

Severodonetsk, Salvation Way Church



Location: Severodonetsk, Lugansk area, Ukraine controlled territory

To confrontation line: 25-30 kilometers

Population: 150,000

Number of Baptist churches in town: 2

Church members: 38

Pastor: Victor Chernyshov (age 46)



Salvation Way Church was founded in 1998 by 30 church members sent from the mother church, Central Church, as missionaries.

The war situation of 2014-18, lack of jobs and heavy economic situation in the Lugansk area caused many people to leave the area, including church members. So the number of church members went down to 38 today.

About 40% of church members are elderly people, and the rest are middle aged. We have a children's Sunday school and prayer/Bible study groups.

The church has no prayer house and is renting a hall for worship services. The potential for social ministries of providing food packages, clothing, and hygiene items to IDPs and large families in poverty is huge. A small three-room flat owned by the church is used for most activities – an office, Sunday school, Bible studies, etc.

The church has the desire to form partnership connections with a church in Europe.

We do pray and invite others to pray for:

- new jobs to be created in our area and small business development
- youth to get saved and form a youth group in the church
- procuring a piece of land or building to be used as a House of Prayer
- revival among the people of Severodonetsk

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