



The Kosyanchuks

Second Quarter Report 2016

April

This month the majority of our attention in April was paid to preparations for Easter ministries, which will take place on the first of May.

There are plans for a festive children's service, which involves the Sunday school. We want to make it an evangelistic ministry for children.

Also we plan a worship service aimed at touching the heart—with God's help—of unbelievers, who we hope will come to the house of God.

We organized three small groups, which include both adults and children, and on Sunday after the morning service they are to distribute invitations for both children and adults to the celebration in the house of worship.

The church is praying that the Lord touch human hearts and convert them from the traditions, vain tales of parents, to our true living God and Savior.

Thank God, this month we had opportunities to work hard doing construction on the new church on the far side of Bilogorodka. When I started working the machinery to remove the stumps of trees, people who were walking past expressed interest and asked what will be there. It was a good opportunity to witness to people and to advertise that there will be a green recreational area for the prayer house, where people pray to the Lord. And for many, this was good news, because people are tired of these wicked facilities that are built at every turn, at every street corner.

Thank God for His immense love and mercy.

We are extremely grateful to you for your prayers, for your support, and brotherly love that you show in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May

This month began with a joyful holiday – the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. [Note: In Eastern Europe holidays are often celebrated according to the old Julian calendar, which places Easter later than in the West.] We were preparing much for these holidays, praying that the Lord would help us to conduct evangelistic ministry to take the good news of salvation to unbelievers.

Praise God that on the first and second days of the festival those whom we had invited did indeed come. We also had a children's service, which was attended by about 80 children whose parents are unbelievers. It was a joyful event for children and for the church. We are very thankful to God that children and many parents come. One of the parents said that everything discussed was made so clear, that he himself understood. He is reading the New Testament. That pleases us and inspires further work for the glory of

God.

By the grace of the Lord, we also managed to hold an evangelistic service in a nearby village. This village is Bobritsa, located 2.5 km from the village's house of culture, though there was a little opposition from the Orthodox church that is in the village. Opposition did not come from men, but from the wife of the priest leading the Orthodox church's Sunday school. She gave the children an ultimatum: if they came to us for the service, then she would not allow them to come back there for lessons. But, thank God, children came, and even more than we had hoped. And the celebration was held for the glory of God.

There was one more important festive event. The village has 23 disabled children. We asked the Lord for a possibility to visit these children and to give them holiday greetings and to give them gifts, and that their parents would not be against it. And by the grace of the Lord, the joy of children and their parents knew no bounds. Three groups of young people who visited these children in various outskirts of the village did not encounter any opposition, but rather the surprised joy of the parents.

So the Lord answered our prayers by sending and helping us to fulfill all that we had prayed about. Praise Him for His love and mercy.

We are grateful to you for your prayers, for the brotherly support, and assistance. May God bless you and your life and your work in God's field. Amen.

June

"Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen and called its name Ebenezer, for he said, 'Till now the Lord has helped us.'" 1 Samuel 7:12

In His timing, the Lord helped Israel to achieve victory over their enemies the Philistines, and as a result of that Samuel placed a stone as a memorial, naming it "Ebenezer." He declared, "Till now the Lord has helped us."

I'd like to use this very same phrase concerning the Christian day camp that we held at the local church in Bilogorodka from June 27 – July 2, 2016. God's blessing and assistance were visible in all areas of this camp.

The Lord took care of the team [of workers]: in all we had around 30 people. The older ones were busy in the kitchen and prepared everything necessary for nourishment. The youth and teens labored faithfully with the children. Although not all the brothers and sisters were able to come and to be fully engaged in the camp due to their jobs, the Lord revealed qualities that we were previously unaware of in other, younger, team members, and they filled any gaps in our needs.

Furthermore, the Lord gave us an abundant number of children: over the period of the camp, there were more than 150! The children were divided into 4 age groups, each of which had their own assigned leaders. Despite this, in some groups the number of kids who attended each day was over 40! It wasn't easy, but the Lord gave strength and His help in giving the Gospel to the children and to invite them to follow Him. Three children made the decision to repent and follow Christ. There were others who did not take this step, but who asked many questions and want to learn more about God's plan of salvation. The seed of the Word of God was sown in these children's hearts, and we believe that in its time it will yield abundant fruit.

The weather during the camp was wonderful. With God's help, we succeeded in holding all of our planned activities and games. Each day the camp began at 9:00 with calisthenics. The program included a Bible lesson, a music lesson, sports time, and "interesting hour," during which they could do crafts or watch a video that reemphasized the lesson of the day. Each age group rotated from one activity to the next in order, and after this all the children gathered together and played a big all-camp game. Each day the children received breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack. After the afternoon snack, which ended at 4:00 pm each day, the children walked home.

The Lord protected the children from injuries and conflicts, and He gave the teams unity.

The camp was planned to be five days, and then on Day 6 the children and leaders held a holiday service to which we invited the kids' relatives. The kids themselves picked out which songs to sing as well as a play about making choices in life. Even though that was a work day, many relatives came, and we had yet another opportunity to share the Good News with them.

At the conclusion of our "holiday" the parents were invited to a worship service of the local church, and the children were invited to Sunday school plus to another Christian camp that will start on July 18 on the other side of Bilogorodka, at the new prayer house.

Concerning the camp, there were many good quotes, both from the children and their relatives. In reply to the questions of whether they liked the camp and, if so, particularly? The children replied:

Ilya (7-9 group): "Of course I liked it in the camp. I especially liked jumping on the trampoline and relays."

Vanya (13-25 group): "I liked 'interesting hour.'"

Kostya (10-12 group): "I liked the games."

Sofia (13-15 group): "I liked the food."

Eve (5-6 group): "I liked a lot of everything. The games, the trampoline."

Sasha (13-15 group): "I liked being with friends. We laughed. You learn everything about God, about Jesus, about where people came from."

Vika (10-12 group): "I liked everything!"

The whole 10-12 group: Did they enjoy the camp? "Yes!" Would you like to attend another camp like this one? "Yes!"

In summary, I would like to say that, without the Lord, without His blessings, help, and intervention, this camp never would have gone so marvelously. May the Lord bless you as well for your prayerful and monetary support of God's work. May He reward you abundantly, both here and in Heaven in eternity!