

Since Ukraine celebrates Christmas on January 7, the first half of the month at Fimiam Church was filled with the Christmas spirit.

On January 5, a team which is working to create a new church in the Luchesk neighborhood visited children with cancer who were hospitalized during Christmas. The aim of the visit was to greet them and their parents on one of the main Christian holidays, give them presents and, of course, support them in such a difficult time in their lives.



One of the two meetings for children with special needs during January was a Christmas meeting where families could hear the Good News brought to mankind by Jesus Christ. A shepherd and his sheep gave presents to the children. There were Christian songs, poems, competitions, a Christmas performance, tasty sandwiches and muffins. The second meeting was conducted in a more customary way, but that did not mean it was any less loved by the children.





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On January 10, the dysfunctional or single-parent families who receive assistance from HART were gathered at Fimiam Church for a Christmas event. Almost 100 people who do not often visit church heard God's Word and the testimonies of believers. They also became participants in an interesting Christmas program. Please join us in praying for positive changes in their lives.





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On January 14-17, for the first time in Fimiam Church history, a winter children's retreat took place. Over 50 children ages 8-12 participated in the retreat, titled "Frozen." Children could choose an activity according to their interest: crafts, sports, drama, English or cooking. They played games, walked to the lake and took part in the evening programs. The team worked toward "igniting children's hearts" in love toward Jesus. They studied Bible characters such as Zacchaeus, the woman of Samaria and the Apostle Paul and they examined the changes of their hearts after they met Christ.





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The young people of teenager's club "Rock" gathered with Pastor Alexander Tkachuk January 22-23 to study the Epistle to the Galatians where law and grace are described. They talked about justification through faith in Jesus Christ not by works of the Law and investigated who we are in Christ and how one should live in the Spirit.



On January 23, a Fimiam team visited a special school for orphans where 2 programs were provided: one for younger children and one for older children. The aim was to show God's love to these children. There were Christian songs, drama, a Bible study, question and answer session, games and presents. It was encouraging to see that many orphans were to fellowship.



An evangelistic service in the Luchesk neighborhood was held on January 24. There were over 40 visitors, including Fimiam Church members, residents of the neighborhood and participants from the floor ball club "Iceberg." The service was special because it was the first time the Fimiam Church choir participated. The topic of the meeting was "One God, One Faith, One Baptism."



A seminar organized by the ministry for people with disabilities took place in the Retreat Center on January 29-31. There were 47 people present at the seminar and the topic was, "If you want to be a follower of Jesus Christ, be ready to pay the price." The participants were encouraged to be fruitful followers of Christ.





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A women's meeting held at Fimiam "Ladies' Club" on January 31 was dedicated to the lordship of one's heart because one's life depends on it. And it is God Who can cope with every problem perfectly and deserves to be the only Lord of everyone's heart.

