

This is a Very Important Ministry!

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Every year, the situation for Christianity becomes more and more complicated in this world. In many nations, the symbols of Christmas are considered the “propaganda of Protestantism” and are deemed an infringement on the rights of other faiths. This is why our churches strive to utilize every opportunity to tell people about the Lord and His sacrifice for mankind.

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Christmas is the holiday where one is able to openly say that the Savior was born in this world! The

church is responsible for not allowing people to forget this. Because of this, we planned the children’s Christmas programs, and praise God, people came to the church! New children have begun to come to Sunday school and their parents are learning about Christ. God is with us, there is hope, people are getting saved, and while the church is on earth, the ministry of evangelism is most important! Thank you so much for your involvement in the *Immanuel’s Child* ministry, and for your prayers and gifts. May the Lord bless you!



Immanuel’s Child
2018-2019 REPORT
More Children Reached Than Ever!



SGA president Michael Johnson and his wife Erin celebrate an Immanuel’s Child Christmas with children in Ukraine.



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It has been another record-setting Christmas season for the SGA-sponsored *Immanuel's Child* ministry thanks to God's provision through your faithful support. While final numbers are still being gathered from Russia and her neighboring countries, we can tell you that more children were reached through *Immanuel's Child* this year than ever before! *Oh, give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples* (1 Chronicles 16:8).

Here are some excerpts from some of the outstanding reports we have received. May you be blessed and encouraged as you read!

Immanuel's Child 2018-2019 by the Numbers

Children Reached.....	30,114
Adults Reached	13,268
Number of Churches	516
Children from Unbelieving Families ..	20,349
Children Repented.....	1,036
Adults Repented	268
Children Starting Sunday School	1,580
Adults Starting Church Attendance	702

Pastor Nikolai Minsk Region, Belarus

Christmas has always brought much joy since my childhood. Even though my parents were poor, they tried their best to help others and set the example, especially on Christmas. They told people about the birth of Jesus Christ and invited parents with their children to church.

**I AM VERY THANKFUL TO THE LORD
THAT HE TOUCHED THIS FAMILY.**

This year, I asked my church members to do the same. And our church was full of both adults and children! The Christmas program was prepared in such a way that both groups could understand the simple message of why Christ came to earth. I had invited a classmate of mine named Galia to the program. I had been praying for her a long time, since she is a very kind-hearted person. During Soviet times, many people feared to profess their faith in public. Those who dared to do it were persecuted. Galia came to the program with her husband and children, and with God's help, I was able to persuade her that God exists! I am very thankful to the Lord that he touched this family. Please pray the whole family will turn to the Lord.

Gilia's Testimony

Dear brothers and sisters, I thank you that you helped us purchase Christmas gifts for the children. They brought much joy, especially to those from poor families. The books you provided also helped the children learn about the Lord Jesus, and I saw many happy faces. Thank you!

14-Year-Old Alesia's Testimony

I have seen many bad, ugly, and sinful things even though I am only 14. Nevertheless, I was very happy that my classmate who attends Sunday school invited me to the church Christmas program this year. And it was there that my life took a radical change in direction. I had managed to do many bad things for which I was ashamed. My parents were very worried about me. But the encounter at Christmas has transformed my life! I got saved and I am eager to come to the church to worship. I have met Christ!



Immanuel's Child in Tambov, Russia Pastor Anatoly Alipichev and Pastor Anatoly Yarmolyuk

Here in Tambov, we organized different festive activities to which we invited children and their parents. More than 1,000 children heard the Gospel and the story of Christmas, and about God's love for them. We held the outreaches not only in the churches, but also in community centers, orphanages, and even on the street.

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Believers from one of our local churches decided to go and visit homes, delivering Christmas gifts to more than 20 poor families and sharing the Gospel. All of the people who attended the Christmas programs were invited to the regional churches. Please pray that we will worship Christ not only on festive days, but daily—glorifying Him and pleasing Him.

At the Source of Life UECB Church in Tambov, 110 children attended a Christmas puppet program. Sixty children were from unbelieving families and 40 adults who were not believers also attended. A

12-year-old boy named Ivan told us that he was happy that he had come. He clearly understood why Jesus Christ came into the world, and that He is the Savior of all people. A young mother named Irene said it was



her first visit to the Christmas service, and she was deeply impressed. Irene told us that the program was clear and edifying, and that she was surprised to see so many young people in the church who participated in the ministry with enthusiasm and love. She promised to come to the church for the next service, and she kept her promise!

Please pray that the planted seeds will bear the fruit of repentance in many lives. Thank you for participating in *Immanuel's Child*!

