

Church of God Calls Plant in War Zone 'Miracle'

A new location for the Good Changes Church of God in Mariupol, Ukraine, is on the fringes of a war zone. A former Soviet Cultural Center, the building was used as a movie theater.

The Lord has enabled the Church of God to purchase the site for a church facility, which will be a Christian youth center foremost, but will also be used for Sunday services, holiday events, conferences, concerts and more. Youth events will be ongoing. Remodeling and reconstruction are a big factor, but when completed, the hall will accommodate up to 1,000 people. The complex is a beautiful site in the downtown of Mariupol, across from a new sports stadium.

The new property has surpassed all of their expectations. Extensive repairs are needed, such as repairing the roof and installing a heating system. What makes this a miracle is the fact that the church purchased another building 17 years ago, which was inhabited by Mariupol's underground homeless children.

The congregation dedicated it for the work among the waifs, and continued to rent other places for church services. With the new purchase, they will now use their former building for a rehabilitation center ... a dream they've had for many years.

Pastor Gennadiy Mokhenko states: "God is faithful. While giving our church building to the homeless children 17 years ago, we received a very luxurious gift! We're not scared by the remodeling difficulties. We celebrate a new important step in the life of Good Changes Church!"