



## **The Kosyanchuks**

### **2nd Quarter Report, 2019**

#### **April**

Dear friends, we are glad to share with you some of our joy from the Children's Easter Celebration we had. This year, as previously, with prayers and God's help, we prepared this event so as to convey the truth of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ to children and their parents. In the program, which was titled "The Cost of Salvation," we showed the children the truth that, in order for someone to live, others must pay for it, and at times this can be at the cost of their own life. Starting with modern examples that the children can understand, we went to the Old Testament Passover, and from there to the New Testament Passover and the price that Christ paid for each person for the salvation of their souls. Along with the children, we praised Christ in songs for this sacrifice. In addition, we played games with them. As always, there was a play for the children, and it clearly conveyed the truth about the sacrifice of Christ and its meaning for us. In the conclusion, as a sign of God's love that was extended to us, the children received gifts.

A large number of children had been invited for Easter. Despite the fact that the weather that day was rainy and many couldn't come, we had over 70 kids in attendance! Most of them do not attend church or Sunday school for various reasons. However, many of the kids were acquainted with us through the summer camps that our church has held in past years and which, by God's mercy, we would like to hold again this year.

Thank you for your prayers and concerns for us! May the Lord bless you and provide for your every need! Amen.

#### **May**

After holding an Easter holiday service in the church building, we decided to hold a meeting with the disabled children of our town. By going through the local authorities, we were able to get a list with the addresses of all such children. It turned out that there are nearly 50 such children in our town.

By the Lord's mercy, we in our church were able to prepare gifts, Christian children's books that we received from the BIEM mission, and children's calendars with the Ten Commandments. We also prepared three groups, which included teachers from the Sunday school and children who attend it.

We didn't know what kind of reception we would get, how the parents and children would react to us, and didn't know whether they would listen to us. But, praise God, by the Lord's great mercy there weren't any kinds of barriers. They received us joyfully, asked questions, and invited us to come. Unfortunately, there were some parents who seemed apathetic about these meetings. But in general, the parents had tears in their eyes from joy that their

children were not forgotten. Also, for those children who have an opportunity to attend, we invited them to come to our Sunday school and the Christian children's camp.

Praise God, the Lord helped us in this. We are thankful to you for your prayers, support, and assistance. May the Lord bless you.

## **June**

Dear friends, we would like to share with you some of our joy concerning the day camp, which we held on our church property. From June 24 through June 28, from 9 am to 4 pm, and on June 29, from 9 am to 12:30, with God's help, we had the chance to hold an evangelism in our town through ministry to children. The foundation for the lessons in camp were the first events in the Bible: creation, the Fall into sin, Cain's murdering of Abel, Enoch's walking with God, and the worldwide Flood. We recounted to the children about nature as created by God, about man's condition and our need of salvation and knowledge of God, which Jesus Christ provided.

Every day included for the children a rich program consisting of a Bible lesson, learning Christian songs, sports and games, creating handcrafts, watching and discussing Christian cartoons. Besides that, each day our ladies prepared breakfast, lunch, and snacks for the children, so that they could be strengthened in between all the activities. In all, over 85 children visited the day camp. For the final day, we prepared a festive children's worship service to which the kids invited their parents and close relatives. By God's mercy, many of those family members attended and, after the conclusion, sincerely thanked us for holding the camp. The children were very thankful too! Someone called out, "When will the next camp be?"

Many of the children were in our camp, not for the first time. An 11-year-old boy named Oles said he's been coming to our camps since he was 5! It's a joy to see that God's work is being done and that children are visiting the church. We believe that, in its time, the Word of God being sown in young hearts will bring forth abundant fruit to the glory of God! We thank you, too, dear brothers and sisters, for supporting this ministry for many years. It's impossible to evaluate fully the significance of your material support and prayers. May the Lord reward you abundantly!

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