



General report 2019

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Greetings!

Praise the Lord for one more year of successful ministry, for His guidance and provision in our life. God's wisdom is especially fascinating when it comes to His plans for the Church - the Word of God is preached on all continents, prayers for the spread of the Gospel and repentance of people are heard all around the world, and we, as Christians, are united by one great purpose - to serve the Lord and fulfill His will. We are grateful to God and to all who support our ministry through prayer and sacrifice. Your help is very important and valuable to us.



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The Gospel remains a pivotal thing in our lives and ministry. This year, as in the previous ones, I organized hiking trips to the Carpathian Mountains. As usual, this time more than half of the people who went camping with us were not the members of the church. This gave us a good opportunity to develop a bond of friendship with them, as well as share the Gospel when the time was right. We also use those trips as an opportunity to build stronger relationships with these people and invite them to be a part of our Bible study groups.



In the spring and fall, we continued to organize groups (consisted mostly of people who are not the members of the church) for learning English and discussing the Bible. Once a week, we hold two-hour meetings for each group of people, where we teach them English for one hour and during the next hour read and discuss the Bible. We now have 3 groups. No wonder that most of the attendees are in the middle of a big spiritual search. We pray for their repentance and their confession of Jesus as their Lord and



For probably more than a year now, the Lord has been drawing my attention to the importance of personal evangelism. For me it was difficult to refocus from church ministry and projects to sharing the Gospel on individual level. Step by step, the Lord has been helping me overcome the fear of talking about Christ to strangers on the streets, starting conversation, getting their attention and present them His truth in the most appropriate way. I have read many books about personal evangelism, studied Biblical stories of how Jesus used to do it, and started trying it myself. The Lord provided me with opportunities and gave me a very valuable experience. I continue to learn how to testify about the Lord to strangers and strive to make it a part of my everyday life. I know that being a servant of the living God calls for being always and everywhere ready to share the Good News about the sacrifice Jesus made for us.



Realizing the importance of personal evangelism, we began to talk more about it from the pulpit in the church. Three members of our church (myself included) went through an individual training course devoted to teaching about sharing the Gospel with people we meet in our everyday life. Starting from September, every Sunday, after the main service, we get together to learn how to preach the Gospel effectively and persuasively, and often go outside to actually do this. As for now, 12 people in our church are involved in this ministry. We strongly need your prayer support to have courage in sharing the Gospel and wisdom in communicating with every person we happen to meet and witness to.



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for the work of the Holy Spirit in us, so that God gives us wisdom in personal evangelism and send the right people in the right time to share the Gospel with;
- Please, pray for God's blessing and guidance in teaching the church members and leaders to effectively preach the Gospel to people on the streets;
- We also ask you to pray for the repentance of people attending our English + Bible study groups;
- Pray so that God would give us wisdom in using our financial resources to serve Him in the way He wants us to.



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