



The Kosyanchuks in Bilogorodka, Ukraine

3rd Quarter Report, 2023

July

By the great mercy of the Lord, He has preserved us and granted an opportunity to continue the good work and to stay strong in prayer for our country.

In our town there are many families, both Christians and non-Christians, whose loved ones are now in the trenches of the front lines. As the battles intensify in their severity these days, these family members often call us, asking us to pray for their protection. People, who have never been to church, are coming and asking us to pray for their loved ones who at the front. Our church decided to be in the prayer without ceasing. The ministers made an announcement that we are going to pray at the services and at home Bible studies for all those whom we know and don't know. For all the soldiers and their commanders, as well as for the government. For the people who are too far from Bible study groups, they should pray on their own. Our prayers are for all people who defend our country. We ask the Lord for their protection and for setting our nation free from this evil force that has captured our land.

One focus in the ministry is a preparation for baptism. For this reason, we do have special classes, and new believers attend them. The baptism will take place at the beginning of September.

The children's camp is coming soon. Kids can't wait until it's time for it. We do our best to prepare everything for it. Also, our church is helping those who are in need. We thank you for your prayers; we feel them. Thank you for your brotherly support and help. May the Lord bless you with His abundant blessings.

Amen.

Anatoly Kosyanchuk

August

Camp

Since people involved in our children's camp were busy with their jobs, our church postponed the date for camp by two more weeks, which gave us more time to prepare and pray for it. God blessed us with this abundantly.

Ninety children arrived on the first day of camp, and each day this number grew. We even had a small group of toddlers under 5 years old. Although this group mostly stuck close to their mothers, it has been a great opportunity to witness. These mothers organized themselves to watch each other's kids in shifts, which gave an opportunity for them to leave their children with ladies in charge and go to hear the Gospel message. At the camp we had children who were locals, but there were also refugees from Kherson and eastern part of Ukraine, which is under constant fire. You could tell those children missed having group activities, fellowship, and multiplayer games. Even after the official part of the camp ended, children lingered under their parents' supervision to have more opportunity to hang around with other kids. Praise the Lord, we had only two air alerts during the week of camp, and even those occurred at the end of the week, which is truly the mercy of God.

The last day was special. Children invited their parents for the closing church service. Each camp group prepared their performance and took part. Parents were glad to see their children performing and singing. Praise the Lord for the parents. This time, they came in much bigger numbers than we used to receive. We've especially seen many young couples. They were attentive to the Word of God. Parents were thankful for this happy week in these times of sorrow and loss.



There were a couple of parents who had previously attended our camps as kids, but now their children come to our camp too.

We want to thank you too for your participation in this good work. For your spiritual support in prayers and for your material offerings. May the Lord bless you abundantly.

Amen.

Anatoly Kosyanchuk

September

This month was full of events. Praise the Lord we had two church holidays this month. One of them was a baptism, and another was the Harvest holiday.

But even before that we helped with the baptism in another village, named Komarivka. It took place on Saturday, and three persons were baptized in Komarivka, and on Sunday the next day one person was baptized in Bilogorodka. The original plan was to have one event, but due to the willingness of unsaved relatives to visit the baptism and because of an 80 kilometers distance (which means extra transportation costs), we decided to do two separate baptisms.

In Bilogorodka a young girl who was a first-year college student decided to be baptized. She invited her college friends and teenagers from the senior group from the vacation Bible camp. Praise the Lord, almost all the kids from the camp visited this service to congratulate her. All of this was new to them. We saw a great interest as they listened and observed everything

attentively. Katya is the name of the girl. Her parents are not saved, but even so, they haven't prevented her from this choice. She invited them both, but only father came. He was listening attentively; this was his first time at the church. I saw tears in his eyes when all the church congratulated Katya as she came out of water. As we learned later, Katya's mother considers herself Orthodox, just as her grandmother, so for her to attend a Baptist church was a sin. But we were glad she allowed her daughter to make her own choice.

Also, we have celebrated the Harvest Day. This year our church was not crowded, but we had some unsaved people. They stayed with us after the service to share the meal and give thanks to our Lord. We also attended Radinka (a village in Chernobyl area), where we shared the Lord's Supper with the local church. The members were grateful for that.

We join them in our gratitude and want to say thank you for your love and provision for us. May the Lord bless you in your work and life and reward you a hundredfold for all you do for us.

Amen.

Anatoly Kosyanchuk

