



## Crusades in Ukrainian War Zone

The Lord recently opened the door for us to conduct four crusades in the war-torn area of eastern Ukraine in the cities of Popasna, Lisichansk, Sieverodonetsk, and Starobielsk. Many people know that Russia invaded Ukraine several years ago and took a portion of their country called Crimea. However, most people in America are less aware that Russia has continued to invade even larger areas of Ukraine over the last three years. Separatist troops backed by the Russian military and machinery have invaded and occupied the land and are in the process of stealing even more Ukrainian territory. Even so, the Ukrainian army has liberated some of the cities recently taken by Russia. A new border and military battle line has been formed between the recently liberated towns and those still under occupation. All of our crusades were held in recently liberated cities, just a few miles from the war zone. The people in these towns are traumatized by the recent fighting in their streets, the instability left by the war, and an uncertain future. Communism and atheism are still popular in this part of the world, but have proven to be impotent belief systems to get people through what they are facing. It was a joy to be able to lift up Jesus Christ and the Gospel, not only as the only hope for eternal life, but also as a source of abundant life on earth that transcends human circumstances.





## Evangelistic Outreach in Moldova

The Republic of Moldova is a small Eastern European country situated between Romania and Ukraine. It is a former Soviet republic that has been left behind economically by its neighbors to the west who have more eagerly embraced westernization. We recently conducted three small evangelistic outreaches in and around the city of Sangerei, Moldova. Two of the outreaches were in churches and one was held outdoors. All the meetings were well attended, especially the outdoor service. Political elections were being held a week after our evangelistic outreach, so all of the local and regional political candidates attended our meetings. We also rented a local Christian camp and conference center for a weekend and invited local youth from the towns and public schools to attend. Over 80% of the youth who attended were unchurched and unbelievers. Two contemporary Christian bands provided worship music, and I preached two

evangelistic services during the weekend. We planted the Gospel seed in the hearts of all these teenagers and a good number of them publicly accepted Jesus as their Savior and Lord.



## Salvation Books Printed in Russian

Prior to our Ukraine outreach, we had my *Salvation* book translated into Russian and 3,000 copies printed. Most Ukrainians speak or at least read and understand Russian, the language spoken by many former Soviet block countries. We distributed the books at our crusades as well as to soldiers at checkpoints in the war zone region. Local Ukrainian pastors requested 10,000 more books, and one of our partner churches has already donated the money to print these books.



## Prayer Requests

January 2-11

Pastor Conference

Church Construction Project

Guyana

South America

January 23-26

Crusade

Bugaya, Uganda

Jan. 30-Feb. 2

Crusade

Lomino, Uganda

February 13-25

Mardi Gras Outreach

New Orleans, LA

\*Only a partial ministry list