



General report 2019

Eugene Taran and his family, Novotroitske, Kherson region, Ukraine (104)



Greetings!

Another year of working closely with you has passed. Actually, it was a very difficult year for me: building a House of Prayer, organizing two camps for children and teenagers, a camp for women and street evangelism, meeting with former prisoners once a month, working with low-income families, making trips to the war zone in Donetsk region. A lot of work has been done but unfortunately the fruits of it don't exactly look like I would want them to. Nevertheless, I believe the time for the harvest will come very soon. I can tell that your help and prayers contributed greatly to everything we have done. So, with much gratitude in my heart would I like to share some new stories with you.

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I will start with the construction of the House of Prayer. Thanks to your support, we have made a lot of progress in recent months. We bought a lot of building material, insulated the roof, installed electricity and water supply, equipped the floor with heaters, plastered the inside walls, put windows and doors. I am now pretty confident that on January 7, 2020, in the new House of Prayer, we will hold a children's Christmas festive event.



Thanks to your support, we were able to help two disabled people this year by buying them medicines and the essentials for the living. We also helped two sisters from the church who had serious illness, providing them with medicines and food.

Three years ago, I met a man named Sergiy who was kicked out of his house by his wife and daughter. He lived on the streets and slept in a local park. It was fall already and the cold season was coming fast. I found him a home and paid for the rent a couple of months in

advance. We provided him with clothes, dishes, furniture and everything he needed for a living. A little later he got a job with a local farmer who provided him with reasonable accommodation on the farm. After a little while, the man began to attend our church services. In September, he donated \$ 1,000 for the construction of the House of Prayer. Of course I was pretty much surprised by such generosity.



He was a poor man and I was wondering where the money had come from. But he told me not to worry about that, since he had deposited the money at the bank several years ago. He said that when we had helped him, he had made a promise to God that when the time was right to raise money, he would donate \$ 1,000 to the ministry. Since that time, I often go out looking for homeless people to offer them help (just kidding).

We always find some medications in the boxes you send us. I used to take them to the front line to hand over to the soldiers, but lately I rarely go there, and besides I hear that the military is now better equipped with medical equipment and medicines. So I give all the drugs to our local hospital. I have been assured that they are using it to help those who cannot afford treatment, especially large and poor families.



The last time I brought help, the chief doctor was very grateful.

In September, a Social Assistance Service reached out to me and asked to help a drug addict, Larissa. She is 43 years old now and has four sons, her husband abandoned her. I suggested that she go to a Christian rehab center and she agreed. Since then, her children have stayed with her grandparents. Larissa was willing to undergo rehabilitation. Since the two of the children were underage, the Care Service decided to deprive Larisa of parental rights and not to let their grandmother keep them. That was due to the grandfather's refusal to take care of the kids. Convincing the old man of not giving up on his grandchildren was a hard task. I came to their home several times to persuade him to take the kids for the time of rehabilitation. Thank God, he complied. I went to the Children's Affairs Department and asked them to renew Larisa's rights for motherhood after the rehab therapy is ended. I was told it would be up to the court to decide. So I went to testify at the first court session and the judge agreed to the proposal to deprive a woman of parental rights only for the time of her treatment.



Soon, the process of granting the grandparents a status of caregivers begun. And then there was a problem: the certificate on the

psychological condition of the elder son was not issued due to the fact that he had lost necessary documents from the military registration and enlistment office. I knew that guy because I had met him before in a war zone near Donetsk. Without this certificate, the court cannot allow the tutelage and can direct the two younger children to the boarding school. I went to the hospital, my mind full of doubts, and explained everything to the responsible psychotherapist, asking for his sympathy and understanding. After 10 minutes, I already had the necessary documentation in my hands and was ready to take them to the court. This was definitely God's acting and I was astonished by this miracle. There should be another courtroom meeting. I believe the children will stay with their relatives. As for Larissa's eldest son, I am now trying to befriend him. I invite him to our house and often ask for his help with the construction of the House of Prayer.



I continue to work with imprisoned people and the ones who have been recently released from jail. I would have not been coming to visit them unless the special service that is supposed to conduct mental therapy sessions with them asked me to. It is not an easy task. Sometimes the guys behave provocatively. At some point, I was ready to give up, say that I have other business to attend to, but then I had an idea. I have some friends who were alcohol and drug addicts in the past but today they are saved and revived by God. Some of them even serve in churches. Those who had vivid testimonies to share I invited to our House of Prayer to meet and speak with the former prisoners. I hope the Lord will lead this ministry further. Again, thank you very much for your involvement, for your prayers, for your support that is much needed here. I pray that the Lord will bless you abundantly. Thanks to your help, I and other missionaries like me get the chance to serve God by helping people who are in need.



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Please, pray that God would help us finish the construction of the House of Prayer;
- Ask God to give me strength and wisdom in carrying out my ministry;
- Pray for the broken people - families in crisis, homeless, alcoholic and drug addicts, for those who see no hope;
- Also, ask God to make the war in the East of Ukraine come to an end.



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