

# Thousands Gather in Ukraine to Praise Jesus



The streets of Kiev were filled with songs of praise and thanks in September 2017 as estimates of 500,000 evangelical, Ukrainian Christians gathered to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.

“Many traveled from all four provinces there just to be a part of that celebration, to thank God for the freedom to worship, to thank God for the freedom to preach the gospel in their country, and to celebrate God’s faithfulness,” Sergey Rakhuba with Mission Eurasia told Mission Network News.

The gathering came after Ukrainian president Petro Poroshenko signed an order recognizing the anniversary of the Reformation.

“It was so exciting to see on the screen of my computer where I was watching young people with so much joy. They glorify God in the midst of their capital. This was the same place where they were protesting just a few years ago, fighting for their freedom.” Rakhuba adds that young people are the key to spreading Protestantism in Ukraine.

Ukraine may still be in the middle of a war with Russia, but it is growing by leaps and bounds spiritually. “Ukraine is struggling politically, economically, but Ukraine is striving today spiritually, pleading to God to bless that nation,” Rakhuba says.

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