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July

Children's camp, Chervona Sloboda

This year, just as we've done in previous years, we planned for a children's camp in Chervona Sloboda. Our unchanging leaders Lyosha and Igor came to lead the camp. Lyosha is pastor in Chernigov. Igor is pastor of the church at the military base in Desna. They had already held camps in their own areas, and now they are helping other churches with holding camps. They do a fine job at this. This time they brought their own sons with them in order to spend time with them and to inculcate in the boys a love for ministry. The boys especially enjoyed living on the second floor of the church building. We still haven't finished furbishing that second floor, but you can live there. They particularly liked climbing up the stairs to the second floor. You pull down on a cord, and the steps descend from the ceiling to the floor. For children, this is really interesting. In the daytime, they helped with children's activities, games, crafts, Bible lessons, and songs. And naturally cookies and juice. In the evenings, teens came, and Igor and Lyosha fellowshiped with them. Lyosha is a very talented preacher and teacher. When he leads a Bible lesson, adults also come to listen. When there's a guitar, young people listen to Christian songs with pleasure. Lyosha also plays and sings well with the guitar. We hope very much that the children and young adults



who came will, in their time, come to Jesus Christ and be saved. These kids have heard about Jesus and salvation many times. Please pray that the seed of the Word of God will sprout and grow in their hearts and will bear the fruit of eternal life.

Thank you, dear friends, for your prayers and material support. Thanks to you, God's work is continuing here in Ukraine.

August

Up until August 20th, I was in the USA this month. This was a blessed trip. Sam Slobodian and I visited a number of churches that support BIEM and our ministry in Ukraine. It's always nice to see old friends and to rejoice together and to praise and worship our Lord in services. And even though an ocean separates Ukraine and the United States from each other, we still are of one spirit and we serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

Dear brothers and sisters, thank you very much for your hospitality, attention, kindness, your sacrificial spirit, and for your prayers! I also want to thank all the churches we visited. Your help for us is priceless. May the Lord bless you!

During my visit to the USA, our puppet theater group visited a children's camp for kids with disabilities. This camp is organized by a church that has volunteers who care for handicapped kids, and they coordinate various activities and community projects. When they gather the children together, they also invite our puppet team. We rejoice for opportunities to minister to such children. Some kids demonstrated their talent. They sang songs, showed pictures they had drawn, and they testified of God's loving care for them. An atmosphere of love and joy reigned in that place.

Please pray for such children, for their salvation and for the salvation of their parents, because not all these kids and parents know the Lord.

We are so thankful to you, dear friends, for your prayers and material support, for your zeal in ministry. Thanks to you, the work of God is being performed in Ukraine. May the Lord bless you!



September

Kyiv Theological Seminary

Dear brothers and sisters, dear coworkers of the BIEM mission, greetings to you in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I thank you for your prayers and for your spiritual and material support, for your involvement in our lives and ministry, and for your sacrificial hearts!



Thanks be to God, that He has given us the opportunity to hold the next session of our Seminary and for His blessings on this ministry!

At the September session, 12 new students came from various regions of Ukraine. At this session, we began a new missions department for the preparation of missionaries for Central Asia. I mention this so that you will remember the seminary in your prayers. I ask that you pray for the missions department, and for the students and their ministries.

At this session the students studied “Evangelizing Jews,” instructor Sam Wilson; “Methods for Studying the Bible,” by Yuri Karamaneshita; “Biblical Theology of the Practical Mission,” by Gene Crouch; and “Genesis, Part III,” by Kevin Gaugler.

Some new students attended the session for the first time in order to find out whether they should continue their education. When the session ended, just about all of them had decided to continue their studies. The students appreciate the atmosphere in the Seminary. They like the style of teaching, the subject matter, they like the living conditions, and they fell in love with our cooks because they prepare delicious meals. They also love Kevin Gaugler because he treats everyone to candy. ☺

In our day of pursuing comforts, when materialism has penetrated all spheres of human life and activities, it’s not so easy to find the opportunity and time for studies. A great challenge has been thrown to believers, and not many can cope with this test. Young adults are occupied with education and the search for work that will bring a good income. Seminaries have been left empty, and a few have had to close. Few desire to dedicate themselves to ministry for the Lord. But we are grateful to the Lord that our seminary has students and that new ones continue to enroll. Praise the Lord!

Please pray for our youth, for their dedication to ministry. Pray that the Lord will send laborers into His harvest.

Thank you, dear friends, that you do not forget us and love us! Thanks to you, God’s work is continuing in Ukraine! May the Lord bless you!

Sincerely yours,
Vitaly Yurchenko