

## **Praise and Prayer Update - Sergey Gormash**

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Peace to you, dear brothers and sisters! My warmest greetings to you on a happy Christmas and the coming New 2010!

I thank God for His divine protection. In November, our country was overwhelmed with a strong flu epidemic, which was unexpected to everyone. The schools were closed for quarantine. Instead of five-day holidays, the children didn't go to the classes for three weeks because of the quarantine. The hospitals were overfilled with the sick people, and though I had to visit the sick, God protected our family, and none of the family fell ill. God be thanked for this!

We continue the training program, "School without walls". Within this program, two Bible Study lessons were conducted in November – December. We were talking about the main principles of counseling. Everyone was interested in the topic, and some aspects of the object were left for discussion in the new year.

The puppet show that we have been so thoroughly preparing since this autumn has already started its work, and owing to it, we were able to tell the children about Jesus in the first high school. For the lower school, we prepared a performance about friendship with a good Christian plot. I'm glad that my daughter, Lida, is involved in this performance.

On December 19 and 20 prior Christmas meetings were held for the children and teenagers in the church. This year it was unusual that all the participants of these meetings were involved in the organizational program. Some children's parents that were present at the meetings, were very grateful for what we were doing for the rising generation. I notice how God grows step by step the seeds sown in children's hearts. Being a pastor, sometimes I want to see immediate results, but God does His work unnoticeably. And I ask the Lord that I reach the people with the Word of God permanently and plant the seeds of His Word into people's hearts in spite of all conditions and circumstances.

Please, pray for the coming aid action for the disabled of our town. We raised some money in the church for purchasing food for the disabled in need. This category of people is in a vulnerable position in our society. Due to the undeveloped infrastructure and absence of the proper facilities, such people are often doomed to be among the four walls of their flat. Next week we are planning to visit them at home and bring them food parcels and encouragement. Our desire is to praise God's name through this action and exalt Him much more.

One more time I want to thank you for your enormous assistance rendered for buying a transport facility and for your prayers and support. On behalf of all my family, I'd like to tell you that we love you and thank God for your open and kind hearts. May the Lord bless you richly and your ministry directed at broadening the Kingdom of God on the earth!

Faithfully yours,  
Sergey Gormash