

## The Kosyanchuks in Bilogorodka, Ukraine

# 1st Quarter Report, 2024

### **January**

The circumstances have so developed that this year we changed the program of the children's Christmas service. Those who used to prepare the program and holiday performances for children are now in exile as refugees, so we decided to set aside one day during the school holidays and hold a one-day children's Christmas camp. Thank God, we were right to do it. There were 42 children present, not counting the little ones who were with their mothers.

The Lord blessed this holiday in a wonderful way: the children heard about Jesus, His birth, learned several Christmas songs, and participated in games. Even when the air raid was announced, the children went to the basement and continued their lessons and games there. That is, the enemy could not stop us. The boys approached us whether we could come until the end of the vacation. Their parents were very grateful for this unusual holiday. So, we decided to continue to practice this in the future, and if we have the funds, then for 2 days.

Many thanks to the Lord and to you for your prayers, for your support and brotherly help, that we are not alone in this difficult time. The Lord loves us all and takes care of us through you. May God's blessing be poured out abundantly on you and your country. Thank you very much!

Amen.

Anatoly Kosyanchuk

#### **February**

In this very difficult and challenging time, the church is praying, both in homes and in the house of prayer, that the enemy will be driven out of our land and peace will come to the country. Thank God, these prayers are going to the throne of His grace, but there is a desire to support and help those who are on the front lines, who have taken the burden of combat on their shoulders.

And so, a group of teenagers in the church did their part. They found the technology for making trench candles and plates for heating food and began to make them themselves in the church, gathering in their free time. After making them and adding sweets, we took them to a volunteer organization that delivers them directly to the front line. We were very grateful to the teenagers for their support and indifference. This inspires them to continue to contribute to the common struggle. Next month we are going to gather church members to send food, vegetables, canned goods, and other things that are necessary for the soldiers' everyday life. So, this month we announced that we would prepare what we can, and next month we will collect it and send it through volunteers. Thank God that the church members themselves expressed a desire to participate in this.

Sincere praise and gratitude to you for your prayers, for your concern for us in this troubled time, for extending to us a brotherly hand of help. May the Lord bless you with his heavenly blessings and repay you a hundredfold.

Anatoly Kosyanchuk

#### March

First of all, we want to thank the Lord and you for your help, for your brotherly care, for sending a container to our churches. It was very timely and necessary. We were able to help not only our neighbors, but also to significantly help the [military] units right on the front line with medicines. We have a brother in faith who is an army chaplain, and he went to the military unit and took what our soldiers needed. Also, after medical treatment, the son of one Christian sister [in our church] returned to his unit by car and took things the soldiers needed.

Through a paramedic and an acting chaplain, we were able to deliver both medicines and other necessary items to a subdivision formed from the territorial defense of the village of Bilogorodka. We received very warm and sincere responses of gratitude from their families and friends. So, this gratitude goes to you for your service and for providing a helping hand when we are in such a difficult situation.

The mothers with small children who received baby formula are also extremely grateful. Because when such difficult events happen, many women lose their mother's milk due to stress, and this is a big problem. So, they thank you with tears in their eyes.

The members of our church also thank you sincerely, and we were able to prepare a small ration and distribute it before the Easter holiday. So, we are very grateful for your prayers, for your support, and love in Jesus Christ. God's blessings to you.

Amen.

Anatoly Kosyanchuk