



DESNA, UKRAINE 4th Quarter 2014 Report

October

Dear friends! Thank you for praying for us and supporting us. This month there have been a lot of different events, and there are those that affected me. I want to share with you.

Yura, 31

Yura was brought to our church by brother Pasha. On Sunday nights we go to church, prepare meals, fellowship, watch Christian movies, watch videos with preaching, and discuss various topics. We think about life, and often we use this time to invite new people so that they could spend time with us.

On one such Sunday evening Yura came. We talked a lot on various topics, but about God he did not really want to talk. A few weeks later he came again on Sunday night, but did not come to the service. And then one such evening we were washing the dishes after a meal, and he sat down to ask me something. "My life isn't really coming together. I can't figure out what I'm doing wrong." I started talking to him about our Lord, but he said, "I cannot believe like you do. That doesn't work for me." For a long time we continued the conversation. But the following Sunday he came to the meeting and began to attend Bible study group. So one Sunday a brother came to our church and asked that if anyone had items they could donate to help refugees, to please bring them. The people of our church helped. In the middle of that week Yura called me and said, "I got my mom and her friends to pack things for refugees from Donetsk. I am ready to bring them to the church." For me it was a good sign that God is working in Yura's heart.

Andrew 32.

I've known Andrei for a long time, from the life when I did not know the Lord. Since my conversion to the Lord, I have often witnessed to him. But he looked at me with suspicion. Then he came and told me that he'd started going to a church. Next he met a girl and brought her to church. She believed, and they got married. They came to our church. I would have liked for them to become members of our church. But they went to her home in Crimea. Everything was going well. They went to church. He organized a construction company but began to pay much attention to the work. I will not describe all that has happened in his life, but the fact remains, that he ended up losing everything, and now he's back in Desna. I talk with him and want to restore him to the right path. He started using drugs, and allowed himself to destroy his life. His story shows that a person cannot be happy without God. And if a person leaves God, the Devil will certainly knock him off the right track. Now it is difficult. I pray that he will come to know God sincerely. I realize that all this time he did not know the Lord in his heart; for him it was all superficial.

Pray with us:

- 1) For Yura, that God will save him and give him a sincere repentance, that he will turn to God.
- 2) Pray for Andrei for his life, that he will turn to God. And I ask you to pray for the mother of Andrei. She comes to church, that will God save her.
- 3) Pray for our church, that the church will grow and we can witness for God.

November

Ukraine is now experiencing hard times. We cannot even imagine what a new month will bring, even a new day. At this time, I particularly feel God's care, His presence in my life.

Every day, the residents of Desna hear explosions and gunshots, but, unlike the children of the east, this shooting is exercises, and they do not end in death, destroyed buildings and lives. But when you hear shots, you cannot remain indifferent. Perhaps that is why many people are now thinking about the meaning of life, of its value, whereas in the war, it seems, life is not of great value. And the closed coffin of young men and acquaintances seem to tell you that you could be next. And what will happen to your family, with your children?



This year, holidays are not very similar to holidays. Everything seems to smack of bitterness and loss. But we try, because who else but believers will bring hope and good news? Therefore, we hope for the salvation of God; we have prayed and thanked Him at the feast of the harvest. We give thanks that we are alive and well, that we can testify of His grace that God is good. We are particularly pleased that the children understand that only God can help and sincerely pray to Him, giving Him all the worries and problems.

We had a special guest, who spoke about the correct upbringing of children and the various dependencies from sin. This is brother Oleg, who is serving in a rehabilitation center in the nearby town. Therefore, we try to invite as many friends of people with specific problems in their life. These people have the opportunity to hear the Word of God for their lives, and also to talk with brother Oleg and with church members about their lives. After the meeting, we all had lunch. There were three families with men who are alcoholics and addicted to drugs. Especially the parents suffer from it, because they did not know how to raise their children how to be a good example for them. They themselves grew up in such families and pass on the burden of guilt and sin in the lives of their children.

Thank God for an open, honest, sincere communication with the Word of Life, which changes people, completely restores, gives joy and desire to serve the people! Bless you, my friends, pray for the salvation of Ukraine.

December

Dear brothers and sisters, we want to ask that you not forget to intercede for our church and ministry in prayer. We really need your prayer support. And I rejoice in my heart that we have such brothers and sisters, who are not indifferent to our church. We are often asked to pray for the people who are in various difficult circumstances. And we pray for the church and see God's answers. We see how people are sincerely thankful that we were praying, and show how God answered.

Tolik.

Tolik is a retired soldier. More than once we have witnessed to him about our Lord, and we have invited him to church services, but he always found a reason why he would not come. And his mother, an elderly woman, fell and broke her leg, and she has a very bad leg, which does not heal and is a very severe pain. We as a church prayed for Tolik's mother, and in the evening he called and said her mother was better; her pain went away. And it was an opportunity to witness to him, that God hears and answers. Hopefully this will give him a push to come to church and seek God.

Sasha.

Being a soldier, he had to go to the east of Ukraine where there are fights, and there his task was to go to the checkpoint deliver food and water. And this is very dangerous because one could easily fall into an ambush or come under attack. He asked us to pray, and we have two months without ceasing prayed for him, and so he returned home safely and not harmed. And he says, «Thank God, that He protected me» and said thank you for praying for him.

Andrei.

Andrei foolishly allowed sin to destroy his relationship with his wife. In every way he has tried to restore relations with his wife, but in vain. He came to the church for a service, and then to Bible study, but was shy to ask that we pray for him and his family. But here on Wednesday he plucked up courage and asked the church to pray for the restoration of his family. And then on Thursday, his wife phoned him and said, I do not know why, but I want you to come to visit us. He called me and told me with such joy that God had answered his prayer. For the Church, too, these answers to prayer are a huge encouragement, because it's easier for people to testify that the Lord thus helps. Pray with us:

- 1) for the ministry of our church, that the church will grow.
- 2) Pray for the ministry of Sunday School (at this time in Desna, there have been several attacks on children; they have been robbed of their cell phones and money, so parents are afraid to let children out).

Respectfully,
Igor Fomichov