

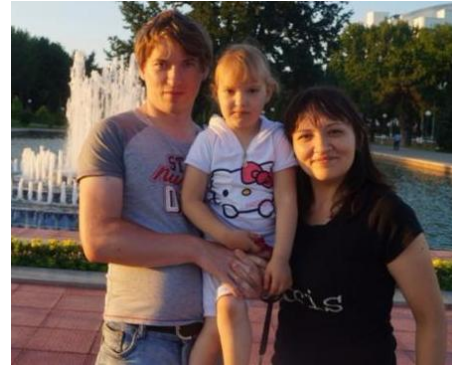


## General report 2019

### Yana Smirnova and her family, Missionaries in Russia and China (47)

#### Greetings!

Peace to you dear workers and supporters of HART ministries. We are very grateful to you for your prayers and financial support. Your support allows us to continue serving our Lord Jesus in different places and share the Good News about Him. May the Lord bless you richly and reward you for your generosity and extend the borders of your ministry to Him.



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This summer, we had wonderful opportunity to serve in Russia and Ukraine. Yura was organizing seminars in different cities and teaching about the mission work. After these seminars, many people were very interested in mission work in China and elsewhere. Also we had an opportunity to coordinate the work in several day camps in Ukraine. At the end of August, we came back to China, to continue our ministry there. We have 2 branches of our ministry there. Personal outreach and organizing seminars and teachings for believers for their growth in faith.



Christians in China are being limited in their freedom to follow Jesus. In the beginning of the autumn, there was a new law that was passed. It is forbidding children up to 18 years of age to attend churches or any Christian events. Registered churches agreed to these changes and don't let children to attend any services. Non registered churches ignore this law, but they have to change the location of their church meetings. They don't own church buildings. At the Universities, students are being persecuted and they have to fill up the documents stating if they visit Christian Churches, they have to say what church they visit and who invited them there. And then they closely watch this student and often talk to him about the harm of Christianity for them and the country. This year there is no Christmas decorations outside, because of the new law forbidding to



celebrate Christmas. Despite all these persecutions, we continue our ministry in this country and continue inviting students to our seminars and Bible studies.

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We want to share with you a story of one lady - Luba. It is about how God has saved her and brought her whole family to the church. She suffered a lot before she came to know Jesus. Her life was affiliated with a bad company and she spent some time in jail as a result of this friendship. Her daughter was raised by her grandmother. She was different in prison. She quit smoking and was acting modestly. God was protecting her from being used by men in the prison, when other women were harassed by the prison guards. Sometime into her sentence, she has heard about the Lords and accepted Him into her heart. All of this happened in Russia. God has filled her heart with love and she started serving other women in that same prison. She continued serving women in prison even after she was released from prison. When she attended our seminar about mission work, she decided that she wants to come to China and serve together with us. She spent there 2 weeks and became very close to many Chinese students, she was sharing her story and God's love. When she came to China, she was living in one Chinese family. Husband and wife of this family had very poor relationships, they were thinking about a divorce. The time Luba spent there touched this couple so much, they repented and love that Luba was radiating fixed this couple's relationships, they love each other more than ever before. This is how God is using people to share His Love and fix relationships. Praise God.



In October of 2019, we organized a seminar for 17 students from 11 cities in China. It happened in Bible school in the city of Kunmin. This is in the south of China. These students study there for 2 years before they go and plant the churches all over China. This school is secret

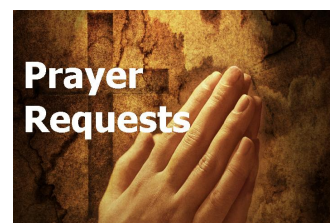


and underground. They live in the wooden houses without any heating. Temperature outside is +12 during a day and +2 at night. So it is pretty cold inside as well. They eat rice, vegetables and herbs. They are studying from the early morning till late night. There are many teachers and professors that come and teach them. I had an honor to be one of those teachers that came to teach them. The word I had for these students was from 1 Corinthians 2:4-5: "My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, 5 so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power." In few months, these students finish their studying and they will go into the field and will plant churches. Please pray for them, may God protect and bless their ministry.

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### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Please pray for God's protection for our family and our ministry;
- We ask you to pray for guidance and wisdom from God in our ministry;



- Pray with us for the financial support for our family and ministry.



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