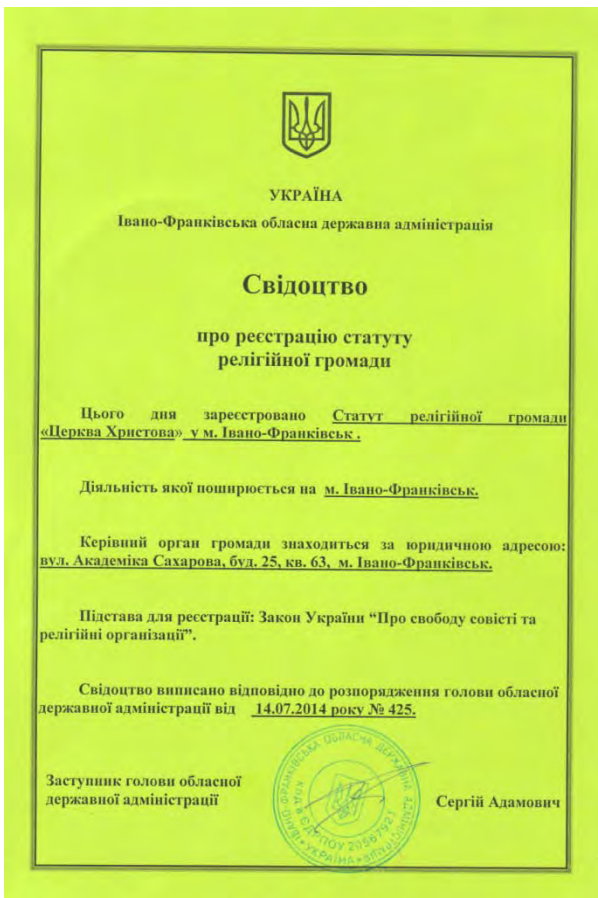


# THE IVANO-FRANKIVSK CONGREGATION IS FINALLY REGISTERED!

I received the following email from Tanya informing us of the wonderful news that the brethren in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine have persevered in the face of persecution, slanderous accusations, and the most grievous hindrances from supposed “brethren” and have followed the laws of Ukraine in their appeals to be legally registered as a non-denominational congregation of the church of Christ!

**Dear brethren! Have just received the below email for Ivan and wanted to share the great news with you right away so that you could rejoice with all of us!**  
Love, Tanya



Greetings Tanya! I'd like to share our joy with brothers and sisters—with our Lord's help we have won victory over religious fanatics and have been registered. We have received Church of Christ registration papers today.

It is the only non-denominational church of Christ in the Region and in the city with the population of almost 300,000 people.

We would like to thank all brothers and sisters for their prayers and help. Together we have a great power in the Lord. We rejoice over this victory. For almost 4 years did we fight and get discouraged but God gave us strength to endure and trust Him.

Big thanks to John, Jr. and Ill for their help and many visits to the Religious Department; thanks to sisters Debbie and Kathy, brothers Ron and Gary who supplied Ivano-Frankivsk with medical supplies and equipment.

Many doctors came to speak on our behalf to the Governor and to tell him about humanitarian aid that we had been distributing in the city and the region for many years. Those testimonies opened Governor to us and he didn't listen to Greek Catholics or Orthodox but rather followed the law.

We rejoice, we love you!

## Ivan, Svetlana and brethren from Ivano-Frankivsk church of Christ

This wonderful news is an answer to many prayers as the Ivano-Frankivsk congregation has been attacked because they would not submit to “man's rule.” Through these difficult years we have discovered, from the Ivano-Frankivsk Religious Department's documents, that the primary opposition came from those who claimed to be “brethren.” It was discovered this group is registered but is registered as “Evangelical Baptists” who advocate a charismatic approach. This group is supported by members of the Lord's Church in Ukraine and the USA. In reality such are like those opposing the Lord who are described as pretending to be religious but give “feigned obedience” as their god is their belly (Luke 20:20; Psalm 66:3; Philippians 3:18, 19).

There is ONLY ONE congregation in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine that is registered as a non-denominational congregation of the churches of Christ! We rejoice in the triumph that God has given His People.