



## General report 2019

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#### Greetings!

We greet you with the love of our Lord Jesus Christ. We genuinely thank you for your prayers and financial support, as well as your sincere and open heart to help children and their families who are under difficult circumstances. Another year is coming to an end. Looking back at everything that has been done, I want to praise the Lord! We have worked with you side by side to spread the Kingdom of God. Thank the Lord for you and your donations! Thanks to you, we have been able to continue this ministry successfully. May God bless you abundantly!

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As always, the year was full of work. Currently, 104 Day care centers are active in Ukraine, attended by about 2 000 children a week in total. The meetings organized by the centers help kids to develop as individuals, do their homework and study the Word of God. Many new children have come to our local Day care center this year. Up to 20 participating kids have



been baptized. We are happy to inform you of a special event that took place this year - namely a visit of Dmytro Kuleba and his family, - a government representative for family and children affairs, - to the Day care centers in the cities of Lviv, Ternopil, Dnipro, Kharkiv, Kovel, Mariupol. Since Dmytro's team is responsible for conducting this project at the state level, they collect all necessary materials to prepare methodology manuals for the implementation of the project next year. Also, a team from the city called The White Church came to Khmelnytskyi to see the local Day care center's ministry, and a big picnic on our church's territory was organized for the children from Khmelnytskyi region in May.

Day care centers is one of the most effective instruments of evangelism and social ministry.

Holding conferences, seminars, workshops, forums and meetings for leaders is one of our main goals. Our team grew and was persistent in its efforts to help open more Day care centers around the country to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In winter-spring period our team organized several workshops on the topic of working with children in The White Church city and Kostantunivka. 20 ministry leaders attended the workshops. We also held meetings for leaders in Pokrovsk and Mariupol, Donetsk region. The Day care centers workshops were held in Dnipro city in February. Also, a national forum for the leaders of Day care centers took place in November. Many good speakers participated in the forum and made a considerable contribution to our children ministry by sharing their knowledge and experience. In total, about 150 people were involved.

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Summertime is usually dedicated to camps. This year we had two camps for children and teens. One of them we had to close after a couple of days because the kids started getting sick with intestinal infection. Many children got very upset because of it, since usually they don't have an opportunity to spend summer vacations somewhere else. For this reason, we organized



a one-day picnic for them in the early September. Also, young people from one Dutch church were invited to take part in our teenage camp this year. They helped a lot with preparing the premises for the Day care center, since many children don't have a proper place to meet up during winter period.

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Also, we now work with families as much as possible. Bible study groups are held regularly for parents, mostly young mothers, who can discuss the Scriptures, particularly the stories of women in the Bible and how their faith shows resemblance of real life with God. In November, one of our sisters, the leader of our Bible study groups, died. She was just 39 years old and left behind 2 kids and a husband. Her daughter, Stanchak Anna, was also engaged in a Hart project. She was a prominent servant in the field of God, taking care of other women in any way she could. Now, another sister from our church leads these Bible study groups, even though she is just getting started and it's something very new to her.

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### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- I ask you to pray for me, especially for my health issues and for my relationship with God;
- Please, pray for preparing a project of Day care

- centers on a state level;
- Pray so that teachers and servants in Day care centers would be able to receive proper education, since some special cases such as traumatized children, connections with social services and public communication, as well as counseling families require qualified specialist who know how to do their job;
  - Pray for the construction of premises for Day care center in Voduchky village;
  - Join us in prayers for the proper organization of summer camps and other activities for youth;
  - Please, pray for the family of the deceased woman. Her daughter Anna is 17 and her son is just 7. May God help them to endure the hardship they face;
  - Also, pray for further work with families, as well as for successful organization of family camps and other ministries in this field.



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