



## The Kosyanchuks

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#### October

Thank God that the Lord, in His great mercy, provided the support and assistance of American brothers and sisters who came to visit Ukraine, leaving their homes, jobs, and ministries in order to hold in our area a very necessary and important service for widows, to share this joy of working in God's field of harvest with us.

This ministry was performed, but not only for widowed members of the church. It was an evangelistic ministry, as every believer had a chance to invite believing and unbelieving widows from the locality where he lives. Many of the invitees were cautious, but then they were angry and began to question, "And just when will such a service take place?"

And those who came to this service, and this was almost 20 unbelieving widows of all ages (from young up to those who are already 90 years old), were amazed at the love shown them at this service and dinner.

One widow, 90, said, "I have not seen such good people for a long time."

Another 90-year-old widow, who has been a great adversary to the Gospel, and who for the first time ever stepped over the threshold of a church, was also impressed by the atmosphere at this service. Her words were: "What good people these are. They love me so much. May God bless them so that their hands and feet do not hurt!"

Many other good comments were heard,

especially from unbelieving widows, who were waited on and served. Good reports about that service soon spread through the village, and they reaped very good approval from the villagers.

This was the positive assessment of this good work of the children of God in Jesus Christ.



And now we pray that many other widows who visited this service and heard the good news of salvation will accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior.

We sincerely thank the Lord for the opportunity to labor. Thank you, too, for your participation in this service and in other projects and ministries in our area.

Thank you for your prayer support and brotherly love. May the Lord bless all of you and reward you a hundredfold.

Amen.

## November

Great praise and gratitude be to the Lord, that in this month we were able to minister to widows in the villages of Komarivka and Borivka. When we suggested visiting the widowed members of the church, we also asked that they invite unbelievers to come. Therefore, each Christian widow who came was asked to bring along one or two unsaved widows.

This strategy worked. Four widows were not able to come. They requested that we visit them at home, which we did. These were warm meetings with good conversation. They thanked us for remembering them and for responding to their request that we come to them. A few of these widows had attended churches back when they were healthier, but only for holidays. And now, when they would like to be in church every week, they can't because their health hinders them. So, our Christian sisters will visit them as they have opportunities.

Praise God, that we had an opportunity to minister, and we thank you for your support of this ministry. May the Lord bless you with His heavenly blessings.

Amen.

## December



Christmas—the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ—is a holiday that never loses its significance. Unfortunately, though, it's not at all rare for people's vain and festive preparations to lose sight of the reason it even has significance. This prompted us to prepare a children's Christmas celebration in our church using the theme "The Importance of Christmas." During this time, we sought to use various methods to impress upon the children Jesus Christ's goals in being born on earth and the importance of this event, not only then, but now as well. It's important to point out that the team in charge of preparing this holiday

celebration was composed of teens and children. However, in spite of the apparent danger of disinterest and, therefore, negligence, which they could have manifested, compared with young people and adults who have prepared similar services before, these teens and children approached this assignment quite responsibly. The majority did even more than was expected of them: they participated in the Christmas production, decorated the auditorium, and helped with the program.

About 80 children attended this celebration, and their parents also came. We had congregational singing of Christmas songs, games, and a Christmas play. At the end, gifts were waiting for the children. As we distributed them, we once more reminded the kids and their parents of the Most Important Gift—Jesus Christ and the salvation that God provides through Him. Without a doubt, not everything proceeded exactly as we had imagined or desired. However, what an encouragement it was afterwards, when the mother of a home with many children came up and said, “God is working His grace through you.”

The most important goal was achieved: the Truth of the Gospel sounded forth and was heard by people! We are praying that the seed sown in hearts of both children and adults will in its own time bring forth good fruit for the praise of God!

Amen!

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