



The Kosyanchuks in Bilgorodka, Ukraine

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January

In Ukraine, for two weeks we've had a more rigidly enforced period of quarantine. Therefore, we had limitations at church, and those over age 65 did not attend church and were on home isolation. But the remainder of members attended services as they were able, and in this way the ministry did not cease.

And typically, at each worship service there were unsaved visitors in the church building. We rejoice that, even in such circumstances, there are people who are seeking God.

Not far from our church there is a well-populated residential district. These are new people from various areas who have acquired apartments for their regular place to live. That area is bordered by a fence, but while construction is going on, people can freely walk back and forth. And what has occurred to us, and what we have begun praying about, if the Lord so wills, is that we could go there and invite children to the church for camp. Also, we want to develop a youth group that could offer a New Testament. And in this way, we could establish friendly relationships.

At the current time this is difficult, and people are closed due to the virus. But by the Lord's mercy, when the restrictions are eased and the Lord opens the door, we could do this.

With the coming of the new month, we are already beginning the transition to full ministry, and we ask the Lord to help us in this.

We sincerely thank you for your prayers, for your brotherly assistance and your support. May the Lord bless you as well and place His protection over you.

Amen.

February

The Lord is performing His work, even when it seems to us that there are obstacles, such as this pandemic, which is causing fewer people to come to church. As for salvation, there is no obstacle except for sin. Sometime over 10 years ago a young woman repented in our church. She had a very difficult relationship with her husband, who was jealous of her, beat her, and was violent toward her.

And when she repented, she began to attend services of the church, and gradually her relationship with her husband began to improve. He promised her that he wouldn't forbid her from attending church. But this didn't last for long, and soon he gave her an ultimatum—either him or the church. She decided to forsake the church in order to preserve her family, since they had two children.

She soon realized her mistake. Her parents are believers; therefore, they advised her not to do this and not to follow her husband's lead. More time passed, and the family broke up since the children have grown up and chosen their mother's side. And this soul fell into a very difficult situation: she hadn't kept her family together, she had nowhere to live except a little corner at her parents', and she was ashamed to show up in church again.

But great thanks be to the Lord, who heard the prayers of her parents, who are members of the church, and she began to attend services once more. The Lord provided her a job, and she was able to rent a place to live and to invite there her son and daughter-in-law, who is a member of our church. During the time of all her family problems, her son became addicted to drugs. He checked himself into a rehabilitation center, but within a few days he returned. He comes to church and sometimes even helps in the work nearby the church. But when he returns to his addictions, he disappears from home for a week or more.

The church is praying for him. The family is requesting the Lord's mercy so that he can be released from this, and it is our great need.

We sincerely thank you for your support, help, and prayers. May the Lord bless you, protect you, and help you in your labor.

March

It has turned out that, in connection with the limitations of the quarantine, problems have arisen for the choir ministry. Basically, those who have been in charge of leading this ministry are in the high-risk group due to their age. Therefore, the introduction of lockdown and the more restrictive quarantine have not permitted people to use public transportation to get to choir practice. Not everyone has even managed to get to church services. And in the second half of March, Kiev and the surrounding region were added to the "red zone," which means there are still stricter limitations and our services have been left without choir.

But, praise God, the Lord has not left us without His mercy. A small group has begun to form among the younger generation. These are those who have repented more recently. Some of them have already been baptized, some still haven't. But they have independently begun to prepare to take part in the music ministry. This causes us to rejoice. May God cause this group to develop into a youth choir. We hope for that and pray that the Lord will help in it.

We also pray that the Lord will reduce the quarantine to help us evangelize in the new, massive housing development, both for adults and for children.

Great thanks to you for your support and prayers, for your sincere brotherly love. May the Lord bless you with His heavenly blessings and protect us all.

Amen.