

The Kosyanchuks in Bilogorodka, Ukraine

3rd Quarter Report, 2022

July

First of all, sincere praise and thanks to our Lord for you, dear brothers and sisters. You, showing true love, mercy, and care, have not forsaken us during the trouble and grief that have come to our land. You have extended a brotherly helping hand when it was necessary for us.

After receiving the container you sent, we immediately began to assemble ration kits of clothing for children and adults, bedding, blankets, and furniture. We keep these in the church and then deliver them to those whose houses were destroyed, burned, or damaged. Some families were left with nothing but a cellar in which they stored vegetables, potatoes, and other products. They currently live there and ask that if an opportunity arises in the fall, they would bring something for the cold, because now there is nowhere to store it all.

At the same time, we distribute the Gospel and other spiritual literature in the Ukrainian language, which is more accepted now than such materials in Russian. We brought all this to the villages that are nearby across the river, where battles were taking place. Bilogorodka, thank God, was not so badly damaged; but there are migrants with children who are in great need of the help which we provide. Thank God that with Your help and God's support, we can do it.

We also help the territorial security, and the container you sent supplied some of their necessities. Therefore, we sincerely thank you once again, because we feel your support—both physical and spiritual—through your prayers.

May the Lord bless you with His Heavenly blessings. Amen.

August

This month, the Lord helped us to hold a Christian children's day camp at the First Baptist Church in Bilogorodka. With His blessing and your support, we try to hold such camps every year, but this year became special because of the war in our country. At the beginning of summer, the idea of holding a camp seemed like a dream: many different questions and difficulties arose. But it was decided that we pray concerning holding a camp, and here we are! At the end of last month, we agreed to try to conduct it, regardless of all the possible difficulties which we would have to face.

And there really were difficulties: many of those who have helped conduct the camp over the years could not be with us, so there were worries about it. Parents were less willing to let their children go, especially regarding the safety of their children and absence of air alarms during the camp. But the Lord took care of everything!

By His great grace, the youth from one of the churches in Kyiv region showed a positive response to the camp, which helped in the implementation of it. The weather was excellent, and while air alarms were everywhere, only two sounded during the camp. The most pleasant thing was that, compared to previous years, even more children came than before. Last year there were about 70. In this year, about 100!

Many children came for the first time. Among them were locals who had seen us for years, but remained aloof, and some were children of refugees. They all really enjoyed the camp and every day the number of participants increased. On the sixth day, for the festive service, the children invited their relatives. So many people came that there were not enough seats for everyone! It is such a joy that we could give the children a real gift in these gloomy and joyless days, and that we could tell about the One who provided this joy for them!

To the children and their relatives who showed a desire, we gave away Bibles and invited everyone to church services, Sunday school, and youth fellowship held in our local church. We pray that the Lord may continue the great work which, we believe, He has begun to do in these hearts!

Thank you very much, our dear brothers and sisters, that during such difficult times for our country, you do not forget to support us. And it is pleasant because the light of God's salvation spreads among many people! May the Lord abundantly bless each of you and meet all your needs!

Amen.

Anatoly Kosyanchuk

September/October 2022

Thank God that the Lord shows love and patience to every person and desires to save. This month we had an extraordinary event—a soul was saved. This family came to our ministry about 10 years ago, and their request was that the Lord would strengthen and, if it pleases His will, heal them.

The wife of this man was very sick, and doctors could not cure her or even treat her a little. This woman repented, and the ministers and the whole church prayed for her strengthening and, if it were God's will, for her recovery. Her husband is much older than she, and he was very worried about her. By the grace of the Lord, our prayers were answered, and this woman gradually began to recover. But when she fully recovered, they stopped attending services and lost touch with the church.

And this month a woman from our church, who lives near this family, called at a very late hour and said that this family is asking for ministers to come to them. So, several brothers quickly gathered and came, because soon the curfew was to begin. It turned out that this time the man was very ill. He was diagnosed with the last stage of cancer and hospitalized.

When he felt that it was getting worse, he insisted on being brought home because he wanted to repent. The doctors tried to persuade him to stay, but he insisted. And when he finally arrived home, he immediately informed the sister from our church about his desire to meet with the ministers.

Thank God, both the man and the woman cried and repented. After the conversation and prayers, the man smiled through the pain and rejoiced that he had become a child of the Lord. Two days later he passed away. The church celebrated the funeral, which was attended by many unbelievers. It was a wonderful testimony about Christ, salvation, and eternal life.

Now we hold only one Sunday service, because there are many sirens and air raids due to the arrival of missiles and other aircraft.

We sincerely thank you for your support, help and prayers. May God bless you with His heavenly blessings.

Amen.
Anatoly Kosyanchuk