

Texas Country Boys and MGI 2019

MISSION PRAYER GUIDE

September 22 – October 4, 2019

*“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 September 22nd. 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 – 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Ukrainian 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! Go to the Texas Country Boys Facebook page for a daily mission report with photos.

**September 22,
Sunday**

*Flights
through
Frankfurt*

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 Fargason, Craig Gauden, Tommy Gheen, John Hewitt, Paul Jennings, Igor Kudelin, Joshua Smith, and Rocket Smith**
- ✦ 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 that all focus will be turned toward the mission as they travel.
- ✦ Pray for the support staff from the US and for Michael Gott International (MGI) Ukrainian staff who are traveling with and working with the band during this mission.

**September 23,
Monday**

*Arrive Kiev
and bus
transfer to
Zhytomyr*

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

- ✦ Pray for an on-time, problem-free transfer in Frankfurt as team members board their final flight into Kiev.
- ✦ Pray daily for ministry of the person who gave you this prayer guide.

Afternoon arrival in Kiev and board private bus for a 3 hour transfer to Zhytomyr.

- ✦ Pray that the Christians preparing in each city for the concerts will not see this as entertainment. Ask God to give them a burden to see their friends and family members come to faith in Christ.
- ✦ Pray that all on the team get a full night of sleep and wake up rested.
- ✦ Thank God for the common heart He has given Michael Gott, Texas Country Boys band members, MGI American staff 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)

September 24,
Tuesday

First Ministry Day – *The team will wake up in Zhytomyr - population 266,000. The morning begins with breakfast and team devotional followed by planning and set up for – **Concert one.***

Zhytomyr

- ✦ Pray wisdom for the MGI leadership staff by name: **Michael and Jan Gott, Amy Pannell, Kseniya Bondarenko and Valery Sherbina**, who have organized and will administrate this mission.
- ✦ Pray for the Texas Country Boys **again by name** as they prepare for this first concert. Ask God to fill them with love for the lost!
- ✦ Pray for the American support staff – **Krissi Bentz, Linda Comstock, Judy Shipp, Allison Ware, Ashley Weir, John Kiracofe and Walter Mullican**. Support staff will greet concert attendees and hand out programs, pens and decision cards, CD's and New Testaments.
- ✦ Pray for the Ukrainian staff that travels on the bus with the band and MGI staff by name: **Ksusha Bondarenko, Pasha Onatsko and Sasha Marchuk**. 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 Kos Ivantsov** 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 at Kochergy Concert Hall (900 seats)**.
- ✦ Pray that the hall will be packed with hopeless people who will listen as for eternity and come to Christ!

September 25,
Wednesday

Second Ministry Day – *The Texas Country Boys and staff will travel west 2 and ½ hours to Rivne – population 243,000 for – **Concert two.***

Rivne

- ✦ The entire team meets for a serious devotional time daily. Ask God to use this time to make us rightly related to God and to each other.
- ✦ Pray every day for our bus driver Andriy, who is a brother in Christ.
- ✦ In concert halls where 80 to 90% of an audience is made up of unbelievers, there is a spiritual weariness that can actually be felt. Ask God to give the band members and evangelist His overcoming power.
- ✦ Pray for God's best blessings on technical team who travel by van ahead of the band to set up sound and video equipment in the next hall. Pray for them by name: Vova Ostapchuk, Roma Simon, Pasha Vinogradsky, Sasha Karplyuk, Andrey Karplyuk, and Vitaly Sherbina. Four 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 that lost, hurting people will see the banners and posters and online promotion and come to the concert.
- ✦ Pray for the **7:00 p.m. concert at Tekstylshchikiv Palace of Culture (750 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 for His deep work that changes hearts. (Romans 10:9) Pray that many young people will confess Christ.

September 26,
Thursday

Lutsk

Third Ministry Day – *Today the team will travel 2 hours farther west to Lutsk, population 214,000, for – Concert three.*

- ✦ 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 Zhytomyr and Rivne where people responded to Christ at the Tuesday and Wednesday concerts to do their work faithfully and prayerfully as they call and write to those who said “yes” to the message of Christ.
- ✦ Pray for travel and meals to be on time and exactly what each team member needs so that the group can do effective ministry day after day.
- ✦ Pray that God is exalted in music and message this evening in the **7:00 p.m. concert at Lutsk Theater Lesi Ukrainki – 800 seats.**
- ✦ Pray that many will say “Yes!” to the call of Christ tonight and that many will be added to the new church plant in Lutsk whose members are sponsoring this evening’s concert.

September 27,
Friday

Lviv

Fourth Ministry Day – *This morning the team will transfer 2 and ½ hours to the capital of western Ukraine – Lviv,. population 730,000 for – Concert four.*

- ✦ The band, 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.
- ✦ Pray against any illness in the group.
- ✦ Pray that people will see the publicity posters, banners and ads on Facebook and plan to come to the concert. Pray that nothing will keep those who need Christ from coming.
- ✦ Ask God to bring hundreds of young people to the concert hall. Pray that as the music changes from country songs to songs about Christ the audience will be captured by the good news of God’s love for them.
- ✦ Pray for God’s glory to fill the **7:00 p.m. concert in the center of the city at Lviv Youth Palace (780 seats).!**
- ✦ Pray against secular pride – endorsing a lifestyle apart from God.

September 28,
Saturday

Ivano Frankivsk

Fifth Ministry Day – *The team will travel 3 hours today to Ivano Frankivsk (population 230,500) for – **Concert five.***

- ✦ Pray daily for our driver Andriy who will drive the team 1,300 miles.
- ✦ Ask God to renew strength and voices of the Texas Country Boys, Michael Gott and interpreter Kos Ivantsov.
- ✦ Pray for the American staff of greeters who work with the Ukrainian church members arriving at the hall early to pray together and welcome each person as they come to the concert giving them programs, decision cards and pens before the concerts.
- ✦ Pray that those who respond today will be “radically saved”.
- ✦ Pray that the gift CD and QR code with songs by the band and an evangelistic sermon translated into Ukrainian will be listened to by whole families so that family members are saved, too. (Acts 5:42 – claim it for all!)
- ✦ Pray that all seats are filled at this concert with hopeless and empty people who are longing for good news.
- ✦ Ask God to bless the pastor and people of the Baptist Church and the Christian Church who have sponsored this evangelistic concert.
- ✦ Pray for God’s spirit to bring many young and old to new life in Christ at the packed **6:00 p.m. concert at Shevchenko Theater (1,000 seats).**
- ✦ 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.

September 29,
Sunday

Chernivtsi

Sixth Ministry Day – Today the team will drive 4 and ½ hours into the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains to Chernivtsi (population 230,500) for – **Concert six.**

- ✦ 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 make Christ known.
- ✦ Pray that the team – both American and Ukrainian - will be united in heart and purpose. Ask God to give them restful joy as they travel long hours on the bus over the rough roads of Ukraine.
- ✦ Pray again for the technical staff who arrive to set up the equipment.
- ✦ Ask God to bless the efforts of the very conservative churches of Chernivtsi who have opened their hearts to a different kind of music and worked to fill the largest hall with the lost of their city. (Read I Corinthians 9:22-23)
- ✦ Pray for a young, joyful, responsive audience to fill the hall.
- ✦ Pray for the **6:00 p.m. concert at Chernivtsi Officers’ Hall – (700 seats).**
- ✦ Pray for the voices of all of the vocalists, the evangelist and interpreter – that when they sing and speak the people will hear “Another Voice”. Pray that many turn to Christ trusting Him alone for salvation.

September 30,
Monday

Seventh Ministry Day – *The team will travel 3 and ½ hours over the Carpathian Mountains to Khmelnitsky (population 265,000) – Concert seven.*

Khmelnitsky

- ✦ Pray for the team as they load the bus and travel. Pray for peaceful rest and joyful laughter on the bus.
- ✦ The group will have devotional and dinner at the church in Khmelnitsky before going to the hall. Pray that God will visit the team in power during devotional so that the concert this evening is simply 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.)
- ✦ Pray for the **7:00 p.m. concert at Starytskogo Theater – 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. Pray that many will turn to Christ in repentance and faith.
- ✦ The team will drive east toward central Ukraine for 2 and ½ hours before stopping at a hotel in Vinnitsa for a few hours of sleep. Pray that this late check-in goes very quickly and that all can sleep well.

October 1,
Tuesday

Eighth Ministry Day – *The band and staff will travel six hours from Vinnitsa in the west to Kropyvnytsky in central Ukraine (population 226,500) for – Concert eight.*

Kropyvnytsky

- ✦ Pray all day for this mission team as they travel 7 hours stopping only twice in order to be in Kropyvnytsky by concert time.
- ✦ 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 serving Him in Ukraine.
- ✦ Ask God that He alone be glorified – both in the American team members' hearts and in the hearts of MGI's Ukrainian staff.
- ✦ Ask God to turn weakness into strength as this tired group of musicians and Michael Gott walk onstage for the **7:00 p.m. concert at Kropyvnytsky Philharmonic Hall (900 seats).**
- ✦ Pray that the hall director will allow this beautiful hall to be packed with more than 900 people. Pray that church members will stay home so that the lost of the city can come to hear about Christ.
- ✦ Pray that many who heard Texas Country Boys in concert in this same hall 2 years ago will bring their friends to hear the message of Christ.
- ✦ Pray that after this concert the team will be able to have a long night of rest. (This is the 8th hotel in 9 days of mission, but the group leadership wanted to reach as many with the message of Christ as possible in 10 days. Following Christ's example – they thought first of the lost. (Read Matthew 9:36)

October 2,
Wednesday

Ninth Ministry Day – The band and staff will travel for 3 hours across the Dnieper River to Kremenchuk (population 225,000) – **Concert nine.**

Kremenchuk

- ✦ This was the first concert city for Singing Men of Texas in 2010, but this is the first time that Texas Country Boys have been in this city. Pray that many will see the online publicity and come to the concert.
- ✦ Ask God to visit the devotional time today with His powerful presence and bring every team member to complete dependence on Him for strength and spirit in this evening's concert.
- ✦ The team will travel 3 hours to Kremenchuk and then have devotional. Ask God to give them a joyful time as they commit this concert to Him.
- ✦ Pray for the **7:00 p.m. concert at Petrovsky Palace (1,100 seats)** Pray that this hall is filled to capacity!
- ✦ Ask God to speak to the many youth who are expected at the concert. Pray that they will be spellbound by the music.
- ✦ 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 for Pastor Ivan and Missionary Jon Gainer and members of the new church plant in Kremenchuk who are sponsoring this concert.
- ✦ Pray that the band and support team will finish strong. (Claim this promise – Psalm 94:19.)
- ✦ Continue to support us in prayer through the next and final concert in this evangelistic tour. We need your prayers through the finish!

October 3,
Thursday

Tenth Ministry Day – The band and evangelistic staff will travel for 3 hours to the regional capital of Cherkasy (population 225,000) – **Concert ten.**

Cherkasy

- ✦ Texas Country Boys could have taken this day free to prepare for their 6:00 a.m. flight home tomorrow. They chose instead to accept the invitation to do a concert in Cherkasy between Kremenchuk and Kiev where they can share Christ with over 1,000. Ask God to sustain them!
- ✦ Pray that today's devotional will be a time that gives all glory to God and brings spiritual strength for this final concert.
- ✦ Cherkasy was the munitions capital of Ukraine for World War 3. An underground city still exists where the 50,000 most loyal communists would go for protection if war began. Thank God that we can share Christ with the children and grandchildren of that generation.
- ✦ A unique afternoon concert is planned in this city for high school and university students. 90% of them cannot speak of knowing Christ personally. Pray, pray, pray for the **5:00 p.m. concert at Druzhby Narodiv Concert Hall (1,100 seats)**
- ✦ Celebrate with us the victories already experienced in the last 10 days, and pray for us as we drive 4 hours to Kiev after the concert to check-in

at 4:00 a.m. for our 6:00 a.m. flight to begin our 20 hour journey to Dallas and home.

- ✦ Pray a final time for Andriy our bus driver and for all the team as we make this final journey. Pray that in our hearts is only praise to God.

*October 4,
Friday*

Travel Home - The group will stay for 4 hours at a small hotel by the terminal where they will board their westbound flight toward Texas.

- ✦ Pray that the airline check-in for the team members will go perfectly.
- ✦ **Pray for on-time, safe travel.**
- ✦ 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 home.
- ✦ Pray for easy disembarkation and customs clearance at DFW.
- ✦ 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. 5-7
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 that all are allowed to share about the mission in their churches. Pray that families and churches at home will have true joy in their hearts about all God has done, and that there will be no criticism or cynicism
- ✦ 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 2020? Our events reach from 700 to 1,000 a day with the Good News. Call Amy Pannell at 903.602.5252.

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