



March-September 2022 Newsletter

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Through Baca Valley Ministries

**Dear Pastor Chaise,
Dear Brothers and Sisters of Riverchase Baptist Church,**

The Lord is alive, so am I and my wife are in His hands!

It has been over 220 days since February 24, 2022 when the history of my country split into two parts - "before the war with Russia" and "during the time of the war with Russia" BUT there will be Victory Day which is going to change the second part to "after the war with Russia". As I started to pray, I continued, "Lord, show Your might on both sides so that when Ukraine wins a victory people would acknowledge You working all things in it!" Yes, physical weapons are being involved but the Lord is the one who gives wisdom and courage to our soldiers and weakens the hearts of the enemies.

My dear Friends, thank you SO VERY much for partnering with me both by praying and helping financially to accomplish what the Lord called me and my wife to do as He has been directing our steps through the war and opening the doors for us in a miraculous ways protecting us and involving us into His work despite on overwhelming situation in Ukraine.

On February 25, the second day of the war, my wife and I made a decision to leave our home in Irpin in the suburb of Kiev. Later we found out that on February 26, the third day of the war, it became impossible to leave Irpin by car since the Russian army started invading Irpin and all people who were trying to escape by cars were shut by Russian tanks on the highway. The Lord had simply snatched us out of danger!

We had no idea of where we should go, the only thought was to get out of the shooting zone. Most of the refugees were going either to Western Ukraine or to Europe or through Europe to the USA. The Lord directed our thoughts in a different direction, having made a phone call to one of my wife's friends who lives in Rakhny-Lisovi town in Vinnitsa region, southwest Ukraine, 50 miles from the border with Moldova, we made a decision to get there. The thought was, "If there is no shooting in Rakhny-Lisovi then there is no need to go too far away..." Well, already a couple weeks later we had started to realize that there had been more than one reason for me and Valentina to get to that place. Now, as we cast a look over seven months back we testify that the Lord wanted to get certain things done for His Kingdom in this place and He used the war situation to simply move me and my wife from our home in Irpin to another place to collaborate with Him.

A new page of our life began as we became displaced from our home and in a very literal sense had to rely on God's guidance and provision. It has to be that way when you are to experience more of your Heavenly Father's care and new depth of His love! He is always faithful! Now my wife and I say that God's intention is not to just rescue you from a danger but at the same time manifest Himself through you so that people around you would glorify Him. It is going to take a big number of pages to write about each detail or several hours for me to testify of the things that the Lord has been doing for us, in us and through, I can do that when I get to see you in person again, Lord willing. In the middle of the war our Heavenly Father provided an individual house for me and Valentina to stay as long as we need, through our supporting churches and individuals He has been providing financial support in such a way that we have had no lack and we were able to help financially several people as we saw their needs and on top of that the Lord has engaged me and my wife with Source Of Life church plant while being displaced from our home in Irpin.

I became an eye witness of a sacrificial ministry to the refugees started by the folks of Source Of Life church when the war began. As hundreds of the refugees were driving through the town towards the Moldova border, Source Of Life church set a Free Food Court on the main road offering warm food and they opened a church building to feed the refugees and to offer them stay through the night thus receiving around 2000 persons while the move of the refugees kept going. And not only that, Source Of Life church became a catalyst of the refugee care movement in the entire town, a couple other churches joined them at the Free Food Court and began housing refugees at their church buildings, people from the community started bringing food and first need items to share with the refugees, local businessmen bought a number mattresses for the refugees to sleep, you can see more of what was taking place following the YouTube link <https://youtu.be/apmMphVj7xQ> (this video was made by a Christian reporter who happened to travel through the town on those days). The local authorities were very impressed by what Source Of Life church did and how it engaged many into the common work, it was a very good representation of God's love shown by His children!

I believe it was in the fourth week of our stay with Source Of Life church when my wife and I started to realize that the Lord directed our path to this place since He was going to open a new page in the history of this church plant by blessing them both in physical and spiritual ways and He decided to do it through me and my dear wife using the history of our personal relationships with Him. Yes, indeed, the Lord always wants us to function out of our personal relationships with Him so that the glory would be given to Him at the end!

So, here is what Good Heavenly Father had on His agenda for Source Of Life church plant by placing me and Valentina in their midst to use as the bridge of His provision:

- 1) Help in conducting Sunday worship services (preaching, building a program, leading service)
- 2) Launching strong weekly Youth Bible study.
- 3) Leading eleven individuals to a higher level of their ministering commitment.
- 4) Launching music/worship ministry by building two vocal groups to upgrade congregational singing during the Sunday worship service.
- 5) Equipping music ministry with a keyboard, microphones, sound snake, two stage monitors, microphone stands, music sheet stands, an acoustic guitar, wall screen monitor and needed commutation cables.
- 6) Providing physical help with finishing the church kitchen, church hostel and porch of the main entrance.
- 7) Furnishing church kitchen with cabinets, two baking ovens, three cooktops, three exhaust vents, refrigerator, freezer and a set of new cooking pots.
- 8) Furnishing two-room church hostel with four sleeping beds, two tables, two wardrobe cabinets. Supplying a hostel bathroom with all appliances including washing machine and dryer.
- 9) Furnishing the church sanctuary with soft chairs, preacher pulpit, video projector and sound operator desk.
- 10) Getting a portable swimming pool for baptizing new believers.
- 11) Getting almost two year's worth of oak firewood.

As I am typing this letter and thinking of how the Lord does things in His Kingdom I stand in awe and I give the Lord all glory and honor for the ways He works and for the things He accomplishes! God showed what He was going to accomplish and almost simultaneously He has been supporting it financially through my ministry partners including Riverchase Baptist Church and Future Leadership Foundation. Thus, since March, \$31,149 has been provided by the Kingdom Administration through great generosity of God's people towards Source Of Life Church needs!

All those made it possible for Source Of Life Church to have a dedication of the church building and announce to the community its official opening on August 14, 2022! PRAISE TO THE LORD!

It is obvious that God works with a big picture reaching several goals at the same time. Despite the war He keeps expanding His Kingdom through His church in Ukraine by establishing new churches and raising a new generation of the ministers of the Gospel, Source Of Life church is one of those, it is located in over 4000 population town with a lot of young people who are to hear the Gospel, get saved, become disciples of Jesus and join His work of the Gospel.

The Lord has protected our home in Irpin! Our house suffered what should be identified as “scratches” compared to what happened to others. As a missile hit the neighbor's property within just fifteen meters from our house, shrapnel pierced metal roofing on our house making around fifty coin size holes and a couple of windows had broken glasses. The holes in the metal roofing now are covered with bandage tape and can wait until next year. My greenhouse and carport had more damage and needed repair of the structure and the roofing. The Lord has already graciously provided \$2,500 through my ministry friend and my father to cover the cost of materials and the labor, He is Good Father!

The Lord has protected the church building of Temple Of Peace Church in Kiev and kept it from ANY damage! Though many church members are still being displaced, Sunday services have been resumed as around 60% of church leaders including pastor team are now back in Kiev.

I and Valentina see that the Lord wants us to invest more of our time to help develop the Source Of Life church plant in Rakhny-Lisovi, Vinnitsa region. Therefore, we have prayerfully decided to stay with them at least until the end of the year and then see what the Lord has for us next. Please, keep me and my wife in your faithful prayers as we are going to stay obedient to the Lord's call.

Please, keep in your prayers our next ministry steps with Source Of Life Church:

- 1) Building a second worship group.
- 2) Building a music group.
- 3) Provide preacher training.
- 4) Help the Youth Ministry to establish a monthly outreach event.
- 5) Assist pastor with building a church leadership structure.
- 6) Assist church to build financial ministry.
- 7) Keep mentoring individuals advancing their ministry skills.
- 8) Keep doing Youth Bible study.

Please, join us in prayer for \$3,000 for additional music equipment for Source Of Life Church:

1. Roland TD-17KVX electronic drum set
2. DIXON PSH9270 hat stand
3. TAMA HP600DB Iron Cobra foot pedal
4. MAPEX T670 drum throne
5. Drum sticks
6. 2 additional Shure SM58 microphones

Please, keep praying for Ukraine to win in the war with Russia! The Lord is on our side!

Thank you, our Dear Friends, for being our faithful ministry partners!
May the Lord bless you all abundantly!

With a grateful hearts,
Andrii & Valentina Khudiakov

September 30, 2022
Ukraine



Refugees packed the main road in Raknhy-Lisovi rushing toward the Moldova border.



Source Of Life Church stepped in offering meals for the refugees and a place to sleep at the church sanctuary, over 2000 refugees have been served.

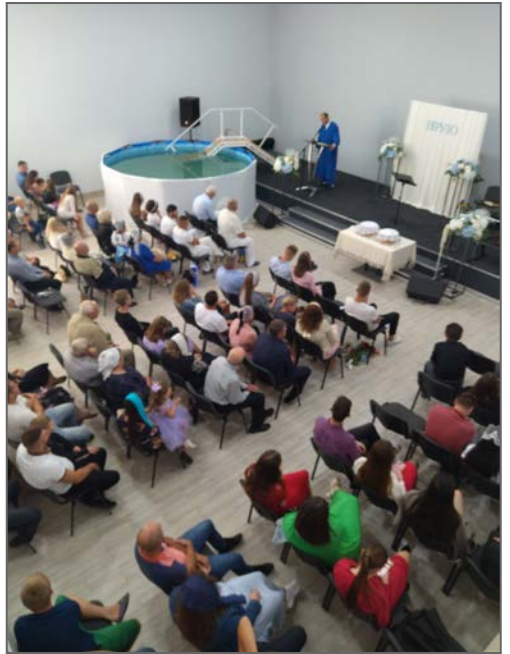


Pastor Ivan testifies, "Indeed, God has sent Andrii and Valentina to our church. I always wanted my church to have an inspiring worship service but I didn't know from where to start, my dreams came true when Andrii and Valentina arrived! Praise to the Lord! It is still hard to believe that all these are real! Praise to the Lord!"



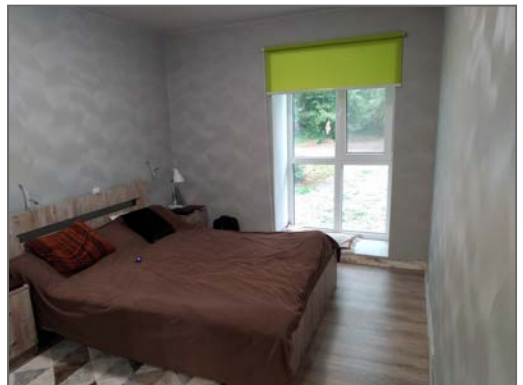
Finishing porch of the main entrance, furnishing the sanctuary with soft chairs, preacher pulpit, video-projector, sound operator desk and wall screen monitor and completing church kitchen made it possible for Source Of Life Church to hmy a dedication of the church building and announcing to the community it's official opening which took place on August 14, 2022.

To God be the glory for the things He has done!



Getting a portable swimming pool made it possible to equip church sanctuary for conducting baptism of new believers at any time without depending on a warm time of the year to do that in the natural lake or driving to a large church in the regional capital city.

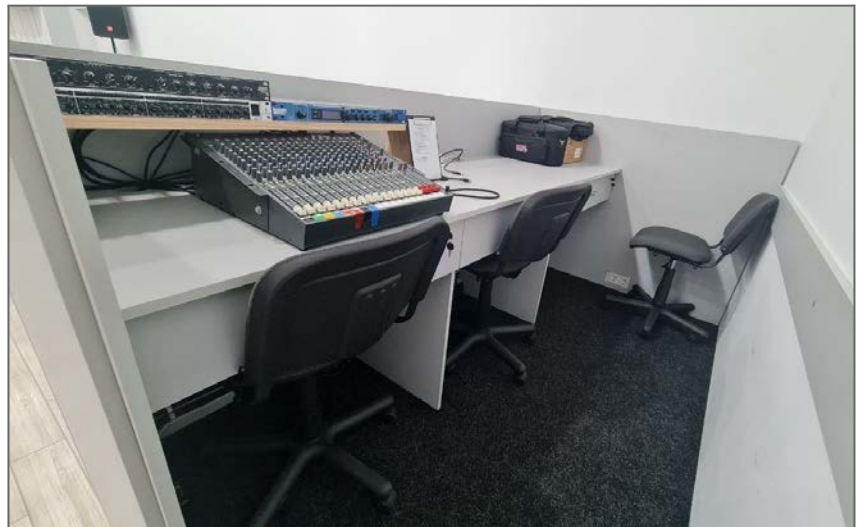
Thus, on September 4 Source Of Life church celebrated the baptizing of the first five new believers! Praise to the Lord!



Getting furniture for two room church hostel made it possible for Pastor's family to stay there. Pastor Ivan with his wife Oksana and their two sons Arsenii and Timothy are very excited and grateful to the Lord for such a gift! It makes a big difference for them as they are in the process of moving from a different settlement to Rakhny-Lisovi town to pastor Source Of Life Church. God is very good!

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A very big blessing for Source Of Life church was to complete equipping and furnishing the sanctuary with all what is needed for people to experience God's care, the order of The Kingdom and a good quality sound during worship service. Thus, 70 additional soft chairs, preacher pulpit, ceiling mount video-projector, wall screen monitor, sound operator desk, keyboard, 5 microphones, 3 microphone stands, 2 new music sheet stands and 2 floor sound monitors were obtained! Pastor Ivan keeps saying, "It is still hard to believe that all that became possible during the time of the war! God is good! Praise to Him!!!"



To God be the glory for the things He has done!

Getting the church kitchen finished made a very big difference!



When the war began on Feb 24, Source Of Life church didn't have a church kitchen, so, when refugees began flooding the settlement and the need of feeding them occurred, the food was cooked in a hallway. It was a big joy for the Kitchen Ministry Team when they received a new kitchen complete. When the church celebrated an opening ceremony on August 14, food for almost 250 guests was cooked at the new kitchen! Each time when Source Of Life has communion they invite everyone for a meal together which brings people closer to each other, which especially works good for new visitors. It is such a big blessing to have a real church kitchen! Source Of Life Church is very grateful for such a gift from the Lord!



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