



Yurchenko

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January & February

Peace to you, dear friends!

By the Lord's mercy, we have joy and grace in Jesus Christ! He has given us the ministry of the New Testament, not in letter, but in spirit. By His will, a church has been established in Chervona Sloboda. In these first two months of the year, we have experienced many diverse blessings. There were also trials, about which I hurry to share with you.

The church has served much through the puppet theater, especially in January. We visited churches with which we have friendly ties, conducted with them holiday services, and ministered to children



by showing them Christmas and holiday presentations.

Four people who are not yet members of our church but who attend our meetings here wish to be baptized. This is a great joy for us, and we will prepare for that event. Recently we suffered a trial—we learned that our brother Anatoly has cancer. It was Anatoly and his wife who organized our puppet theater. We were concerned for Anatoly and prayed for him. He was hospitalized to have an operation to remove the tumor. We began to raise funds, because the operation was expensive. Many

responded to this need, and the BIEM mission also donated funds for this operation. Thank you very much for your prayers and material support. The Lord blessed; the operation was difficult, but successful. Anatoly is already home and sends greetings and gratitude. Originally Anatoly and Ludmila were not members of our church; they had attended a charismatic church. But they visited our church and have been with us these last two years. They said that here they have found a real family. Thank God for all His blessings.

In February my wife Alyona and I visited the U.S.A. We were in various churches where we fellowshiped with friends and felt at home, as one family. We thank you for your hospitality and your love toward us. We thank you, dear friends, for your prayers and for your support!

May the Lord bless you!

March & April

Chervona Sloboda, Puppet Theater

Before the Easter holiday, various social services hold various events, which need support. In the city of Vishnev, a charity event was organized for refugee children from the east of Ukraine. We, as a theater group, were invited to take part in this event. In a large room, the city administration gathered children with their parents. We showed them a theatrical performance on the Easter theme. Two weeks later we were again invited to the same place, only to show the performance for children in kindergarten groups of the city of Vishnev. There were many children and parents; more than 400 people heard the good



news of Christ, His death and resurrection, the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for our sins. The children were given smiley faces on round pieces of paper and asked to hold up the smiley if they liked the performance. They were also asked to raise the smiley if they wanted to be friends with Jesus Christ. Children raised their smiley faces and prayed with us that Jesus would be their friend and enter their heart. The parents and children were very pleased with these events organized for them. Many parents understand that children see



too much violence and evil today, which this world promotes; so many gladly bring their children to such events, where children are taught good. We are glad that we can reach the children through the ministry of our puppet theater. Please pray that the Lord will give us another opportunity to sow good seed in children, and that this seed will bear such fruit that the parents of these children will know the Lord.

We are very grateful to you, all our friends, for your prayers and support. Thanks to you, God's work

is being done in Ukraine. God bless you.

Pray for us: for the ministry of our church, and for the Lord to add those who are being saved to the church. Pray about the ministry of the puppet theater and about those friends who wish to follow the Lord through water baptism.

Sincerely,
Vitaly Yurchenko