

Soledar, House of the Gospel Church



Location: Soledar, Bachmut district of Donetsk area, Ukraine controlled territory
To confrontation line: 55 kilometers
Population: 20,000
Number of Baptist churches in town: 1
Church members: 27
Pastor: Sergey Popovski (age 47)



House of the Gospel Church was founded in 1999 by a group of believers who were meeting in a country house during the summer and moved to a public culture house when the weather became colder. During that time brothers from Artemivsk (old name of Bachmut) were coming to preach. Today it is the same – although the church now has a pastor, there are no local brothers to preach. So every Sunday a group of believers are going from Bachmut to Soledar with Sunday school teachers and preachers for the church.

As a result of evangelistic meetings with the assistance of brothers abroad, 9 sisters were baptized in the last two years.

During the fighting and afterwards, the church was helping the most vulnerable groups of people: many food packages and clothes were provided to needy, low-income and large families, to the disabled and to single mothers.

Today about 70% of church members are pension aged people. About 12-15 children are visiting the Sunday school.

We do repairs to the church with our own hands, because of a lack of funds for workers. It would also be desirable to bring gas to the premises to heat the church.

Therefore, our church asks you to pray for:

- completion of repairs on the House of Prayer;
- financial resources to get gas heating installed;
- men to get saved and to become preachers and ministers;
- more young people that would grow and renew the church;

Also, please pray for:

- the war to end and economic restoration in the region;
- new jobs to be created.

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