



## The Fomichovs in Desna, Ukraine

### 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report, 2021

#### October

Dear brothers and sisters, I want to thank you for your prayers and to tell you how God, in a marvelous way, is working in the ministry that we are doing. Here are events that we held in this month:

#### The Harvest holiday

The whole church always awaits this holiday service because it is a special time when we hold a day of thankfulness to our Lord for all His gifts. We prepare a service to which we invited our friends and acquaintances, where we can witness of our Savior Jesus Christ. In this month we prepared for our Harvest celebration and invited our acquaintances. It was a good worship service with a good atmosphere. We had some new people there, and they heard the Gospel. One woman



who came had been invited for the first time, and ever since then she has continued to attend Sunday services. Her fate is not an easy one. Her husband recently went into eternity, and her son is in prison for murder. Her younger daughter drinks. Sin is totally ruining her family. Several of us have known her a long time, and we had never seen her smile. Only in the church have we all noticed her smiling. We understand that now there is a struggle going on for her soul. Therefore, we are praying that God will open her eyes and heart and she will believe in our Savior Jesus Christ.

#### Youth meeting

The Lord has blessed us in such a way that we have combined with the Goncharovsk church to hold a joint youth meeting in the new church in Smolin. We drove youth from Desna and Goncharovsk there, and we testified about our Savior Jesus Christ. We see how God is working and what fruit we have from the summer camps.



A number of new youth have come to these meetings. For some of them, it was their first time to be at such a meeting. We sang a lot of Christian songs, spoke about God, and we played games. After the meeting, we agreed that next time we will hold such a gathering in Desna. We ask that you pray for the youth, that they will believe and accept the Gospel.

### **The Rehabilitation Center**

This month the ministry of the rehab center has been heating up. We are putting a lot of energy into the work of edification, because the men in it need constant edification. We pray for them and are trying to help them to change their old way of thinking. They had dedicated the greater part of their lives to sin. They lived in slavery to sin. And now it not easy for them to cast off the old way of life.

In this month we have already graduated two men who have gone through a half year of the rehab program. We helped them to find work so that they could earn money to live in an honest way.



We teach them to pray and to read the Word of God as we show them the importance of spending time daily in fellowship with the Lord. We teach the importance of attending church even after they go home. I will honestly say, this is not an easy ministry. But God helps us and warms our hearts for this ministry.

Please pray with us:

1. That God will nurture our church and that we will be able to serve with boldness as we share the Gospel.
2. Pray for the youth, that God will open their eyes spiritually so that they will believe the Gospel.
3. Pray for the ministry of the rehabilitation center, that God will change the lives of these men and that our Lord will thus receive glory.
4. Pray for me and my family, that God will give wisdom to develop the church and that we will have more fruit in our ministry.

Respectfully,  
Igor Fomichov

## November

Dear brothers and sisters, I am glad to share with you some of the blessings that are happening in our church.

### Youth meeting

In this month we have been praying that the Lord will help us to organize a meeting for young people in the Desna church, where we could witness about salvation. We prayed, and God blessed us. Yesterday we held a get-together for youth, and 40 people came. We sang Christian songs and shared the Gospel so that they could realize how valuable their soul is. We have seen how difficult it is for youth to focus on something important. The world fights for their attention. And we understand that all we can do is to pray and tell them about the Savior.



We want to continue having such gatherings for the youth of Desna and Goncharovsk. This gives us an opportunity to tell unbelieving youth about God. And I will say that, for many parents, this is a big testimony for us to minister to their teens.

### Children's ministry

About two months ago, God put on the hearts of our sisters to get involved in children's ministry. After praise time in the morning service, we pray for the children and dismiss them to their Sunday school. Now this has become a big blessing for us, because this helps our teens to get involved in ministry. They begin to serve from a young age, and this gives an opportunity for the parents to stay in the service and to listen to the Word of God. At first, the parents were not eager to let their kids leave for Sunday school. Now the process is established, and we rejoice at how God leads in this matter.

### Rehabilitation Center

In this month, we graduated a couple of men from the rehabilitation center, and then we had room for someone else. We didn't need to wait long. God led to us a fellow by the name of Misha. He's from the city of Oster. For a long time, he had used drugs. He had committed many crimes in his life. Because of that, he spent 11.5 years in prison. And when he was released, he tried for several years to turn over a new leaf and start over, but it didn't work out that way. Narcotics pulled him back, and he once again began to be drug dependent. He tried to think of a way out of this condition.

He heard that there is a rehabilitation center in Desna and that its director is Sasha Kapshuk. He knew Sasha from his old life and had heard that God had changed his life. Misha decided to try it. He came to us from the city of Oster by himself, found our rehab center, and asked that we take him into the program. For a week now, we have been praying that the Lord will free him from his dependencies and will save him from destruction.

We see how God is giving him the desire, both to pray and to reach God's Word. We see how God is working and is leading to us people to whom we can witness about the Savior.

Pray with us:

1. For the youth ministry, that we will be able to evangelize among youth through various fellowships.
2. For the children's ministry, that from an early age they will come to the Savior.
3. For the ministry of the rehabilitation center, that people will receive salvation through it.
4. For Misha, that God will save him and free him from his addictions.

With respect,  
Pastor Igor Fomichov

## December



Dear brothers and sisters!

We want to wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and to wish you God's blessings. May God always occupy first place in your life so that people will see your good works and glorify our Father in Heaven. Our family thanks you for your involvement in the ministry that we are doing for our Lord Jesus Christ. We're thankful to you for your prayers and your inclination to assist ministry in Ukraine. In this, we see God's hand in a special way and notice how God is blessing the ministry in which you and we are involved together.

## Gratitude

This year we were invited to participate in events that the local authorities of our city organized. And they gave a written statement of thankfulness to our church for its role in the life of our city. They mentioned our work: with people with addictions, helping widows and families with many children, and organizing children's camps. For us, this was a great encouragement, because the administration of our city has changed its mind about our church, and this helps us to witness of our Lord.

In this year, we have put no small amount of energy into organizing various projects to attract people to us. We organized rehabilitation work among people with addictions to alcohol and narcotics. We conducted children's ministry, camps, and various educational ministries with youth. Plus, there have been social projects for widows and disabled individuals. We have visited the nursing home, where we have repeatedly taken gifts of material aid and helped them put in a sewer line, a fence, and various other little things. We distributed Bibles to adults and children alike. We have tried to minister to people and to show them that we do these things as service to the Lord Jesus Christ. After all, we are not seeking praise for ourselves; we look for opportunities to testify of our Lord, who prompts us to serve people in order to incline their hearts toward receiving the Gospel.



## Christmas

We observed Christmas in the church building, glorifying and witnessing of our Lord. Children and their parents came. We invited acquaintances who still do not know the Lord Jesus Christ. We celebrated together the arrival of Jesus Christ into this world. We distributed Christmas gifts to children, in this way likewise demonstrating God's care for people. The people who came to this service were those people to whom we had been witnessing throughout all this year. The



children prepared Bible verses, and our Christian sisters sang Christmas songs. Then we enjoyed a remarkable dinner, after which we talked about our Lord late into the evening.

Pray with us:

1. For the growth of the church, that our people would be dedicated to the Lord.
2. For the children's ministry, that God will bless the children's ministry with growth, and we will be able to nurture the next generation of dedicated Christians.

Also, please continue to pray for our family as well as the church, that it will grow and that people will repent and come to God.

Respectfully,

The Fomichov family