



## **The Kosyanchuks**

### **Third Quarter Report 2016**

#### **July**

Praise God for His great mercy. This year God gave us the opportunity to help a Christian children's camp at the new church building's location in Bilogorodka. Everyone in town is used to the fact that there is one church in town, at 11 Gromova Street, and that it operates a camp once a year. Many people didn't realize that another church has been under construction.

And we have long prayed for the time when we could tell people about the existence of an evangelical Christian Baptist church on the other side of town. God gave the chance to hold a camp there.

For the first two days, it seemed to us that the team of camp leaders and helpers was larger than the number of children who came, which was about 40. But by the last day the number of children grew to 75-80. The small number of children on the opening day was due to the fact that people didn't know the organizers of this camp. They believed we might be Jehovah's Witnesses, or Charismatics, or other confessions.

In the church at 11 Gromova Street parents heard many positive comments about the camp on the other side of town, but they weren't able to drive their kids there. But when enough talk had gotten around that this was a Christian Baptist church, parents gladly started dropping off their kids at the camp without doubts.

The children participated in various activities in camp: music lessons, sports, interesting games and contests, Bible lessons. Several parents also were present during these activities, and some even took an active role in them. But the primary goal of holding Christian camps is to bring to children and adults the truth about God, about His undying love to all people, about salvation given as a gift from God in Jesus Christ.

The theme of this camp was "God's Law—the 10 Commandments." Over the course of 5 days the children learned the Commandments, two at a time each day. The 6<sup>th</sup> day of camp brought a holiday-like atmosphere: The kids invited their parents to see what they had been doing in camp. They sang Christian songs, they quoted all 10 Commandments, and in the end each child received a gift.

We received many positive comments about the camp. Those who declined the chance to come, now wait with impatience for next summer, when there will be a chance to go to this camp. Many ask about the church's other ministries.

We are thankful to the whole team that labored for God's glory. Sincere thankfulness goes to the Lord for this wonderful hour of grace. May the Lord bless you.

Amen!

## **August**

When we built a playground for the children's Christian camp on the other side of town (on the grounds of the new church) we thought that it would be used only for the week of camp. However, we thank God that the neighborhood really likes to see children playing there so that playground continues to be used, especially by those who live in the nearby apartment buildings. About 15-20 children come and participate regularly. Those who live nearby say they are grateful for the believers who demonstrate such care of their children.

On the first of September the children will return to school and we are going to analyze which would be the best day of the week to connect with the majority of them so that we can establish Sunday school type children's meetings and invite them.

Now we are praying about organizing a Thanksgiving service as the first service in the new church in Bilogorodka. Then there would be a Thanksgiving service in both locations. If this is God's will then it will be the beginning of the ministry of the new church in Bilogorodka. And so we ask you to pray for this: the first service to be held in this new house of God.

There is also a new house of worship in the nearby town of Bobritsa. Several families of the believers there asked the local council for permission to conduct a Thanksgiving service in the town's House of Culture in order to thank God for harvest this year. They were given permission to do so and will be able to conduct such an event. They have invited the church in Bilogorodka to participate in this service as well.

We thank God for His blessing of your brotherly love and support and may the Lord reward you abundantly.

Amen

## **September**

By God's grace, this month was filled with activities. Especially preparing to conduct evangelistic meetings connected with the celebration of the harvest in both the main church and at the location of the second church where the new church building is under construction. In both locations the meetings were evangelistic in nature. Celebrating the harvest and offering thanksgiving to God for the harvest is right and fitting for those invited and for those living nearby.

Much effort was expended both physically and spiritually. Much prayer was offered to the Lord asking that He would help us conduct this celebration specifically in the location of the new church.

There were many prayers asking the Lord to help us to conduct this celebration in the new location. With God's help we prepared everything and people were invited. Particularly those living near the new church because when the building was being built many people stopped by and expressed interest and some asked to be invited when the building was completed.

The Bibles and Christian literature we distributed was provided by the BIEM mission. This was a great opportunity to spread the Gospel among the lost. People were very thankful for the literature, especially the large print Bibles. We thank God for this opportunity and for your help.

In the past, lost people who attended the Thanksgiving service did not stay for the dinner provided by the church members. However, the last two years we have seen more and more stay

for this dinner. We rejoice in this opportunity to fellowship and sing hymns together with our visitors.

In the first church there were about 30 lost people in attendance and about 15 in the second church. We consider this a good beginning. For this we thank God.

We thank you for your and brotherly support, your prayers, and thank the Lord that you so earnestly share in this work and stand in the gap for the work of God in our country. May God reward you abundantly.

Amen.

