



## **The Kosyanchuks in Bilogorodka, Ukraine**

### **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report, 2021**

#### **October**

Several months ago, we heard that the rehabilitation center in Fastiv needs clothing, both for children and adults. But the greatest need was for warm work clothing for the rehabilitants.

In the church we made an announcement to the people that if anyone has anything that they could contribute, then to please bring it. And, praise God, many members of the church heeded and brought things, which we packed up and transported to the rehab center along with things from Second Baptist Church.

The clothing was diverse. Most of it was children's summer clothing, which younger families brought. But as for warm clothing, we were able to send over several sets of military pea coats for working. These were from the 1990s, styles that were given out instead of money or when a person went onto pension. Since this clothing had been lying around unused, we are glad that it can now serve a good purpose.

After we sent those things, people kept bringing clothing. Now we are gathering more, including winter clothing, so that we can deliver that, too.

At the end of this month, the authorities categorized Kyiv as in the red zone due to an increase of Covid cases. How things will go, we don't know. But we are praying that the Lord will preserve us and help us to continue church services.

We sincerely thank you for your support, for your prayers, and for the brotherly care that you show toward us.

Amen.

#### **November**

God permits various trials in the lives of his children, but in His great mercy, He also gives strength and ability to overcome them.

This month was very unfavorable for ministry since many people in this area fell ill from Covid, including members of our church. But the illness spread especially fast after the funerals of two members of our church who passed away. It was cold outside, and the service was held outdoors. And there were various people, and not all of them abided by the rule about wearing masks. Many sang, and as a result, many people in the church fell sick. Those who were vaccinated endure the sickness much better than those who are not vaccinated.

But, praise God, services are being held, even if for a smaller number of people.

Plus, the Second Baptist Church helps us during this difficult time of trials for our church. Young families come to us and participate in the ministry. Praise be to God, no one from our church has died due to Covid.

We sincerely thank you for your prayerful support and brotherly assistance.

May the Lord bless you and help in your lives and labors in God's harvest fields.

Amen.

## **December**

We are very glad that the church is beginning to fill up with people who had previously been away because they were sick from Covid-19. We had more than fifty percent of our church sick with it, both vaccinated and unvaccinated, both the young generation and the old one.

And praise God that it has already gone into remission, and we have begun preparations for the Christmas services. We were not able to get ready by December 25. Therefore, it was decided that for this year we will hold the holiday service for all the church on January 7. Furthermore, at that time the schools will have vacation, and we will then be able to hold a separate service for children and hand out gifts.

We recently had an interesting meeting. Around 10 years ago, one sister in the church brought to services her granddaughter, who was visiting from Mariupol. The granddaughter took a great interest, and she came to services all the time with her grandmother. She attended the older Sunday school class, but then went back home to her parents.

In time, the grandmother passed away, and someone from among the church members commented that our sister had gone into eternity, but no one had come.

But, praise God, that's now how things are with the Lord. At one of the services, in that same spot where this grandmother used to sit, there sat a young family with a child. And we recognized that young lady as the granddaughter of our departed sister. They had left Mariupol and moved to a village not far from Bilogorodka and decided to visit the church where her grandmother had been a member. This was an unexpected and joyous encounter. They had been members of a church in Mariupol and are now looking for a church to join for the future. They expressed a desire to come here. Past that, the Lord will decide.

We sincerely thank you for your support, your prayers, and your help. May the Lord bless you with His heavenly blessings.

Amen.

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