



CHURCH PLANTING IN UKRAINE

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Bilgorodka

Thank God that, although circumstances in our lives are sometimes difficult and sad for us, He uses them for His glory and to spread His Holy Gospel by the children of God in various places.

This event took place this month. A younger brother in Christ appealed to our church to conduct the funeral of his non-believing mother in a remote Polessie village near Chernobyl—and to conduct it as an evangelistic ministry.

In this village there is no church, but only once a month a Catholic priest comes to visit several Poles living there since ancient times, and an Orthodox priest comes every three months on holidays to make "exactions."

Many people responded to this request – the choir members, some preachers and our group traveled to the village (the distance is 120 km from Bilgorodka). The village people met us very well; they asked us to conduct the full funeral service.



This burial was a great evangelistic ministry. People listened very carefully to the Word of God and to the choir singing. They were touched by Word. Almost the entire village attended. After the funeral, thankful people approached us, and they asked many questions. They accepted gospels and other Christian booklets. Praise be to God for the very friendly atmosphere and mutual understanding. Some people there have New Testaments, but they not read them and keep them as "house charms," and we explained to the people [that they must read God's Word to receive any blessing from it]. Through this trip our Lord encouraged those who went. They saw people in need of such contact, and they saw how the church should fulfill the Lord's command — to preach to this world.

Thank God that in sadness He can comfort His people. Great praise and thanks to our Lord for this wonderful time of grace. We thank you for your brotherly help and your prayers.

November 2009

Praise and thanks be to our Lord that in different circumstances of our lives He is using us, His children, for His glory.

It so happened that one sister in Christ from our church became seriously ill. She was directed to a cancer hospital for surgery. With her in the hospital room were several female patients who were tested and prepared for operations.

So when one of the women was diagnosed with a non-operable disease, she fell into despair and wanted to end her life by suicide.

Another Christian woman from our church was looking after our ill sister, and God prompted them to talk with this woman and to all the others in the room. And circumstances have changed in that room.

They have begun to read the Word of God and to pray, and our healthy sister started to look after all the others in the room, to be encouraging them. Women were asked to read the Word of God and they personally began to pray. Even their faces have changed. Their smiles appeared; hope was revived. This woman was successfully operated on, and the doctors were amazed with the results. Our sisters, when they testified, were thanking God for the circumstances in which they could work for His glory. Our sister also had a successful operation; now there is radiation and treatment. She continues to witness about the kindness and love of Christ to all the poor and burdened.

We sincerely thank you for your prayers and your support. May God bless you with all His blessings.

December 2009

Our Lord is a father of orphans and widows

And it's absolutely true.

There are many half orphans among the kids who attend Sunday school at Borivka. Lately we decided to visit them at their homes (we asked permission in advance of those parents who take care of them. We bought modest-sized presents to their homes and had fellowship with their families.

In one such family the mother died as she was a drunkard. The father drank much as well, but praise the Lord after his wife's death he slowed down and began to look after the children. The two youngest children require special care – one girl is an invalid, another attends primary school. The older daughter returned from searching for a job but with her own child. Nevertheless she looks after her younger sisters too. Their father is very glad that his children attend Sunday school and promised to attend church soon as well. One lady moved to Borivka with two children. They do not have relatives in this village. Once her daughter came to the church and liked it very much. She began to attend Sunday school and brought her younger brother. They come every time, study with diligence, and this girl always prays for her brother, mother, and step-father. Her mother also visited couple of our church services.



A very interesting event that happened at Komarivka

In one of the families whose daughter attends Sunday school an unforeseen tragic event has occurred. The girl was playing in the yard, tripped over a stump, and injured her eye. She began to cry and asked her parents to pray to God to preserve her eye. Her father is a respected man in the village and a forester by occupation, but at his daughter's request and because he was scared he prayed on his knees for about one hour. Then he remembered that he had to bring his child to the hospital. But when he stood up from his knees and

began to examine his daughter's eye, he could not believe his own eyes because there was no need for a doctor. Such are the miracles of God.

May God richly bless you and send you everything you need for your valuable Christian life and reward you a hundredfold for your brotherly support.