



The Kosyanchuks in Bilogorodka, Ukraine

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October

The Lord desires to give salvation for every soul, especially to one that searches Him. This is why He takes care of a person during life's difficulties and tries to keep good relationships with God, in spite of various obstacles.

When we were in Radinka (a village close to the Chernobyl Zone) we served communion to the local congregation. During that trip, we learned about a man in a wheelchair who had a need. So, he could attend church, the brethren took turns driving him and the wheelchair to church. But the problem was that the man from the church did not own the wheelchair. He had borrowed it and needed to give it back.

We had a wheelchair in our church, but we didn't know if the size would work for him. We drove that wheelchair to Radinka, but unfortunately, it didn't work for him.

This man started weeping, because his only comfort in life was the church service, and he didn't know what to do when his neighbors took back the borrowed wheelchair. The church prayed about this situation.

Praise the Lord, when we looked at the humanitarian aid items from BIEM in storage, we found exactly what this man needed. This month we took that wheelchair to the man. We cannot express what joy shone in his eyes when he realized he could attend church again. Such a thing [1 wheelchair] might be insignificant in the eyes of some, but for this man it was a cause for incredible joy. Praise the Lord for whoever's heart decided to offer this wheelchair to BIEM!



Also, this month we visited Komarivka village. It was the youth group from our church who went there and took part at their service. We thank you sincerely for your brotherly help and the good work you do for His glory. May God bless you abundantly.

Amen.

November



A joyful and interesting thing happened in our church this month. As you know, at church and at home, we pray for our fellow villagers who are fighting on the warfront. These are people we know personally, or someone else who knows them asked us to pray for them.

This month we had a joyful meeting with our young brother, who had been fighting on the front line and came back home for a short break. We always pray for him, but anytime there were any specific difficulties, he sent us messages. We'd begin praying immediately for

whatever it was. It was a delightful meeting in the House of Prayer. He was grateful for our prayers and shared that he especially felt when the church was praying for him. He also sang a psalm that the men had been singing when in the war zone. This psalm is about God's mercy and His protection over His children.



Praise the Lord, that Sunday Service was so exciting and wonderful. This was the first occasion in the past two years, when the church met in person someone [from the front] they've been praying for. This inspires a lot.

We thank you for your prayers and support. What you do for us is truly an expression of brotherly love. May God bless you all in your work.

Amen.

December

Thank God for this wonderful opportunity that you have given us through your donations to help soldiers who are on the front lines and for whom our church is praying. There are many such people from the village, but we singled out those who are somehow connected with the church, and there were 30 of them. We organized 2 groups of willing members of the church, published the Gospel in Ukrainian, and we had a conversation (because we did not know how we would be received), prayed, and with God's help went to do this work.

The result was impressive. We met with soldiers who were home on a short leave or were receiving treatment after being wounded. They expressed their heartfelt thanks with tears in their

eyes. One of them cried and bowed, and said, "How joyful that you remember me and take care of me at this time when it is so difficult." Another soldier did not want to accept our gift, saying that he had enough, although he was very grateful for the prayers and support. But then he said the following: "I will take it for now, but when the war is over, I will come to the House of Prayer and give back everything plus more."

The parents of the soldiers gladly met us. They cried and thanked us, that the church did not forget them but rather supported them, aiding the parents themselves so they could support their sons and provide for them on the front line at a time when others already seemed indifferent. One woman wept and said, "What kind of people are you, that whenever I am in a very difficult situation, you always come to my aid?" We told her, "It is not us, but God sees your need and through the believers of America has sent aid for you and your husband. This woman has difficult circumstances: her husband returned to the front line after being wounded. Their eldest child is disabled, and now they have another child. We gave her rations and diapers. The grandfather of this woman has been a church member for a long time. So, God gave us a blessed ministry. Thanks to your help, we witnessed to people about Christ, about His love and mercy for all of us.

We sincerely thank God. We also sincerely thank you for your prayers and brotherly support in this difficult time for us. May the Lord bless you with his heavenly blessings.

Amen.

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