



The Yurchenkos in Chervona Sloboda, Ukraine

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May

The Lord gave us the opportunity to minister to disabled children in Kyiv.

Recently, during the war, we do not often have the opportunity to perform our puppet theater, but we rejoice whenever such an opportunity arises. This time we were invited by a church that held a special camp for special children. These are children who have disabilities of varying degrees. You should have seen the faces of our theatergoers when they found out that we were going to minister them with our puppet theater. Their faces shone with joy.



as a rule, their parents, or one of the parents, are also present with the children, and this is a great opportunity to bring the Gospel not only to children, but also to adults. In addition to the performance for the children, there was a fellowship for their parents, where the

The puppet theater is also an opportunity to involve young people in the ministry and in the church. There are several young people in our theater team who have not yet accepted Christ, and they are very rarely in church. But when we invite them to come with us, to serve the children, they gladly respond. Please pray for them.

When we minister to special needs children,



ministers answered their (parents') questions, and the Gospel was preached. Also, in the courtyard of the church for children, various competitions, and a fun, moving workout were organized. One thing I can say is that the Lord richly blessed this ministry. Children and parents were very happy and grateful. Such services are held annually, and for several years in a row we have been participating in them as a theater group.

Of course, we are very grateful to you, our dear friends, for your prayers and financial support. Thanks to you, we can serve children more effectively here in Ukraine. Thank you very much for everything! God bless you! Please continue to pray for us, for the puppet theater ministry, for the ministry to children, and for the youth who have not yet accepted Jesus Christ.

Sincerely yours,
Vitaly Yurchenko

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Baptism

There is no greater joy for the church than to see the Lord save people. During the war, God began to work in a special way in our church. During a service, two young sisters stepped forward and received Jesus into their hearts. These are the daughters of Olya, our sister, who was one of the first to be baptized and become a member of our church. After a service, Alina, and Anya (these are the names of these sisters) asked me to baptize them as soon as possible, because both have military husbands and often must go on trips for several months. On the Sunday when the baptism was to be held, another sister approached me, a sister who began attending church during the war, and said: "I will also be baptized". I was



surprised by her decision. The fact is that Zina (this is the name of this sister) repented in the church, but did not dare to be baptized, because she was baptized in the Orthodox Church as a child. Her relatives were against baptism, and it was a very difficult decision for her. When she did make the decision to be baptized, we were delighted with such a pleasant surprise. We also found white clothes for Zina. The very picturesque place that we fell in love with and had been baptized in ourselves, was the setting for the baptism.



We see how God uses wartime in Ukraine to save people. We see the hand of God in this. We thank the Lord for His grace in our lives. Thank you, dear friends, for your prayers and support during these difficult times for us. Thank you for your loyalty, for your love for us. God bless you! Pray for us, for God to add those who are being saved to the Church of Christ in Chervona Sloboda.

Sincerely yours,

Vitaly Yurchenko

