



Buyko

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October

Meeting with Moses

A Bible lesson at the orphanage/boarding school in Velikoe Polovetskoe began from gifts. I had brought illustrated New Testaments, which the mission BIEM had acquired for evangelistic purposes. The children joyfully looked through the beautiful illustrations. The sound of rustling new pages filled the classroom.



In this boarding school there are not only orphaned children, but also children from disadvantaged families, who were subjected to violence by parents who are alcoholics and drug addicts. The government took the children away and put them in this place.

I prepared a lesson on the 10 Commandments. But the lesson didn't even get to the Commandments. Not a single child knew who Moses was. Instead, I ended up explaining who exactly Moses was, about how he was found

in a basket as a baby, and about his childhood in the home of Pharaoh, and how he led the Israelites out of Egypt. The lesson ended, and

transitioned to a conversation with the teachers. I witnessed to them about the days of persecution.

What grace people now have to listen freely to the Gospel and to learn about God.

Praise God for the opportunity to share the Good News, not only with children, but also with their teachers.

When I was walking down the corridor toward the exit, there came a boy running after me. He had heard the lesson and said that he is Moses. I ask that you pray for every young "Moses" who heard this story. May their young hearts love and serve God, like Moses.



November

This month our church held an evangelistic service in the village of Bobritsa. Not counting the members of our Bilogorodka church who were there, nor those from the Temple of Salvation church [in Kyiv], there were around 30 local unbelievers. The sisters from our church who live in Bobritsa are very concerned for ministry in their village, since they have unsaved husbands and families. These women are constantly in prayer for the salvation of their own village.

Since in the village there is no other building where we could gather to hold an event, we ended up renting the village club. These women took it upon themselves to call and make agreements for the rental, plus all the organizational details.

The speaker was Nikolai Konstantinovich Velichko, pastor of the Temple of Salvation. We also invited the youth choir from that church, which caused everyone to be indescribably happy. The choir praised the name of the Lord, and there was a prayer for the harvest and our daily bread, for the Word of God, plus two sermons.

After all of this we had a lunch, which was prepared by those same women, but not without help from the rest of the church. Also present at this evangelistic service were brothers Victor and Vasya, who repented in the new Bilogorodka building. This was the first time they attended an evangelism service. This was a joyful event for everyone, and also good for the life of the church, since this was their first joint venture.

We thank you for all your support, which you render to us. We ask that you pray for the ministry in the village of these women, who have labored for the Lord all these years. Praise God!



December

In December, we received a container from America. Inside it was a wonderful piano that not only has a nice sound to it but is a comfortable size. Everyone was ecstatic about it (especially me). That instrument brought us much joy. There was also a new pulpit, for which we are very thankful.

In Ukraine, there is a new law that officially designates two dates as Christmas holiday: December 25 and January 7. In our church it was the same. Sunday fell on December 24, and we received a visiting youth choir that everyone enjoys from the church called Temple of Salvation.

We held a New Year's service on December 31, and Vadim, the boy who plays the accordion, played the hymn "Glory to God in the Highest." Also, at home we prepared for the distribution of gifts in Sunday school: we baked ginger cookies of different shapes and separately made the icing to decorate them. It was a great pleasure for children to decorate the cookies. That same day was the birthday of this boy Vadim, who began to attend church with his grandmother after the summer camp. The whole church surprised him and called him to the center, where he listened to us sing the traditional "Happy Birthday" song, and we presented him with a gift. He was very moved, and his grandmother even burst into tears. In Sunday school, he set the table with a lot of food he had brought, which was unexpected but nice.

We ask that you pray for this boy, that he will not lose his enthusiasm, and that he will continue to regularly attend and participate in the life of the church. Also for his unbelieving parents. Praise God that his parents happily let him go to his grandmother's home on all weekends, understanding that he will be attending church. (Even his mother came a couple of times, and she asked Angelica to find him more songs to play on the accordion so that he could learn them at home.)

We also express great gratitude to God and to the people who labored so that we could receive a container. We are particularly thankful for this piano for the church. Praise God!

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