



CHURCH PLANTING IN UKRAINE, ANATOLY KOSYANCHUK *Summer 2010 Report*

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Time flies very quickly. It feels as if only yesterday we thanked the Lord for the camps .. and already it's the summer again.



Once in the spring, at the bus stop waiting for the bus, I walked over to the children who were in in camp last year and attended Sunday school. We got to talking, and suddenly, one boy asked: "Will there be a camp this year?" I said that there would be, and he said thoughtfully: "I'll have to postpone my visit to my relatives." Hearing these words was a great encouragement!



This year's camp was held from June 14 to 18. We put up announcements, we prayed about it in the church and in prayer groups. And anyway, I caught myself worrying about how everything would go, which children would come, how many of them. But the Lord is faithful, and He miraculously answered prayer. We had a great team; the weather was not too hot, although it was 30+ Celcius. The ladies who were our cooks fed us delicious meals three times a day, and always tried to come up with something tasty. But our main aim was to tell the children the Gospel. And we are very grateful to the Lord, that during that week about sixty children heard a series of lessons entitled "The Life of Joseph."

Another huge thanks to the Lord for the fact that there were many new children. I was very happy when a mother brought her seven-year-old daughter; they live next door to the church, but in the past they just walk passed us. One teen girl got into a conversation with a leader and tried to prove that there is no God and that man is descended from apes, and then she was offered a chance to present her arguments. When this girl came the next day, she said



she did not sleep very well, because she was searching for arguments, but didn't find any, and she came to the conclusion that God exists and that He created man.

The last five days rushed past. We were tired, but this fatigue was pleasant. After receiving gifts, the children went home happy. At the end of the camp, they were invited to Sunday school.

We are very grateful to you for your prayers and for your participation in this camp. May God richly bless you!

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Thank God for this wonderful time of grace, that salvation has come to many hearts; as adults and children have repented and accepted Christ into their hearts.

We have a girl attending Sunday school, Nastya Popova. With her comes and her younger sister. The lives of these children are very difficult. They live with their father and grandmother and are mainly in their care. The mother of the girls is a drug addict; she's in prison. When they were smaller, they were told that their mother had died, but now they probably know the truth, because Nastya is 12 and her sister is 9. So these sisters, holding hands all the time, both winter and summer, came to services and were learning. There was a time when their aunt took them to the Orthodox Church, but it was not for long. They have again returned to us.

In the summer time it's summer holiday, but these two sisters eagerly continue to attend Sunday services, Nastya listened very attentively to the sermons, the singing by the choir. So one Sunday, when we gave a call to repentance, Nastya came forward. It was such an unexpected gesture for members, that there were almost tears of joy in everyone. This is a family of non-believers, with only distant relatives who are members of our Church, but a big thanks to our Lord that He touched her heart and she accepted Christ as their personal Savior. Praise Him for this great joy.

We thank God for His mercy and love, which He revealed to His Church. And thank you for your prayers, for the brotherly assistance by doctors who have visited us and helped for the glory of God.

May God richly bless you all.