

The missionary report of Igor Yusenkov for the 4th quarter of 2022

I greet you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Thank you very much for your support of my ministry, for your prayers and financial help, especially during the brutal war. Starting from February of this year chaplain ministry is performed among prisoners and among the military.

I am responsible for these directions in the Odesa region.

Many things were done during this period. From the first days of the war, our team was given permission to visit any location in the colony. God opened the door for a while. We had the opportunity every other day to come in with the Word of God. From 30 to 40 prisoners were gathered in each location. This was the first time in all 25 years of our prison ministry.

For several months, all these people heard the Gospel and were invited to our meetings. Now in our prayer room, which is in the colony, there is not enough place. Twice a week we conduct service among prisoners. People gladly receive and study God's Word. Among them are church members and candidates for baptism. The Lord's Supper is held once a month.

We also visit detention center every Wednesday. About 20 women are gathered there. Sometimes we work with minors and others under investigation.

We work with relatives of prisoners and with the administration. We also support the dismissed and provide them with rehabilitation.

Earlier, before the war, we held various events for the colony workers and their children. Christmas, Easter and others holidays. We have a desire, even in war conditions, to encourage people and celebrate these Great Holidays with us.

This is the third year I have served as a chaplain among the military. With our team, I visit different departments. Since the beginning of the full-scale war, we have constantly supported the military and provided spiritual, psychological, and material assistance. During this period, various events were held, these are lectures on alcohol and drug addiction, suicide, and other topics based on the Bible. Despite the difficulties associated with alarms and unstable military regime, we managed to hold competitions between different units by purchasing tennis tables and equipment for them. Thanks to this, there is an opportunity to share God's Word and pray.

We also work with widows of soldiers, support soldiers from the front line, and visit the wounded in hospitals.

Recently, we took part in the organization of a children's drawing competition, "War through the eyes of a child".

We were asked to support a seriously injured person. I contacted his mother; she is also a military serviceman and does not have the opportunity to be with her son. The brothers and I visited a young man; he was a sniper. At the age of 28, he experienced a lot of stress during the war and needs spiritual and psychological help. In the conversation with him, he constantly said that everything that happened to him and how he survived was possible and is from God. We confirmed that all this is not accidental and he should thank God and believe. He accepted the New Testament MP3 player and we agreed to pray for him. We continue to visit this guy and hope for his conversion to God.

Our small military service team also works with military sailors. We have a good relationship with commanders and sailors. Recently, one of the first commanders, a captain of the second rank, in a private conversation expressed his desire to visit our church and see the service of baptism. He said that the soul needs purity and faith. We will definitely arrange such an opportunity for him. This person is very close to God; he always promotes spiritual work among his subordinates. Please pray for his appeal to God.

Military visits to our churches for Christmas services are planned, as well as holding festive meetings in military units. We prepare a delicious dinner for them and socialize with our youth.

There is a desire to conduct Bible studies on a regular basis, but anxieties and other obstacles connected with the war cause difficulties. I ask you to pray for these services, for the conversion of prisoners to God and the administration of the prison. And pray also for the salvation of military personnel and their commanders.

Please support my family with your prayers. This year, God blessed me with two grandchildren. Despite the terrible war, life continues by God's grace.

I want to thank you once again for your service, prayers, and support. May the Lord bless you and your family!

Photo 1. Navy sailors, Saturday meetings. Bible lessons.



Photo 2. I have been attending this unit for three years, during this time many events and Bible lessons have been held. The command notes our service as useful and important for the spiritual development of soldiers.



Photo 3. Appeal to sailors with God's Word.



Photo 4. Visiting the church by the military.



Photo 5. Serving among the commanders, celebrating birthday.



Photo 6. Visiting the prison twice a week. The senior presbyter took part in the service.



Photo 7. Serving woman in prison.



Photo 8. My family: my wife, mother-in-law, four kids, a son-in-law and a daughter-in-law. Now we have two grandkids.

