



The Kosyanchuks in Bilgorodka, Ukraine

4th Quarter Report, 2020

October

By the Lord's grace, this month was almost all warm and we were able to hold services outdoors, while the Sunday school held its classes indoors. Therefore, we did not have a crowd of people, and we managed to comply with all the health requirements of quarantine. Further services will be held inside of the church. Only the Lord knows how they will be held, because circumstances in connection with the pandemic change almost every day.

The good news is that no matter what the circumstances are, people are coming to church services, even those who are at risk due to their age. One man who comes to our services previously served in the military but is now a pensioner. He was a great enemy of God, but now he comes constantly. He doesn't miss a service and listens very attentively. He testified that he really likes to be in the house of God, and that he waits all week to be at the service. But he wants to be convinced all on his own of the correctness of his choice, comparing services in other denominations.

Therefore, we pray that the Lord will open his heart and this man will see the light in Jesus Christ and accept Him as His Savior.

We pray for you, and we sincerely thank you for your prayers, for your support, and for help in the ministry that we do here together, by the Lord's grace. May the Lord bless you in your work in His fields of ministry and protect us all. Amen.

November

No matter what the circumstances, praise God that we still have the opportunity to hold worship services, even if not fully, as before.

For all of this month, the authorities determined that we should have weekend quarantine. This means that for all of the weekends, we were supposed to sit at home. Nothing was open except for the pharmacies, grocery stores, and transportation in an attempt to do the utmost to prevent contact between people.

There was nothing stated specifically concerning churches, except that there should be no more than 20 people in the building. People who are age 65 or older are in the "at risk" category; therefore, it was recommended that they stay home at this time, except for the hours from 10 am to noon, which was designated as the time for going to stores and pharmacies. Therefore, by God's mercy, we are holding services for teens and youth. In this way, praise God, nearly all of the church's members get to attend a service in the church once a week, except for the elderly members. There is yet another reason for this. Many people's children encourage their parents to stay home when they get sick because the parents' care and treatment falls onto the children's shoulders. So, they say it's better for them to be at home.

Those are the kinds of restrictions on us at this time. But great praise and thanks be to the Lord for preserving and helping us. We are praying for the Lord to protect you, too, and to help all of us during this complicated time.

Thank you for your prayers, brotherly support, and blessings.

December

Due to the fact that the person responsible for our church's children's ministry, along with all of his family, are in self-isolation due to Covid we have postponed the children's Christmas service to January 7. If the Lord so wills and if there aren't any changes, we will be holding two services to adhere to all the public health requirements. One for the older children, and a second for the younger kids and for those children without parents. Because of this, we had an opportunity to hold a different service—a service for children with disabilities.

In 2019, in Bilogorodka there were 49 children with disabilities. In 2020 there remained 43 such children. Some matured out of this age category, and others received treatment. This is the number remaining. Yet, in these same families there are other children who, praise God, don't have any disabilities. There are 18 such children, and we prepared Christmas gifts for them as well.

In order to visit these children at their homes, we organized ourselves into three groups who could go and greet the children and chat with them as well as with their parents. Unfortunately, because of the quarantine, we couldn't personally hand over the gifts to the children. For the most part, we had to hand them to the parents outside the home. Those who were especially grateful inquired about us and took down the address of the church. For over 7 years now, we have conducted such ministries, but in the past, no one ever wrote down our address. Yet this time, people expressed a desire to be with us at a service.

Praise God that, in this way, the Lord is inclining people's hearts to seek God. For 3 days, we were able to go and distribute these gifts and to give people greetings celebrating the birth of Christ. We sincerely thank you for your role and support in all of this.

May the Lord bless you and help you in the labor in His fields of harvest, as well as protect you from the harms and evil of this world.

Amen.

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