



DESNA & GONCHAROVSK, UKRAINE 3rd Quarter 2008 Report

Goncharovsk July 2008

The beginning of a Church has been established

With great joy I am writing to share the blessings, which we experienced this summer.

As you know, we work in Goncharovsk as missionaries, and for four years we have been working there toward planting a new church. And God already had blessed us so that now we have Sunday school and a Bible study for adults. But all this time our goal was to found a Church. Ever since I was a student at the Bible Institute, during church-planting classes, I heard God's call. From that time until now my dream has been to be an instrument in God's arms for planting new churches. And this July 27 we baptized the first members of a church for Goncharovsk. I can't explain to you how happy we were, with



baptized that day.

my wife Sasha, when Sergey and Natasha decided to follow the Lord in believers' baptism. We had been waiting so long for this moment, and we prayed for their spiritual growth. For many months we prepared for this event, and I was thinking about it again and again. With just one thought: that these will be new members of a Goncharovsk church. I felt great encouragement, because we were praying about it so much. And when the time of baptizing came, I started to worry because I had never baptized anyone before. I was afraid I might do something wrong. But God knows everything, and He sent a consolation for me. A group of believers from Australia and America visited us, and one pastor from this group who was experienced agreed with joy to help me baptize people. Sister Valya from Desna also was

We gathered together on the bank of the Desna River and had a wonderful service. There were many guests and Pastor Steve delivered a great sermon.

Together with Rick Barry and Pastor Steve we prayed for those newly baptized.

Pray with us:

- 1) For Goncharovsk
- 2) For Sergey, Natasha and sister Valya
- 3) Pray for our family

With respect,
The Fomichov family



August 2008 Camp (Goncharovsk & Desna)

I wish to express you a great gratitude for your aid in holding camp. For our kids, it's a wonderful chance to be in Christian fellowship, because almost all these children are from non-Christian families. And that's a good possibility for evangelization, not for kids only, but also for their parents. Before this camp, parents were coming to our home to ask about it, what will happen there. It was an opportunity to make friends and share also that this camp is a Christian one, and the kids will learn the Bible there. Parents were so glad that their children could go there, because we took only those kids who are attending Sunday school regularly. That's why I saw that God gives us this prospect to use it in widening our ministry in reaching parents.



We had an unforgettable time with the kids in camp. We taught them how to pray, and they heard the Word of God every day. In our group each day we had lessons on the life of David. Every evening they had an opportunity to take part in the evening services. Since we went to camp, several kids stopped being embarrassed to pray. God is working so wonderfully; couple days after all the kids started praying, when we asked them who wants to pray, they answered, "Can I?"

One boy named Artom didn't want to pray at first, but by the end of camp he always answered positively to our request to pray. We prayed together for their parents and their health. We taught the children how important it is to pray before meals; we are praying that the kids will go home and share with their parents about God. That they will explain the importance of prayer and share all the things that they learned with us.

We learned Christian hymns, and they were glad to sing them. We had witnessed to them about the Lord's love and about the importance of their soul and how they needed peace with God. One girl from our group, Jasia, walked to the front of the service and repented. We were so glad. We talked to her afterward; we hope that she was sincere.

We are want to thank our brothers and sisters who came from America and took an active part working with our kids, for leading Bible lessons. And kids were so happy to attend their craftworks. They telephoned their parents in the evening and with great joy told about the crafts. We pray that this camp was a great testimony about God's love, for both the kids and their parents.

Let pray together:

- 1) For the children's spiritual growth.
- 2) For continued working with their parents
- 3) For organizing Sunday School for different ages in Desna

September 2008

We want to share news about our ministry in Goncharovsk. After their summer breaks, many kids returned to Goncharovsk before the semester's start. Everywhere we met kids who asked us about Sunday school. It was so pleasant for us, that kids want to attend Sunday school. We started holding Sunday school studies every Saturday. Pray for us that we will able to reach more children this year.

Recently I had a good opportunity to talk to the mother of some kids who always attend our Sunday school. Her daughter Dasha was with us in summer camp on the Azov sea coast. In the camp she was sick with pneumonia. Dasha was in the hospital, and we were trying to support her morally and talking with her mother by phone a lot. It was a good testimony about believers. She always felt good about talking to us, and after that camp her relationships with us became warmer; she allowed her three kids to attend Sunday school regularly. When we met her, she was with her husband.

During this talk we were talking about the Bible, and she told that her kids are always asking her about the Bible, and she does not know how to answer them. That's why she accepted a Bible and started to read it, to have some information for answering their questions, but she didn't understand much and she got interested and wanted to know more. Also she wasn't comfortable realizing that her children understood more about God than she does. She said that she is glad that her children attend Sunday school and learn about God, and she is sure that it is good for them. My wife Sasha invited her to come, and she promised she will.

Please pray for ministry in Goncharovsk:

- 1) For Sunday school,
- 2) For the children' parents
- 3) For kids' repentance & salvation

With respect, the Fomichov family,
Igor, Sasha and Ann