dnistrovsk Baptist – 700 seats.**
- ✦ Pray for the voices of all of the vocalists, the evangelist – that when

they sing and speak the people will hear “Another Voice”.

- ✦ Pray as the tired team and driver go 3 hours to Odessa after the concert to sleep before their demanding schedule on Tuesday.

**October 23**  
**Tuesday**

**Seventh Ministry Day – Three hour transfer to regional capital and port city of Kherson, population 300,000 – Concert eight.**

*Port city of  
Kherson*

- ✦ Pray for the team as they load the bus and travel 3 hours to Kherson. Pray for peaceful rest and joyful laughter on the bus.
- ✦ The group will have their devotional after they arrive at the concert hall in Kherson. Pray that God will visit them in power during devotional so that the concert this evening is a natural overflow of His love.
- ✦ Pray that the people who come to the concert will be open to know and follow Christ. (Claim this verse – Acts 5:14.)
- ✦ There is a build up of Russian troupes in Crimea. Kherson is a short distance from the Crimean border. The people feel vulnerable and afraid. Ask God to impress on them that all of their hope must be in Jesus Christ.
- ✦ **6:00 p.m. Concert at Techstylshikov Palace of Culture – 900 seats.**
- ✦ Ask God to pour out His Spirit through the band and evangelist as they present Christ. Pray for a deep sense of conviction to weigh on each heart until they turn to Christ in repentance and faith.
- ✦ The team will drive 1 and ½ hours to Nikoaevo – tomorrow’s concert city - before checking into a hotel and getting some sleep. Pray that this late check-in goes very quickly and that all can sleep well.

**October 24**  
**Wednesday**

**Eighth Ministry Day – The team will spend the morning at the hotel in Mykolaiv and go to the concert hall for devotional. They must drive half way to Kiev tonight after the concert. Mykolaiv is a regional capital with 3 shipyards and 2 maritime academies. Mykolaiv has a population of over 500,000– Concert nine.**

*The famous  
port and ship-  
building city of*

*Mykolaiv*

- ✦ Ask God to give the team good rest on this free morning in Mykolaev.
- ✦ Pray that God will fill the team with the same urgency and compassion that they had when they arrived for the first concert.
- ✦ Pray that all team members will have true joy – giving all glory to God for what we have experienced during these days.
- ✦ Ask God that He alone be glorified – both in the American team members’ hearts and in the hearts of MGI’s Ukrainian staff.
- ✦ **7:00 p.m. Concert at Mykolaiv Palace of Culture and Arts – 1,200 seats** (*Singing Men of North Central Texas came to this same hall in 2012, and saw this hall packed with 1500 under the threat of*

*cancellation by the Orthodox church.)*

- ✦ Pray that the hall director will allow this beautiful hall to be packed with more than 1,200 people. Pray that church members will stay home so that the lost of the city can come to hear about Christ.
- ✦ Ask God to supernaturally give rest on the bus as the team drives 4 hours after the concert to Uman – a city ½ way to Kiev.
- ✦ Pray once again for Andrii, our driver.

**October 25  
Thursday**

**Ninth Ministry Day** – Four hour transfer from Uman to the capital city of Kiev, population 3 million – most lost and hopeless. We need your prayers for us today! – **Concert ten.**

*Kiev*

- ✦ Pray that each person will wake up today with a heavy burden for the people who will be at this evening's concert.
- ✦ Ask God to visit the devotional time today with His powerful presence and bring every team member to complete dependence on Him.
- ✦ Pray for effective advertisement and that churches will bring lost friends and family to the concert this evening.
- ✦ Pray for the **7:00 p.m. concert at Kiev's famous October Palace at Maidon – 2,000 seats.**
- ✦ Ask God to speak to the many youth who are expected at the concert. Pray that they will like the music and then find their hearts drawn to Christ.
- ✦ Pray for the power of God to fall on the concert. (Acts 8:6-9)
- ✦ Pray for God-produced decisions that result in clean hearts and new lives!
- ✦ Pray that the band and support team will finish strong. (Claim this promise – Psalm 94:19.)
- ✦ Thank God for all He has done in Ukraine. You have been part of the mission tour through your prayers. We are so grateful for your faithful and effective support!

**October 27  
Friday**

**Travel Day** – All team members take a morning flight through Frankfurt arriving in Dallas this afternoon.

*Return to US*

- ✦ Pray that the airlines check-in of the team members will go perfectly.
- ✦ **Pray for on-time, safe flights.**
- ✦ Pray for the joy and fulfillment of being totally spent in reaching the lost with the love of Christ to fall over each weary team member.
- ✦ Pray that God will give rest and comfort on the long flight from Europe to the US.
- ✦ Pray for easy disembarkation and customs clearance at airports.
- ✦ Pray for reuniting with family and friends. Ask God to give joyful times of sharing what God did in Ukraine.

- ✦ After 12 days of travel and intense evangelism before several thousand unbelievers there can be a “spiritual down” – even depression. Ask God by His Spirit to lift every team member above emotional exhaustion.
- ✦ Pray that the team members will have opportunities to share with home congregations so that all can give glory to God for what He has done.

**Oct. 28-30  
Sat.-Mon.**

**First Days after Mission** – Team members return to home situations and work. Evangelism and follow-up in Ukraine continues. New believers begin their spiritual journey.

*Continue in  
prayer*

- ✦ Pray for those coming back to worship ministries in Texas this Sunday. Ask God to give them rest. Pray that the jet-lag coming westward will be quickly over and that they will be able to minister with joy and enthusiasm in home churches here.
- ✦ Days of the mission are now over, but the follow-up in Ukraine is just beginning. Pray for the follow-up directors and teams that are now calling and e-mailing each person who made a positive response on their decision card. Ask God to help them to be faithful to the task. Ask God to give them favor and wisdom.
- ✦ Ask God to bless all Ukrainians who had a part in the events. Go back through this guide and pray for each church and each city.
- ✦ Pray for Michael and Jan Gott and Amy Pannell as they continue their work in evangelism.
- ✦ Will you join one of the 6 MGI mission teams that will go to Ukraine every two months through 2019? Obey God and Go.

*“.....Look, I tell you, open your eyes and see that the fields are ready for harvesting now!” John 4:35 ISV*