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**Serving
the Youth**



Dear friends,

Almost daily we receive stories of how God is at work in ways that we don't fully appreciate. The challenges we face is only partially seen through pictures and even writing which is in this booklet. Often times it is that which is not spoken where the hurt or disappointment finds its mark. Pray today and each day for the lives that are being reached with the Gospel that God's love will become real to each one.

Your part in praying, giving, and in some cases going becomes part of the team that makes a world of difference. Often our church partners overseas whom we support care for those less fortunate than many. We seek to bring hope and love to those who feel forgotten and abandoned. This ministry gives that lifeline to hold on to.

Thank you for caring with us,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Ball". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B" and a long, sweeping underline.

Bill Ball
Executive Director

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Help Us Raise \$20,000 to Complete the Refugee Camp in Ukraine this May

In May 2024, our team of six from Mount Forest and Cambridge, Ontario, traveled to Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine, to build a two-story structure for a camp providing refuge to displaced children and adults. This facility is a vital place for safety and sharing the Gospel. We're returning to complete the project and need your help! Our goal is to raise \$20,000 to send the team back to Ukraine.

Make a lasting impact. Donate today!



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06 / Prayers

We need your prayers

As supporters and friends of SGA Canada, your prayers are a cornerstone of our ministry that nurture the soil in which our initiatives grow and flourish. In a world filled with challenges and needs, your intercession is a powerful force that propels our mission forward, allowing us to reach the forgotten, share the Gospel across Slavic countries, and demonstrate Christ's love in tangible ways.

As you come before the Lord, we humbly ask for your prayers on these key areas. Through God's grace and your faithful support, we can make a profound difference in the lives of many.



CONFLICT ZONES

Pray for lasting peace, the safety of displaced families, and the strength for all working to bring relief and hope in the midst of conflict.

GUIDANCE FOR LEADERS

Pray for wisdom and discernment for SGA's leaders as they steer ministry efforts and outreach initiatives.

PRAYERFUL EFFECTIVENESS

Pray for spiritual fruit during these colder months of the year where hearts will be warmed by the love of God presented to all we contact.

CONTINUED SUPPORT

Pray for the ongoing generosity of donors, ensuring that SGA's mission can grow and make a lasting difference.



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UPDATE FROM RUSLAN MANDZYUK

This fall began with unexpected challenges when I underwent surgery for blood clots, yet continued my teaching at the UBTS seminary, which turned out to be a blessed time. Despite nearby violence, God's protection was evident. Our youth ministry has grown, with several showing signs of faith, including Sofia, who is preparing for baptism. Zoryana, my daughter, is involved in the Campus student ministry, helping Christian students grow.

Through our ongoing ministry work, including visits across Ukraine and continued support for our soldiers, we've seen God's provision. We also hosted a Thanksgiving event at our church, sharing the Gospel with unbelieving parents. Please pray for spiritual health of our church, growth of our youth ministry, wisdom for pastors, and safety for children in areas under missile threat. Thank you for your prayers and support—may God bless you!

— Ruslan Mandzyuk

> A Year of Blessings: Serving the Youth and Community

UPDATE FROM VOLGOGRAD REGION, RUSSIA



We thank the Lord for another year of His blessings! Our social center has been serving children from troubled families every weekend, with Bible classes for both kids and teens preparing for baptism. Volunteers from Volgograd joined us twice a month, and we were able to strengthen relationships with the children's parents through phone calls and personal meetings. We also had the joy of taking children to our resort center, where we helped with repairs, all with God's guidance.

We're grateful for open doors in local schools, allowing us to address important topics with youth. Our Christian men also had the opportunity to share the Gospel at a juvenile colony twice a month. A Christian outreach event featuring art reproductions was held, and our youth were blessed to attend a training in Volgograd and visit Zhirnovsk's church. Thank you, Brothers and Sisters, for your prayers and support. May God bless you in your ministry!

— Rev. Pugachiov, Alexander



> **Christmas Programs and Prayers for Change**

UPDATE FROM VOLGOGRAD REGION, RUSSIA

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Your labor in the Lord is not in vain. This year, we launched a Sunday School for preschoolers, led by my wife Ann and teen volunteer Eva. Our youth services are held on Saturdays, led by Brother Rafael or myself.

We've been preparing for Christmas with puppet theatre rehearsals and programs at the Flight Youth Center and Owlet Children's Center. We also held a Christmas masterclass for teens, where the girls made souvenirs for their families. Please pray for the upcoming Christmas events and our outreach to families with disabled children. Also, pray for Nadezhda and her daughter Lubov, that God will work in their hearts and bring them to repentance. Thank you for your prayers and support! May the Lord bless you!

— Renat Murunov

> Engaging Children in Faith and Salvation

UPDATE FROM KROPYVNYTSKYI, UKRAINE

Children aged 5–12 received Christmas greetings and learned about Jesus as “the way, the truth, and the life.” The message emphasized that salvation comes through repentance and accepting Christ. These prophecies serve as both a warning for those yet to accept Christ and a hope for believers, calling all to reconsider their lives and find salvation.

At the event, 122 children and 35 adults attended, with 15 children repenting. We continue to find interactive ways to engage families with God’s Word. We thank our SGA partners for their prayerful and financial support. Special thanks to Polina and Nina Gavrylenko, who enjoyed the Christmas gathering. Please pray for them and all of the children who attended.

— Missionary pastor Kalinin, Andriy



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