

The Yurchenkos in Chervona Sloboda, Ukraine

4th Quarter Report, 2023

October/November

Peace be with you, dear friends!

I would like to briefly share with you our blessings, challenges, and prayer needs.

First, I want to sincerely thank you for your prayers for us, for the church, and for Ukraine.

Your prayers are very important. Thanks to them, we feel God's care and protection. I also thank you for your donations and financial support. They are a huge blessing for us. Thank you very much!

As you know, we have been expanding our house of worship since June. We added another building

to the existing church building. This is probably not the best time for construction, since we are at war and the Ukrainian economy has suffered greatly. However, there are things that require a



timely response. I previously reported that our church hosted a repair crew of electricians who lived right in the church building where services are held. They lived with us for three months. Out of 200



soldiers, a whole battalion, only thirty remained, and some of them lived for a whole month in our church. During this time, the church met in a small room, since we have no other rooms. There are also many refugees coming from the east who need shelter. That is why we decided to expand our church building. We had planned to build rooms for living and to add a bathroom with a shower. We also built a covered veranda so that in the summer it would be possible to hold classes with children and for children's camps. All these months we have been busy with construction. But in October and November we were in a hurry to finish the external work, so that when the cold weather arrived, we could continue working indoors. We also started working on water filters. We had previously drilled a well, but the water in it is not suitable for use as it contains a high concentration of iron. To purify the water, large and expensive filters are needed. We found sponsors for the filters, but they were only able to cover 70% of the cost of the filters. Therefore, we are actively searching for finances. We have already done a lot, but there is still a lot of work to be done on the interior finishing of the premises, and we have already run out of finances. We need to finish some work on credit for now. Therefore, I ask you to pray for financial support for this project.



But in general, everything is good in the church. We held a festive Harvest service, which was attended by local guests. We were visited by young people from my home church on Pukhova Street. And the ministry for teenagers and young adults continues. For everything, we give glory to the Lord! Of course, we also have experiences. Our deacon, brother Slava, has already undergone a third operation. He's been in the hospital a lot lately because he has a kidney problem. Please pray for him.

We also plan to serve children with our puppet theater during the Christmas holidays. Pray for this ministry too. Pray for the construction, that the Lord will provide us with the necessary finances and give us wisdom in all of this. Please continue to pray for us.

Thank you for everything! And may God bless you!

Sincerely yours,
Vitaly Yurchenko

December

Dear churches, dear brothers, and sisters in Christ!

On behalf of our family and Grace Church, we would like to sincerely thank you for your prayers, your help, and your hospitality during the time we spent together with you. We felt great love from you and your sincere participation in



our experiences and difficulties. We are also grateful to all the families who

welcomed us into their homes. Thank you for your hospitality! It was the first time that we visited the USA with our son Nikita. It's a big miracle that he was able to come with us. This was his first time visiting American churches, and he really enjoyed it. He

personally sends his greetings and great thanks to everyone!





Unfortunately, the war continues in Ukraine, and the forecasts for the near future are not encouraging. We don't know how long all of this will last, nor how much more grief and suffering this war will bring. We don't know whether we will be able to see each other again, whether we will have an opportunity to visit you again. Everything is according to the will of God, and we want to do His will. We believe that our Lord God is in control and that by His grace we are alive. Despite the war in Ukraine, we continue to serve the Lord. Our church is grateful to you

for your financial support in the expansion and construction of our church building, which we use to serve the military and for various ministries. We pray that we still have time to be useful to people in some way and bring glory to our Lord. This became possible thanks to your help. Thank you very much. Once again, we are grateful to the BIEM mission and all the churches that hosted us. Thank you very much and God bless you!

Please continue to pray for us.

Sincerely yours,

Vitaly, Alena, Nikita, and Grace Baptist Church of
Chervona Sloboda, Ukraine

