



## The Yurchenkos in Chervona Sloboda, Ukraine

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report, 2021

#### April & May



Greetings to you, dear friends! I wrote to you earlier, requesting prayer for our puppet theater and about the ministry to children. For more than a year, we didn't have an opportunity to take this ministry anywhere due to the quarantine, but the Lord has heard our prayers, and now the time has come when this ministry can resume. For now, we still don't have many invitations, but once a month we've been taking the puppet theater out to minister to kids. In April we visited a sports school and showed the kids a presentation about Easter. This was the first time after a long break.

What joy this brought to our puppet troupe. We rejoiced that the Lord gives us such an opportunity and that children can hear the Gospel through this ministry. In May we were invited to minister to families with problem children. These are kids who have various psychological illnesses and deviations. It's not easy working with such kids, and it's difficult to hold their attention. But they understand and even pray. They sing Christian songs. Another blessing is that their parents are present with them, and they, too, hear the Gospel.



More opportunities are coming up. We've already been invited to minister to kids in various cities. Please pray that the Lord will bless us in this outreach and that all the presentations that are in the works will take place.

Also, we rejoiced when Peter, the husband of our sister Olya, came to church. He had never been inside our church, although a home group used to be held at their home even though he didn't attend it. Recently, Peter fell ill of covid and was in bad shape in the hospital with Olya, his wife. We went to visit him, but we could see him only through a window from outside. We have prayed a lot for Olya and Peter, and the Lord granted them healing. Peter had promised that he would come to church if he got well. So, he has fulfilled that promise, although so far he has been in church only once.

Please pray for Peter, that he will accept Jesus. We are also planning to hold a children's camp, so please pray about that.

We are very thankful to you, dear friends, for supporting us with your prayers and finances. Thanks to you, we can serve the Lord in Ukraine. May the Lord bless you!

Sincerely yours,

Vitaly Yurchenko



## June & July



Larisa has already been visiting our church for some years. Several times, she has wanted to come forward and to repent of her sins and to receive Christ. This past Sunday, Larisa decided to take this step. She prayed and asked the Lord for forgiveness for delaying so long to allow Him into her heart even though she has believed in Jesus Christ for a long while. We rejoiced for this wonderful moment in Larisa's life. In September, Larisa plans to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

In addition, another family has begun attending our church. They have an alcohol dependency. Several women have also begun visiting our services regularly. Please pray for all of these people, that they will obtain salvation in Christ.

Our puppet theater is continuing to minister. Recently we visited the city of Vyshnevy. The presentation was outdoors at a stadium. There were a lot of children and a lot of heat. Our puppets were wet when we ministered to children under the hot sun. But it was worth it. The children were very attentive. They listened to the tidings about Christ with great interest. There were a lot of games and quizzes for the children. All the parents and other adults were thankful for our service. Many children prayed a prayer of repentance. Please pray for our upcoming services for children, that the Lord will give us success in everything.

We have another big request. For our theater, we use the personal minivan of brother Anatoly. This minivan has already served our puppet troupe for many years. But it's very old and has begun to break down frequently. There have been several instances when we could not go and put on a presentation because the minivan was not working. On top of everything else, his minivan is very small for such a team. Our puppeteers end up sitting 2 to a seat. (Good thing they are small and slim. ☺) Therefore, we ask that you pray, and if possible, to assist with getting a larger van for this ministry to children.

All of our team and I are thankful to you, dear friends, for your prayers and support of our ministry. Thanks to you, we can be active in ministry here in Ukraine. May the Lord bless you!

Vitaly Yurchenko

