



The Yurchenkos

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April



Today our puppet theater put on an evangelistic program for a children's boarding school in Kiev. This isn't the first time we've visited this school. The principal and teachers there are very favorably inclined toward such programs and always receive us gladly. The children in this school are very well behaved and disciplined. It's clear they have received much instruction in proper behavior from both parents and teachers. This school made a very good impression on us. I learned that various

churches often visit this school and conduct Bible lessons and various other programs. You can see that this has a positive effect. The children listened attentively. They watched the puppet show considerably, and they sang Christian songs with pleasure. Also, the kids actively answered questions. We noticed that the children even know a little of the Scriptures.

We put on a presentation about friendship. The children learned that anyone who wants to have friends must first be a friend. They learned that friends must forgive and not hold on to offenses. Furthermore, they learned that they must choose proper friends. Most importantly, they learned that Jesus Christ is our very best friend in whom they can trust, and He will always be a faithful friend. All the children raised their hands as a sign that they want to have such a friend.



When we had a prayer for all those who wanted Jesus to dwell in their hearts, the children all together repeated this prayer. At the end of the presentation, the children received presents, and they were very happy about that. I accidentally became a witness of how the children shared their impressions with one another. One boy triumphantly said to another, "Cool, they put on a show for free, and they even gave us presents! Super!!!" In addition to the gifts, the children received Christian literature and materials for Bible studies.



Dear friends, please pray for our theater, that the children actors will become genuine Christians. We thank you for your prayers and for your support of our ministry. Thanks to you, God's work is being done in Ukraine. May God bless you!

May

Not far from Kyiv, in the village of Gorenichi an evangelistic event took place in the village club. The local church organized this event with the participation of our puppet theater. This was a blessed time spent in ministry to other people. Our theater put on the Easter performance, and we also preached the Word of God. In the end of the service, we gave the children gifts and presented them—and the adults too—with Christian literature.

This trip took place thanks to the brothers and sisters who pray for us and financially support our ministry. I want to thank you, dear friends, for your labor and your sacrificial spirits. Thank you very much! May the Lord reward you.

For the ministry of the puppet theater we use the minivan of our friends Anatoly and Ludmila. They are organizers and leaders of this ministry. For several months Anatoly and Ludmila used their van in a bad state of repair. Each time they set out for the next trip they worried that this vehicle on which they depended so much for ministry could break down. This prompted us to pray more earnestly, and the Lord was always with us and blessed and brought our theater group home again.



This couple is already retired, but in Ukraine a pension is very small, about \$100 per month. This is not sufficient money even for food. Therefore, repairing the van didn't seem possible, so we rode in the vehicle while it still ran. Recently Samuel Slobodian came to Ukraine. When he learned of this need to repair the minivan, Samuel quickly responded and provided funds for repairs. Thus, the van is already in good working order and ready for the next trip, which will take place at the end of this month. Please pray about this. Anatoly and Ludmila are very thankful to BIEM and to Samuel for the aid rendered. They couldn't believe that others had taken notice of their need and found funds for repairs.

Praise God for His care for us!
Praise God for brothers and sisters who are concerned and care about ministry in Ukraine! Thank you very much!

Please pray for our church, that the Lord will add saved ones to the church, and that the ministry of the puppet theater be blessed.



June

Summer has begun. It's time for resting and vacation for children. Some churches have already begun their summer camps. One of these churches invited us to come and put on a puppet show for them.

On that day we visited two villages, Karashin and Lipovka. In Karashin the presentation took place in the local school. Most of the audience was children in the lower grades. Balloons of various colors decorated this event. The children received them as gifts, along with children's books. The balloons were so pretty and greatly desired, but in children's hands such gifts are not long-lasting.



Then we set out for the village of Lipovka,

where the church was holding a children's camp. All the kids gathered in the club for the show. In that village, many children attend the Sunday school and Christian children's camps. When we suggested singing them a song, everyone cheerfully began singing. They know many songs. In Lipovka the administration of the village has good, friendly relations with the church. We were pleased to see not only children in the audience, but also adults, teachers, and members of the administration. All the children received gifts and prizes for correct answers when we asked Bible questions. When we suggested saying a prayer, the

children repeated the prayer, asking the Lord to forgive their sins and improper behavior. God blessed our ministry, the ministry of the Christian children's theater.

We are very thankful to you friends for your prayers and support. Thanks to your prayers and support, God's work is being done in Ukraine. May the Lord bless you! Pray for us.



Sincerely yours,
Vitaly Yurchenko