

## The Yurchenkos in Ukraine

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A couple of year ago, a young family came to Lviv in order to accept responsibility for a church there that had been around a while. As always, serving in older, traditional churches isn't simple, and the pastor and his family needs support. Yura and Violetta are wonderful, God-loving servants of the Lord. They are very energetic, sincere, hospitable, and hardworking. The Lord has changed a lot of things in this church through this family. From what we had heard about how things were in this church previously, and contrasting that to what we saw there, it has been a huge change.



There, we saw God's grace on everything. We were very well received by Yura and Violetta, and by the whole church. Alyona and I are very glad that we were able to get better acquainted with this family and this church. We took part in the Sunday worship service. We sang a couple of songs with a guitar, and I gave my testimony. I told the church about our seminary and invited anyone interested to come and study and to receive a theological education in the seminary. I also served the church by preaching from the Word of God.



In addition, we delivered cartons of books that Zhenya Buyko had given us for our churches in the western region. Besides that, we spent a couple of days together for the weekend. This was a blessed time. Please pray for Salvation Baptist Church in Lviv. Pray for Yura and Violetta and their ministry. Their church is involved in reconstruction work. A lot of work remains to be done. Pray for that project, too.

Thank you, dear friends for your prayers and support. Thanks to you and your love for us, God's work is being done in Ukraine. God bless you!



## September



This story begins in 2002, when Grace Baptist Church in Chervona Sloboda was just getting established. In that year, 6 people were baptized. Among them was Alyona Schurenko. After receiving an invitation, Alyona came to a home meeting, which was held in the home of Lena, director of the village club building. Alyona quickly embraced the good news of the Gospel and placed her faith in Jesus Christ.

After being baptized, Alyona informed us that she had problems in her family. Her husband and her parents wanted her to get an abortion. We supported our sister in the Lord every way we could. The battle was hard, but Alyona remained faithful to the Lord and didn't get an abortion. Soon, a wonderful little girl, Margarita, was born into the world. From her earliest days, Margarita was in church with her mother. Some years later, Margarita's father Sergei accepted Jesus Christ, too. Then he declared that he was thankful to the church for upholding Alyona in the battle for life and that she had protected Margarita. Seventeen years have passed since that time.

On September 20, 2020, the church gathered on the riverbank. Today, that girl for whose life we struggled was baptized and dedicated her life to the Lord. Such an interesting story that we have had in our church. We are so thankful to the Lord, who gives us the strength to overcome all hardships and temptations. He saves people's lives.

And we are grateful to you, dear friends, for praying for us and supporting our ministry. Thank you so much! Pray for Rita; she is a young lady and encounters various trials in her Christian life. Pray that

the Lord will add yet other saved souls to the church. May the Lord bless you!



Sincerely yours,  
Vitaly Yurchenko