

Kramatorsk, Calvary Church

Location:	Kramatorsk, Donetsk area, Ukraine controlled territory
To confrontation line:	50 kilometers
Population:	237,050
Number of Baptist churches in town:	2
Church members:	365
Pastor:	Alexander Popov (age 71)



Calvary Church was founded in 1911-1912 by Christians from various parts of Ukraine who came to build the railway. They were sharing their faith in Jesus, Holy Scripture and God the Creator with local workers. Through God's powerful movement in the witnessing of these Christians, a Baptist church was created at Kramatorsk. The church was registered in 1912 and got the king's permission to hold worship meetings. So in 2012 we celebrated the 100th anniversary of the church. There were 612 church members in 1992. During the time of Ukrainian independence, 3 other churches were planted by Calvary Church: one in Kramatorsk, and two others in neighboring towns. Because of the armed conflict in Kramatorsk and surrounding areas, many people moved to safer places. The number of church members went down to 365.

Today, about 60% of the church members are elderly people, and the rest are youth and middle aged. We have a children's Sunday school, rehabilitation center for alcohol and drug addicted women and girls, house of mercy for elderly single homeless women, and charity house for orphans who have finished boarding school but are not ready to live in this world and need help.

The church is actively involved in the social ministry of humanitarian aid distribution of food, clothing and hygiene items for IDPs and families in poverty.

The believers of Calvary Church invite you to join in prayer for:

- the war to stop and the economy of the region to be restored
- new workplaces to be created and small business development in the area
- the people of Kramatorsk to turn to Jesus – many of them came to this town from the war zone

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