

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

CROSSROADS MINISTRY, UKRAINE

CHURCH MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

February 2026 | Chernihiv, Ukraine

Dear friends,

The war presents a profound challenge for churches in Ukraine. Like many other churches across Ukraine, we have not remained on the sidelines and have kept our doors open, providing aid and hope to families in need.

The year 2025 was very difficult for Ukraine. Since August 2025, Russia has intensified its attacks on Chernihiv and the surrounding region, targeting energy infrastructure, homes, hospitals, kindergartens, and other civilian facilities.



View from my flat | Oct. 5, 2025



View from my flat | Dec. 24, 2025



Chernihiv News | Dec. 24, 2025

These attacks have caused frequent disruptions in electricity, water supply, and heating, making life extremely difficult for local families. As the war continues and economic conditions deteriorate, ordinary citizens, pensioners, and families are becoming increasingly vulnerable.

Under these circumstances, the assistance we provide—clothing, bedding, food, medicine, hygiene products, diapers, and other essential items—is critically important. It is deeply encouraging to witness the gratitude and relief of those who receive this help during such challenging times.

And by God's grace, we are able not only to meet practical needs, but also to share the Gospel and the hope we have in the Lord.



Dniprovske village (2 km from Belarus) | 2025

WINTER IN UKRAINE

Due to constant power outages and severe winter frosts, the church ministries have become a particular challenge for us. Holding each worship service, meeting, and event this winter requires significantly more effort and resources. In order for the church to remain open and for the renovation of the new church sanctuary to continue, we are forced to use one or two diesel generators for at least half a day—almost every day except Saturdays.

This creates a significant financial burden due to the high cost of fuel, especially in combination with increased utility expenses during the winter season; however, we are grateful to God for the opportunity to continue serving even under such difficult conditions.

Love offerings at our church can hardly cover our monthly utility expenses and small local projects in winter. Without additional support from individuals, partner churches or charities, it becomes very difficult for us to continue our wider range ministry work.

At the end of January, we faced a heating problem at our church in Chernihiv. The church building has central heating, just like many of the surrounding apartment buildings. Due to frequent power outages, the CHP plant activated additional pumps to deliver heat more quickly. However, many of the underground pipes—over 60 years old and already corroded—could not withstand the increased pressure. Pipes burst in at least five places, leaving our church and several nearby apartment buildings without heat for about a week.



Emergency repairs to the heating line | January 2026

Thanks God, a few days after the bursts, the outdoor temperature rose from -20°C (-4°F) to -8°C (17.6°F), and we were able to temporarily replace two of the underground pipes supplying heat to the church.

This spring, when the heating is turned off, we plan to carry out a major repair of the heating line that serves the church building. Please pray that we will have the means and opportunity to complete this work and be ready for next winter.

CHURCH NEWS | August 2025 – January 2026

The ministries of our church continue, and we clearly see God's blessing upon them. At present, around 20 people are attending baptism preparation classes. They have come to faith, repented, and turned to God, though many are only at the beginning of their spiritual journey after years of being shaped by Soviet-era thinking.

It is especially encouraging that among those who have accepted Christ there are not only middle-aged and older adults, but also teenagers and young people. Praise God that He continues to save souls and write their names in the Book of Life!



Church service | October 2025



Youth group | October 2025



Sunday school | December 2025

CROSSROADS DAY CAMPS

As I mentioned earlier, in July 2025 we held our first Day Camp for children and youth. It was a truly blessed time, with nearly 160 children and about 40 teens/youth participating.

The second Day Camp took place from August 11–16, 2025. This camp already faced certain challenges. Some neighbors repeatedly caused difficulties, looking for various reasons to accuse us—mainly because we belong to a “different faith.” Due to their complaints, we had to communicate with the police several times. At the same time, the week was marked by numerous air raid alerts.



Day Camp for children | August 2025



Day Camp for teens and youth | August 2025

Because of repeated air-raid warnings and ongoing Russian attacks—including drone strikes on the city—we were forced to cancel two days of the children’s camp and one evening of the teen/youth camp.

Even in those difficult circumstances, we were blessed to welcome around 140 children to the Day Camp (from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.) and about 35–40 teenagers to

the evening program (from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.). We praise God for every child and young person who was able to take part and hear the message of hope.

Although we do not see large numbers of children regularly attending Sunday school or youth group afterward, but as our camp coordinator said, “God gives us as many children as we are able to reach and teach well.”



Sunday school | October 2025

Usually, after each camp, attendance increases. Then, over the following months, some stop coming for various reasons, but a number of children and teenagers remain with us and continue to attend regularly to this day. Praise God!

BAPTISM

At the end of August 2025, we held a baptism service together with our sister church. Six people from our church and two from the partner congregation publicly testified to their faith and entered into a covenant with God through baptism. Praise God for His work in their lives!



Baptism | August 2025

HUMANITARIAN AID

We are sincerely grateful to God and to the caring people in Germany and in other countries who donate, collect, pack, and send humanitarian aid to Ukraine. We have personally been involved in this work on the German side on several occasions, and we know firsthand how demanding and labor-intensive it is.

At the same time, when a truckload of aid arrives in Ukraine, a great deal of work still lies ahead. The goods must be unloaded, sorted (if necessary), distributed, and delivered to various locations. All of this also requires significant effort and financial resources.



Aid from Germany | October 2025

This ministry enables us to share the Gospel with our community and to assist local hospitals, schools, churches, and many other non-profit organizations with the essential items we receive.

STABILIZATION CENTERS



August 2025

More than 200 mattresses, bedding and hygiene items received from Germany were sent to the stabilization centers near the front line.

These centers serve as the first point of care for wounded soldiers, where they receive urgent medical attention. After the necessary treatment is provided, the wounded are transferred to various hospitals depending on the severity of their injuries and their condition.



September 2025

This support helps equip these centers so that those who risk everything for their country receive urgent care and assistance during the most critical moments of their lives.

MISSION TRIPS TO VILLAGES OF CHERNIHIV REGION

Life in Ukraine's villages is very different from life in the cities. In many rural communities, the majority of those who remain are elderly people and individuals with disabilities. Young families often see no future in staying, as there are usually no jobs, schools, kindergartens, hospitals, or other essential services.



Petrushi village - the border area (15 km/9,4 mi from the Republic of Belarus) | October 2025

Many elderly people have been left alone and live with constant needs for food, medicine, and other basic necessities. For this reason, we regularly visit several villages in Chernihiv region to meet these people, share the Gospel, and provide practical help such as food and other essential items.

CHRISTMAS PROJECT

In December 2025, we were able to prepare and distribute more than 600 food packages, around 150 hygiene packages, and provide additional essential assistance to people in Chernihiv and the surrounding villages.



Chernihiv, Ukraine | December 2025



Germany | November 2025

This project became possible thanks to the support of several countries—Great Britain, Germany, the USA, and Slovakia. We were able to bring a portion of the food supplies from Germany in November, and through donations from churches, individual supporters, and a partner organization, we purchased the remaining essential goods locally in Ukraine.

The purpose of the project was to provide practical help to those suffering because of the war, while also offering spiritual encouragement and hope. We intentionally prepared and distributed the packages in December so that families and individuals in need would receive them just before Christmas and the New Year.

For many, these packages were more than food—they were a tangible sign of God's care, a blessing that brought both comfort and financial relief during the holiday season.

Beyond meeting physical needs, these “food gift packages” opened doors to share about the greatest gift of all—the gift of salvation through Jesus Christ. Many recipients were reminded that even in the midst of hardship, God’s love is near and His hope is real.



Chernihiv region | January 2026

The distribution began in Chernihiv in December 2025 and continued in the villages of Chernihiv Region in January 2026. None of this would have been possible without your prayers and support. Thank you for showing God’s love to those in need.

CROSSROADS WINTER CAMP



Crossroads Winter Camp | January 2026

In January 2026, a Winter Day Camp for teenagers and youth took place at our church. It was another wonderful opportunity to spend meaningful time together — talking, playing games, sharing meals and snacks, worshipping God, and simply enjoying fellowship.

Each day was filled with a warm and joyful atmosphere, much like being part of one big, loving family.

Not all of these children have such a loving and supportive atmosphere at home... Instead, some of them hear arguments, hurtful words, and some even witness a parent struggling with alcohol addiction.

At camp these children could experience care, joy, and a safe space where they are valued and loved. At the end of the camp, everyone received Christmas gifts that we received from Germany. 😊 We are grateful to God and to the people who prayed and provided us the necessary resources to make this camp possible.



Chernihiv Region | January 2026

Through your prayers and support, we have been able to serve and help numerous people in Chernihiv and the surrounding region, easing some of the suffering caused by the war.

Therefore, on behalf of Missionary Baptist Church, we would like to thank everyone who supports and continues to pray for our ministry in Chernihiv, Ukraine.

The situation remains extremely difficult, both on the battlefield and within society. While we do not yet see a clear end to the conflict, we continue to pray that God will rise up for the Ukrainian people and bring deliverance.

PRAYER REQUESTS AND THE NEEDS

On behalf of the Christians of Ukraine, we sincerely ask you to join us in your prayers for an end to the war in Ukraine and for the coming of a just peace. Our heartfelt desire is that the enemy would leave our land, and that long-awaited peace would reign in our country.

Pray for the spiritual awakening of the people of Ukraine, that churches may be filled with those who are saved.

We also ask you to pray for our ministries in 2026 and for the necessary resources to carry them out:

- Fuel for diesel generators to ensure the church's operation — \$500-600 | per month
- Food packages, hygiene items, and other essential supplies to assist people in need of various social categories in the city of Chernihiv — \$1,600 | per month
- Mission trips to towns/villages in the Chernihiv Region with humanitarian aid — \$2,000 | per month

Currently, we visit five key towns/villages in the Chernihiv Region and seek to visit each of them regularly—approximately every other month.

If we visit two villages per month and distribute humanitarian aid, the total expenses average about \$2,000. This includes groceries for food packages, medicines and other essential supplies, as well as fuel costs.

We are deeply grateful that from time to time we receive some food supplies, hygiene items, and other goods from Germany. If we had to purchase everything ourselves, the financial needs of this ministry would be significantly greater.

The opportunity to visit each village once a month would be a tremendous blessing and a great encouragement to the people we serve. More frequent trips would allow us not only to meet practical needs more consistently, but also to strengthen relationships and provide ongoing spiritual support. However, such an expansion would also require substantially increased financial resources.

- Major repair of the underground heating line that supplies heat to the church (approximately 46 meters) | spring project — \$4,000
- Summer Day Camps | 6 days — July 2026 | summer project (Children and Teen Camp) — \$3,700
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- Fall Day Camp | 3 days — October 2026 | fall project (Teen Camp) — \$900
- Planned renovation and restoration work of the new church sanctuary, along with the purchase of necessary building materials in 2026 — \$30,000

These are the basic needs and plans we have for 2026, and we entrust them to God. We sincerely believe that if it is God's will for all of this to take place, He will raise up people who are able to help and serve for the building of His Kingdom.

If God is touching your heart and you, your church, or your friends are willing to help with any of these projects, please write to us so that we can plan accordingly and inform those who are praying for these needs.

Because of the war in Ukraine, new challenges and needs arise every day. Sometimes the plans we build over weeks or months change within minutes due to circumstances and urgent needs caused by the war.

Missionary Baptist Church still does not have the ability to receive donations directly from abroad. Please send your support to our mission's bank account, indicating the purpose of payment as "Charitable donation." These funds will be transferred to Missionary Baptist Church.

Below you will find the bank details of our mission for the donations.

May God bless you all!

In Christ,

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MISSION'S BANK ACCOUNT INFORMATION

[for SWIFT transactions in US Dollars only]

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Purpose of payment: Charitable donation

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