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## Prayer Focus for HCF's Partnership with our Sister Church of Druisk, Belarus

***A little history, where we've been.*** . . . In the fall of 2010, mission teams from HCF ministered in several areas within Belarus through partnership with Byelorussian Missions and our brother in Christ, Andrew Ryzhkov. Pastor Joel had been affiliated and in partnership with Pastor Andrew for several years leading teams from churches where he had served. Returning from this 2010 ministry journey, HCF's leadership and church family began to pray and seek God's direction for ministry to the people of Belarus while *"the doors to Belarus remain open"*.

The Lord has called us to specifically partner with a small church in the towns of Druisk and Druya. These villages are located in the northwestern area of Belarus. In the winter of 2012, we began our on-going relationship with Pastor Nikolai and the membership of the Church of Druisk with the purpose of encouraging local believers and helping them bear witness to Christ. Since February 2012, when the next team returned to Belarus, we have continued to support, send ministry teams and pray for and minister to and with Pastor Nikolai and the Lord's faithful followers of the church in Druisk as they minister to us in prayer support.

***The latest.*** . . . In 2015, Pastor Nikolai and Hleb visited here with the opportunity to meet Harvest's church family. In November 2015, another HCF team assisted in Druisk with ministry.

***Currently.*** . . . HCF has another team preparing 'to go'! This fall's focus is evangelistic follow-up, intentional teaching of the church and work projects on the church building.

**Please join this team and our sister church in Druisk through prayer** for the Lord's guidance, direction, protection and peace as they plan, prepare, travel, and minister.

## Prayer Focus and Requests

The ministry team representing HCF's church family will leave Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> and return Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. They will be participating in 'home visits', evangelistic follow-up, the ladies leading Women's Bible Studies, the men leading in worship and Men's Bible Studies with intentional teaching of the church as well as work projects on the church building. The HCF members of this team are:

Pastor Joel Bradberry	Cyndy Lowery	Kristal Westbrook
Davis Gooding	Barry Taylor	Our HCF family in prayer

**Following are several specific prayer requests that have been expressed by individual team members for the team as well as the current prayer requests from our Byelorussian ministry partners.**

- For faithfulness to Christ in each moment, in EVERY facet of life,
- Holy living and a clear Christian witness in all that's said and done
- Discernment and wisdom in all phases of life and to be a Christ-like steward of all that God has given
- God will lead in all truth as sermons & lessons are prepared. Wisdom preparing lessons that honor God and are true to His Word
- Open doors, hearts and minds for the Gospel
- The Lord's peace and protection through *all* the team members' faith as they prepare, travel & minister. Wellness & good health during this time
- Wisdom for the translators. Alertness and protection for the drivers
- Wellness & good health for the team members families at home
- God would minister grace & true JOY in their hearts as He is glorified in all they do in service to the Lord and in work and fellowship with their Byelorussian brothers and sisters in Christ
- Wisdom in delivering messages in a way that is helpful and useful to the Byelorussians and sparks good conversations on the topic
- They will preach/teach in the power of the Spirit with humility & love
- A heart for the people we visit (good listening) so that we can respond biblically to their spiritual needs. Members of the 'local work' will continue to grow in taking the lead during our "Gospel sharing" visits and interactions with the local community.
- Salvation for our Byelorussian friends (specifically Anatoly & Azur)
- Several team members continue to request prayer for the salvation of family members as previously brought before the church family
- Nikolai- the advancement of gospel promises to be more effective; faithfulness in discipleship
- Anatoli & Olga-birth of 4<sup>th</sup> child, final construction of their home
- Marsha & Oleg- birth of 3<sup>rd</sup> child
- Gertrude- mother Amelia is very weak and may die any moment
- Natasha- Wisdom to teach the children at home, church and the orphanage