



The Kosyanchuks

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January

This month was full of holiday evangelistic ministries, both for people in their old age as well as for the young generation.

Much in advance, we began preparations for the Christmas / New Year's holidays. We prayed and prepared programs for services. The teachers and children of the Sunday school prepared services for children, and the ministers of the church prepared a program for the entire church.

The main goal was found in this, that all the services be evangelistic in nature. Because this holiday, celebrating Christ's birth, is second only to summer camp in drawing children of various ages here. And the young children come along with their parents, who sit with them in the service. And in this Christmas service there were around 95 children from non-Christian families and 30 parents. The kids received gifts, and the parents had free access to Christian literature. Anyone who wanted to have a Bible could express that desire to the one leading the service, and they received a Bible in either Russian or Ukrainian language.

Praise God, there were also unbelievers at the holiday celebration for all the church. Fifteen people, and that's not bad, considering that the Orthodox way is to have meat and vodka for the holiday breakfast.

We are sincerely thankful to God that we have such opportunities to have such services, to open the truth for people to understand the Word of Truth. We also held a holiday program in the neighboring village. There we had pasted up invitations for children and adults, open for all the residents of the village. And to this service came 45 children and 32 adults from the village. Everyone thanked us very much for not forgetting them. The children thanked us for the presents, and everyone rejoiced for this service. We already visit that village as if we are visiting our own people. And my heart rejoices that Christ is uniting us.

We are sincerely thankful to you for your prayers, for your support and help. May the Lord bless you with His heavenly blessings. Amen.

February /March

Praise God for loving us, for knowing our needs and problems, and for helping us when we turn to Him.

In our church there is a member who lived in the Crimea, but now attends the university of Kyiv. His father is the pastor of a local church in a Crimean village.

Before the winter break, this student asked our church to pray that he will be able to travel to his loved one in occupied Crimea, since they don't always permit people to cross that cordon, and because he is of the age when they can draft him into the army. The church prayed about this, and we passed along this request to prayer groups that pray every day for the needs of the church and for individual church members. And God hear the church's prayers. This brother was allowed to pass through the cordon and visit there, and has returned again. They just checked out his papers, and didn't even glance through his belongings. This became a good testimony, both for that brother himself, and also for the church youth group when he shared about this.

Praise God that the older group in Sunday school, those who are still in higher classes in public schools, have begun to invite their schoolmates to our themed Bible evenings, where many questions concerning life arise, questions which unbelieving youth want answers. Those who have studied in Sunday school from childhood more or less orient themselves well, but the youth from the world wander far astray and many of them see no way out, but the parents are apathetic. So we rejoice to have some young people coming to these meetings with a desire to learn the truth.

We sincerely thank you for your prayers and for your support. May the Lord bless you with His heavenly blessings.

Amen.

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