



The Yurchenkos

4th Quarter Report, 2019

October



Greetings, dear friends!

Recently we celebrated Day of Thanksgiving, or as we call it here, the Harvest holiday. This is always a joyful celebration. We're thankful to the Lord that He has blessed us and sent an abundant harvest. This is also a time of checking up and analyzing one's life, asking whether we are bringing forth fruits for the Lord. Autumn is a time of considering the sum of our labors, both physical and spiritual. Praise be to our Lord, that he blesses us both physically and spiritually so that we

can rejoice over each blessing from Him.

Guests from various churches visited us. Together, we thanked the Lord in songs and testimonies. One sister showed a video about our church. This is a terrific video history of our congregation using both photos and video footage. We watched it and rejoiced, so much so that tears welled in our eyes. (You can view the video at the following link: <https://youtu.be/qhwByRwpSVo>). We rejoiced and thanked the Lord for these 18 years since the founding of our church in Chervona Sloboda. How much labor has been done, how many blessings we've experienced, and what trials we've gone through, and through it all the Lord has been with us! Over the course of these years we have held so many evangelistic outreaches, social projects, children's ministries and camps, not to mention countless worship services. During these years I have driven over 200,000 kilometers [124,270 miles] on trips to Chervona Sloboda. Praise the Lord! These are wonderful memories.

We are thankful to the Lord, dear friends, that in all of these blessings you have played a role by praying for us and supporting us financially. We are thankful for your love toward us, and for your care. Thanks to you, God's work is being done in Ukraine. May the Lord bless you!

Pray for us, that God's Holy Spirit will lead us and open for us new opportunities and that He will add new saved souls to the church.

Sincerely yours,
Vitaly Yurchenko

December

On the day before Christmas we visited an assisted nursing home for elderly people. We wished to bring a holiday mood to lonely individuals. And not only a good mood, but also to show them some

love, attention, and most of all to share with them the truth concerning the birth of the Messiah and the love of God. We are accustomed to ministering to children with our puppet theater; therefore, when we arrived at the home for the elderly, we were a bit doubtful concerning how people of such a respectable age would receive our presentation.

I noticed this anxiety in our puppet team, so I suggested that we pray, and I reminded them that our power is not in our own strength; but when we feel weak, then the Lord provides His strength. After praying we began our presentation. I observed the elderly folks, how they listened, and I noticed that some of them had tears on their cheeks. When we finished our presentation, we sang some Christian hymns to the accompaniment of a guitar. I gave a short sermon and gave an invitation for anyone who would like to accept Jesus to pray a prayer of repentance. Three people raised their hands, but nearly everyone repeated the prayer after me. God blessed this service in an amazing way.

It was a Christian woman who invited us to that nursing home. Later, she left the following post on her Facebook page:



“We continue to minister in the New Life nursing home for the elderly. This time an entire Christian puppet troupe came to preach and to share the Gospel.

I am thankful to the family of Anatoly and Ludmila Storck for such a dedicated, selfless ministry for God! I thank Pastor Vitaly Yurchenko for his inspiring words, psalms, and the invitation to repent! This team consists of brothers and sisters who live in various villages! For 10 years already, they have shared the Gospel, and the day came when we got acquainted and were able to serve the Lord together! We thank the administration of New

Life nursing home for their favor, and for the table of tasty sweets. 😊 Most importantly, our visit was not in vain. Three people turned to the Lord! Once more I am persuaded about how the Lord takes simple people and through their hands performs His work. ‘Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest’ (Matthew 11:28).”

I’m very thankful to you, dear friends, for your prayers and sacrifices. Thanks to you, God’s work is being performed here in Ukraine. May the Lord bless you!

During the holidays we have many trips planned. We will serve in various places through the puppet theater. Please pray for these services, that the Lord will give success in everything.

Sincerely yours, Vitaly Yurchenko