



DESNA, UKRAINE 4th Quarter 2010 Report

October 2010

Dear brothers and sisters, with all my heart I thank you for your prayers. And I sincerely thank you for your direct involvement in the life of our church. Our church understands that because of your participation, we are able to do many projects.

This month our church held special missionary services. There were missionaries from our church, namely four families, who are supported by the mission BIEM. Some of them have already come a long way in the field of missionary ministry, and some are younger missionaries. We are very thankful for their abilities and desires to serve Him in the places to which they are sent. Two families are in the city of Chernigov, one in the town of Goncharovsk, and a third family in Turkey. We really wanted to come together and to thank them for their missionary hearts. Therefore, we have devoted all the Sunday meetings to these families. Many of us invited unsaved friends and relatives, so our meeting room was crowded.

The missionaries shared about their church ministry, told about how God helps them in their labors, and how He leads them to further work. I asked them to tell about how they realized that God has called them to missionary work. Our ministry's Director, Eugene Buyko, shared the story of events in the formation of the church in Desna, and how God has used the church to bring future preachers of His Word throughout the land.

After a celebratory meeting, we presented our gifts to these friends and continued the conversation at dinner. For everyone, this was a good time to talk, and for the church it was a reminder that the church is called to preach the Gospel.

Prayer needs:

- 1) Please pray for the ministry of our church,
- 2) Pray that God will bring new people into our church
- 3) Pray for the leaders of our church.

November 2010

Dear brothers and sisters, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to you for your heart to support us. We feel your prayers in our lives, and sincerely thank you, that you do not forget our church. More than once you have showed your love and as much as possible helped us in our needs. We have good news that we are sure will please you.

You know that for a long time, we heated a room in our church with electric heaters. For the church this was very expensive. In wintertime the church could hardly cover the cost of heating the building this way; in the winter it is very cold. We tried to heat the building economically, to invest in the church budget, but a Sunday school teacher said that children were freezing. At the services people were cold. We arrived in the morning a long time before the meetings to start the heaters, but the room did not have time to warm up, and it remained moist. The church prayed that God would provide, and that the church could get a gas pipeline and be able to install gas boilers. In June this year, thanks to the mission BIEM, which took over financial matters, work has begun to install a pipeline.

The church did not anticipate that in installing new heating could cause problems, but problems appeared. At first, we would not get a permit. But God helped us, and we are pleased that this month the assembly work was completed, and we received a promise from the city that they will turn on the gas.



Prayer needs:

- 1) Pray for our church
- 2) For our ministry to the armed forces, that the Lord will open their hearts to the Gospel.
- 3) Pray for our Sunday school.

◆ **December 2010** ◆

Dear friends, I want to ask you to pray for some people with whom God gave me opportunities to talk and to witness. These people need prayer support:

Eugene (age 31)

I had the opportunity to talk to him about God. I told him my life story, and he says he comes from a similar situation. And he says that he understands that only God can save him from the bondage of drugs, but at the same time something is hindering him. And he has a desire to come to church and promised that he would come.

Sveta (works in a military hospital)

She was invited to church several times, but she did not want to go, because she was afraid. Sveta said it was not a church, but a cult. But she wanted to get closer to God because she has problems that bother her life, and she understands that God can help. Like most Ukrainians, Sveta was raised in a nominal Orthodox subculture, where most people have not read the Bible, and when she first came to the church and saw that we read the Bible, she really liked that and she has a desire to attend our church. At the end of the meeting, she asked us to pray for her husband, Sergei, who suffers from alcohol dependence.

Sasha (age 27)

Sasha grew up in Desna. From an early age he began smoking and drinking, and then got into drugs, thievery, and landed in jail. He was released from jail and had plans to start a new life. Got a job and supposedly things don't seem all that bad, but in his heart there is no peace. Old friends tug him toward the old life. He says he tries, but it's hard to resist sin. I told him about God, and that God is able to change his life. I invited him to church, but from his words, I understood that he is afraid of people's opinions. And if he goes to church, would his old friends think? Pray that he will fear God more than people.

Lyosha & Marina

Lyosha is an officer in the reserves of the Ukrainian army. About a year ago he began attending our church. We saw how God gradually changed his life. Lyosha had spent every weekend in bars, and fairly regularly drank alcohol. We have seen how Lyosha put away his previous sinful habits. And he has decided to legalize his relationship with Marina, knowing that God does not approve of civil marriage. But all these changes have not instilled in Lyosha and Marina the desire to visit our church. We've prayed for their family. We've invited them to our home and have gone to visit them. A year later, Marina has decided to visit our church. Pray that the Lord will touch the heart of Marina and lead her to be reconciled with Him.

Pray for these people to the Lord touched their hearts.