



The Kosyanchuks in Bilgorodka, Ukraine

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July

Holding worship services outside the church has already become, not the exception, but the norm. Several members of the church suggested that we hold outdoor services every summer. This has its pluses: The neighbors who live near the church building, along with those who are walking past, watch and listen, especially when we're having a time of praise in song.

Praise God, that even in the midst of such a complicated time of a virus we can hold services outdoors in the morning and evening, as long as the evenings are light.

This month an important event took place. It brought joy to the Sunday school and to all of the church. A 10-year-old girl named Marinka, who has been in our Sunday school ever since she was little, has repented and accepted Christ into her heart. Ever since she was nursery age, the parents brought her, and she was in the very youngest group. And when her parents had said, "Maybe it's too soon to take you; we could let you grow up and then you can make your own decision," she replied, "What, and have Christ come back and take you believers and leave me behind? I want to be with Christ the Savior." Praise the Lord that He has prompted her heart to make this important decision.

Now the church is praying for the quarantine to be relaxed so we can host a children's camp. Out on the street, kids ask if there will be a camp, but there are also parents who fear to let their children come. Therefore, we ask the Lord to help us make this important decision.

Sincere praise and gratitude to our Lord for His love and mercy. We thank you, too, for your prayers, help, and brotherly support. May the Lord bless you, protect you, and may He be glorified through your ministry.

August

By His grace, God has given us a wonderful summer month, which has been a blessing to the church. God has given us the chance to hold a Christian children's camp. Due to the worldwide coronavirus pandemic, we thought it would be impossible to organize anything to work with children. There were many doubts – how to do it right, and how to abide by all the necessary medical measures.

The Lord encouraged several members of the church to organize something, and with God's help it was decided to hold a children's camp with a looser schedule. The traditional atmosphere of a Christian camp was preserved – Bible lessons, prayer, sports competitions, interesting creative activities, a musical time, a trampoline, exercise, and many other interesting elements. All of this was held outside, in the fresh air of the churchyard. The Lord helped and blessed us with good weather. It was not hot all day, and at the same time the clear sun gave us its warmth.

It seemed to us that the process of distributing meals to the children would be the most difficult. But even with that, everything went well. The children liked the idea of sandwiches and tea served on the lawn, as well as receiving various sweets at the end of the day. Due to quarantine conditions, a small number of children came, but these were new children who had never attended a

Christian children's camp. It was a blessing that new hearts heard the Gospel. And we now pray that these children will come to Sunday school, where they can learn more about Christ the Savior.

The number of children who came to the day camp ranged from 2 to 15 years old. Older children were happy to come up with different games, and there were many fresh ideas that we can implement next year. Parents who learned for the first time that our church holds such camps were pleasantly surprised and very happy that in the last days of summer someone put on such a holiday for their children.

Each child received a memorable gift on the last day. We saw a lot of positive emotions. It was a kind of experiment that proved in practice that trusting in God works wonders. The Lord protect both children and adults involved in the camp from disease, injuries, and other ailments. Praise be to our Lord for giving us the opportunity to work in ministry so that children can draw closer to God. We understand that there is little time, but even in this short time the seed of truth has been sown in children's hearts. Many children have shared it with their parents and friends. Praise God for that.

Thank you for your prayers, your support, and for your help in this. Thank you from all the church and the children. May the Lord reward you a hundredfold.

September

This month, by the grace of the Lord, was warm and fruitful. And services were held outdoors, under the cover of autumn trees and according to the conditions of quarantine. It was 27 years ago, when the church building was being built, that the Harvest Festival was held on the street in front of the building. This year, because of the epidemic, it has happened again, but it will not always be so.

Thank God that we were able to prepare and hold it. According to a decision by the church, this has been an annual activity in the second week of September – the church's Harvest holiday. And God allowed us to hold it. We displayed harvest exhibits outside under the trees. The choir praised the Lord, the youth and Sunday school teachers participated in the service, and God received praise. However, we didn't have guests from other churches due to quarantine restrictions.

We thank God that He encouraged some neighbors to come to the meal. Others stood outside the fence and listened. Pedestrians also stopped, listened, and asked what was happening.

Also, observing all rules, we prepared a festive dinner of love. The food was divided into boxes, and all the desserts were packed and placed in bags, which were given to everyone present. Some sat on benches around the area and near the church building, while others carried their lunch packages. The holiday gave God glory, even though we'd had some concerns. The church members were very grateful. Everyone who came thanked them for being able to praise the Lord God for our harvest this year.

We thank you for your prayers, for your brotherly love and care. May the Lord reward you a hundredfold and bless your life and work for the glory of the Lord.

Amen.

