



The Kosyanchuks in Bilgorodka, Ukraine

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July

At the end of last month and the beginning of this month, the Lord helped us to hold a children's day camp in our church. Because of the coronavirus, we couldn't do so last summer, and after not having one for nearly two years, we basically had to start afresh.

Over the past two years, the children who had been to our previous camp in 2019 have grown. Not far from the church, a new high-rise apartment complex has been built, and many families now live there. Part of the team who had previously helped to hold camps could no longer help, so we had a critical need for new workers. Furthermore, local authorities had issued new requirements connected with the limitations created by the demands of the quarantine.

However, it's important to note that the Lord and His Word remain unchanged: "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Indeed, even today He has all power, and He is present with those who fulfill His commissions and supports them.

Despite all the difficulties and innovations that we ended up dealing with, the Lord led us through them and helped us to do His work. God sent new laborers to our team. He helped us to distribute invitations to the new apartments and to prepare everything for holding the day camp. He blessed us with wonderful weather even though a week before the camp there was a period of extremely high temperatures outdoors. God brought us over 70 children, many of whom were in our camp for the first time, and protected them from injuries and all harm. The Lord gave strength and unity to the workers and helped in holding the full program despite all the restrictions. This included Bible lessons, learning Christian songs, games, making handcrafts, watching some videos, and of course tasty food and a joyful atmosphere!

The camp lasted 5 days, and on the 6th day the children invited their loved ones to a holiday service where they showed what they had learned during the day camp. What a joy it was to see a large number of the children's relatives, and even more pleasant to hear their remarks and to know that the service had touched their hearts. We believe that many of those who were there to hear will dedicate their lives to the Lord!

Without a doubt, all that was accomplished could never have become a reality without financial assistance. The Lord prompted us—and other Christians—in sacrificing for this ministry. We praise Him for this and wish to thank you for your role, which was very important for us! May the Lord abundantly bless and fill all your needs and multiply the fruits of your labors!

Amen.

August

In the last days of August, the Lord helped us to hold a one-day children's camp on the property of our church. Earlier, we had already held similar camps with the goal of bringing the Gospel to children. Reminding them of the 6-day camp that we'd already held and the marvelous time we all had, we once again invited them to come for this day.

On the Sunday before this camp, we prayed over children who would be going to school, so they would have more motivation to come to the church again and again. As a rule, the number of kids who come to the one-day camp is 50% of the number who come to the six-day camp held in June. And that's what happened this time. There were about 30-35 kids, although some were scared away by the rain we had earlier that morning. However, the Lord blessed us—after a short rain, we had wonderful weather the rest of the day, and everyone who came was very glad!

We prepared a very interesting program: The kids sang, listened to a Bible lesson, and played a big, all-camp game, which showed how their lives develop from kindergarten up to the time when they'll be working, or studying in an institute of higher education, and even getting married. The game even showed how their decisions influence their whole lives. As always, at the end of the camp the kids expected rewards. Those who were the most attentive and put in the most initiative received extra prizes. And besides those, by God's mercy, we were able to make all the kids rejoice by giving them gifts. It's hard to put a value on the joy that was on the faces of the children and also their family members. We are praying and waiting for future meetings with them!

Once more, we'd like to thank you, dear brothers and sisters, for the prayerful and financial support that you provide. They are extremely valuable to us in our ministry before the Lord. May He reward you abundantly and bless all your lives.

Amen!

September

Praise God, we have received an unexpected addition to the church!

A woman from the Rivne region began to visit our church. She had come to work for a family to take care of a woman. When the time of her employment contract came to an end, she came to our ministers and asked that one of us visit that ill woman at her home. She said that was also the desire of the woman she'd been looking after, because she herself cannot walk due to illness. It turned out, the ill woman had been a member of a church. She had been baptized, but when she fell ill, her son took her to his home, and she lost contact with that church.

Previously, the caregiver woman had brought an Orthodox priest to her, but the ill woman explained that she was not Orthodox, but a member of a different church.

And so, the caregiver began to talk to the ill woman, telling about her about our church services. Together they read the Bible and prayed. The ill woman said that was the kind of church she had attended but hadn't known whether there were such believers in this area and whether they would accept her in such a physical condition.

Upon hearing this information, we visited this sister and talked with her. We found out that she had been a member of a Pentecostal church but had never spoken in tongues and did not try to do it, because she did not understand what it was all about. She regularly reads the Word of God, understands it correctly, and prays, but she had been afraid to burden a church with herself.

However, after talking and praying with us, she realized she needed a connection with a church and with church members. She asked us to accept her as a member of the church so that she could participate in the Lord's supper.

Not everything has been worked out, but the brotherly council has already decided to take the sister under the care of the church.

We sincerely thank the Lord and you for your work, for your prayers, for your brotherly support and help.

Amen.

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