



**The Yurchenkos
3rd Quarter Report, 2016**

August

The evangelizing of children is the main ministry of our church. This month the Lord blessed us through this ministry to children. We held two street evangelisms with our puppet theater. In the city of Borispol our theater was located right in the courtyard of a large residential apartment complex overlooking a children's playground. Children who live in multi-story apartment buildings gathered in the courtyard to watch the presentation. In small clusters, the kids sat right on the sand. Several kids took positions on slides. This was an amazing presentation, and an unusual one. During the show, several parents watched from the windows of their apartments.

Not far from Chervona Sloboda is the city of Makarov, and in that city the local church held a children's camp. The camp was held outside the city. They invited us to the closing day of the camp to give our presentation to the children. We gladly accepted the invitation. Our children—the actors of the puppet theater—are from poorer families, and they themselves haven't yet accepted Jesus, but with each presentation, we notice how the Lord is changing the hearts of these children. We believe that, with time, they will become true Christians.

Basically, our presentation is about how one boy heard about the holiday called "Easter" and about the gift that each person can receive thanks to this holiday. The boy searched for this gift and learned about Jesus Christ, about forgiveness for sins and the gift of eternal life. The end of the show suggests the prayer of repentance and the request of Jesus Christ to enter the children's hearts. It's joyful to observe how kids pray that prayer and accept Jesus into their hearts. Possibly the children still don't fully understand the meaning of this prayer and the meaning of faith in Jesus, but we believe that not one word of God will remain without fruit, that the Lord will perfect His work in children's hearts. This summer our theater performed about 20 evangelistic presentations. Hundreds of kids of various ages have heard the blessed news; hundreds of children have prayed the prayer of repentance. Please pray for the children who hear the Good Tidings, that they will be saved. Pray for our children, the actors of our theater and for the puppet theater itself, which is a valuable ministry to kids.

We thank you, dear friends, for your prayers and support of our ministry. Thanks to you, ministry is taking place here in Ukraine. May the Lord bless you!

Sincerely yours,
Vitaly Yurchenko

September

Harvest Holiday

Christian holidays provide a good time for inviting unbelievers to church, and we try to take advantage of such opportunities. As preparation for Harvest, we printed up invitations. We distributed them all to the villagers. We invited the choir from Kyiv's Temple of Salvation Church. The Sunday school department prepared a small program. When the programme began, I told all those attending that my dream had come true: in our church building there



was not a single empty seat. About 150 attended, and some had to stand for the whole service. The kids had nowhere to sit, so they went to a small side room, where they heard a Bible lesson. The choir encouraged everyone with their wonderful singing. (Some people had never heard a church choir before, and they were impressed by it.) There was a lot of singing, and various ones participated in the service. God blessed this gathering. We'd prayed a lot about it, and the Lord answered our prayers. People responded to the invitation, and we had visitors who had never been in the building before. Others came who had visited before, but something holding them back from dedicating themselves to God. We pray for them, that the Word they've heard will bear good fruit and bring eternal life. I noticed that the Word of God touches some people every time I see them in services. I see tears in their eyes. Afterward we talk, and this is a marvelous time for fellowship in an informal setting. Afterward came a delicious meal, and everyone was happy. Our sisters had prepared it to praise God. 😊 Next door to our church lives a man named Uncle Vasya (that's what we call him); he has cancer and is very sick. His wife was there. I suggested that she come in and pray for her husband. Uncle Vasya cried when another brother and I went in to visit him. We prayed for him and promised to come again. Please pray for his salvation.

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