

# Ivanivske Baptist Church

**Location:** Ivanivske village, Donetsk area, Ukraine controlled territory

**To confrontation line:** 30 kilometers

**Population:** 6,000

**Number of Baptist churches in town:** 1

**Church members:** 8

**Pastor:** Valerij Kobzar (age 31)



Ivanivske Baptist Church is young – it was founded in 2016 from a small group. At first there were several evangelistic meetings with some food aid distributed. Then regular Bible study meetings were held in a local House of Culture with local people constantly coming. Those studies had up to 20 people coming regularly. In 2017 with support of brothers and sisters from the US, we built the new House of Prayer. So, today the meetings are held there. A Bible study group meets on Saturdays, and on Sundays we have the worship service. Four people got baptized last year, and there are three others getting ready to be baptized. The military events of 2014-18 did not cause people to flee from the area, and the population remained approximately the same.

Today the church consists mostly of pension aged people. The ministry is done in the biggest part by the Kobzar and Borisov families with the assistance of one local brother.

The church is involved in a social ministry (food packages, clothes, Christian eye medical ministry) and does summer camps for children with a large trampoline.

Our church believers are asking you to pray for:

- Awakening at Ivanivske village
- Families that have problems and children that are suffering because of them
- Local unbelieving men to give up drinking alcohol and start looking for jobs
- Ministers to have God-given wisdom, patience and strength

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