

## General report 2019

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#### Greetings!

We have a good opportunity and a privilege to congratulate you on the holiday of Christmas! There is a large distance between us, but in the field of God we work side by side, and when the Lord comes after the Church, we will get the reward equally. We are sincerely thankful for your financial support! Without you, our ministry would be impossible to carry out. We believe that Jesus opened your hearts to us, and we rejoice in the fact that the Lord has His children all around the world.



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As this year is coming to an end, we look back at the work that has been done and give thanks to the Lord for his blessings and care. Last year, we had two water baptisms, and another 32 people joined the Church. In addition, unbelieving people come to the Church every week, as we do a large-scale social work in the city. In the summer, our youth gathered children from unbelieving families and made a picnic for them outside the city. There are many families in our Church who came to the Lord through their children sharing the stories about their experiences from the Christian summer camps.



The church is growing in number and there is a need for effective ministry, which is why we hold a seminar for leaders of different ministries in September. The duration of this annual seminar is three days, with an average attendance of one hundred and ten people. During coffee-breaks, people shared their life stories, experiences in ministry, prayed for each



other and had a blessed time of fellowship together.

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Big work is being done in rehabilitation centers every day. Here, one can most clearly witness God's interference with human life. Recently, an alcohol addicted woman came to us for help. Her husband died and she started drinking badly, leaving behind her four children. We have



placed them in our orphanage, and the woman herself is now undergoing a rehabilitation session. Her name is Nadia. We pray for her so that the Lord may give her peace, because now she continues suffering from horrible depression and anxiety. Four times in a year, we hold meetings for alcohol and drug addicts. Friends share testimonies about their lives and how Jesus saved them, thus encouraging others to come to the path of salvation. To make this ministry more effective, all rehab center mentors gather on Mondays and pray that the addicted people may be set free from this sin.

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Many criminal groups have thrived in our city this year. They attacked people, broke into homes stealing everything they could take. It affected us directly. We have decided to pray against this evil together with other members of our Church. After about two months of continuous prayer, the members of the main gang were caught by the police and taken into custody. We are grateful to the Lord for answering our prayers and protecting us!



We can feel that during the Last Days the enemy is attacking families even more and with much more pressure. Now we hear more often about family issues and divorce between Christian couples. We decided to organize various activities for the families to strengthen the community. For instance, we organized a "daddy and son" trip and had a good time communicating, resting and praying. We now



plan to engage more non-believers in such activities. From time to time, we send packages of assistance to families in the war zone in the Eastern Ukraine.

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### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Please, pray for the ministry of our Church, so that God's work will be expanded;
- Pray for the successful construction of a new women's house as the old one is very small, old and not appropriate for living;



- Also, pray for my family. Almost simultaneously my wife and daughter were fired from their jobs (due to redundancies). For this reason, it is not easy for us to cover utility expenses now;
  - We ask everyone to pray for the end of the war in the East of Ukraine.
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