



# GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

## Church Planting in Chervona Sloboda

### *1st Quarter 2011 Report*

#### January

In the town of Chervona Sloboda there is a kindergarten. Usually, at Christmas the villages and the director of the distillery give gifts to children. But this year the director of the kindergarten approached us, she said that children do not receive gifts from the city hall nor from the distillery, and if the church could help in this matter.

We were very happy to present the possibility of Christmas for children. Alain (director and teacher of our Sunday school), together with their children prepared a Christmas program for the kindergarten and the church prepared gifts.

The children were delighted when we came this Christmas. They sang Christmas songs, watched a Christmas skit performed by children from Sunday school and listened to a Christmas lesson prepared by Alain. More children were delighted when they received gifts. After all, at Christmas there must be gifts, so to make it a holiday of children.

Larissa (kindergarten director) was very grateful to us. She did not expect that the church will hold a Christmas party for them. Indeed, at this time all people are very busy, everyone has their troubles, so not many people rush to do good. Thinking about it, there came to my memory the verse written in a letter to the Ephesians in chapter 2:10. "For we are - God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we". ...Praise the Lord for the opportunity to serve the children, for the opportunity to sow in their hearts the seeds of hope, love, and most importantly - the Word of God.

We are very grateful to everyone who prayed for our church of "Grace." Thank you for all your assistance, both material and spiritual. Thank you for everything. Continue to pray for us, especially about the director of the kindergarten, Larissa that she would be saved.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Vitaly Yurchenko.



#### February

There was a family that came to live in Chervona Sloboda. Alaina was the first of the family to begin attending our meetings. At that time the church held meetings at the home of Lena the director of the town Club, because we did not have our own building. Lena invited Alain to their home for a meeting and Alaina accepted Jesus Christ. Her example was followed by the children. But Sergei, the husband of Alaina was opposed to her attend church at first. But with time he also started to come. After Alaina was baptized, she became pregnant.

This led to a serious test of her faith. Her husband and all the relatives insisted that she have an abortion. She was very nervous at the time and went through serious trials and struggles since the pressure was very strong. Alaina was on the verge of collapse. The church was praying for Alaina and we won a victory. Today, they have a daughter, Rita and are happy parents and a comfort to the grandparents, who also did not want her to be born.

Thank God, He is great! A few years later their eldest daughter, Alina married a guy Sasha from a neighboring village, whom she had led to Christ. At this time, the husband of Alaina Sergei, also accepted Jesus. Alaina graduated from the seminary and is now teaching children in Sunday school. Sasha just entered the seminary and studying at the theological department. Recently, Alina and Sasha had a child. It was a great joy, because this is the first young family married in our church. They gave birth to a daughter and brought her to church and we prayed a dedication prayer for little Vera.



We thank God for He so wonderfully changes people and blesses their lives. Now the whole family Schurenko serve God, this is a great testimony to others, to co-workers, they are surprised by the changes occurring in Sergei. The neighbors now see the family happy and joyful.

I really thank God for what I can see in the fruits of their labor in Chervona Sloboda where God has given me a ministry of reconciliation. I rejoice in seeing creation of families, a change in people, and an expansion in God's kingdom on earth.

I thank you brothers and sisters for your prayers and financial support. Thanks to you all this a reality. This is your work and it is your results. Thank you for everything. God bless you! Pray for us. We pray for you.  
Vitaly Yurchenko Sincerely,

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## March

We thank God for the opportunity we had to spend the month of March visiting churches in the United States together with brother Eugene Buyko. It was a blessing to fellowship with our American brethren who uphold us in prayer and finances.

We were blessed by their hospitality and generosity. Verily, we saw in their hearts the love of Christ dwelling. We thank God for the opportunity to serve Him in the mission BIEM and for the opportunity of spreading the word of God in Ukraine.

We are very pleased to have such faithful partners and friends in God like you. While in the United States, we did not feel alone, because we were surrounded with the attention and care of brothers and sisters of different churches. We felt the unity, warmth of a genuine love. We thank God for you and we thank you very much. God bless you and fill you with His blessings.

Our vision is to serve God remains unchanged. The first and most important thing is to bring souls to the Savior Jesus Christ. We have witnessed the salvation of many souls who came to him and started life anew, through His saving grace. God is merciful! He has blessed us beyond measure.

We believe that our days are short and we need to reach as many people to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. We recognize the great responsibility that all must be done for His glory. We would ask you to pray for us, to send down God's blessing in the ministry that He has put before us.