



DESNA, UKRAINE

2nd Quarter 2013 Report

April

Dear brothers and sisters, thank you, all of you who pray for the ministry of our church. This month, we had a ministry for youth. It consisted of several parts. The first part was conducted by our sisters for non-saved girls, so they could talk about different topics, and the goal was to build a relationship of trust, and then to invite them to the second part, where there were boys and girls. At the first part, we tried to invite girls who have not been in the church, and our sisters prepared the theme of femininity. In the evening we held a meeting for young people, where they could talk and play games. At this youth fellowship, we had guests from the Temple of Salvation Church. Young people from Desna were surprised by the young people of faith and that served as a great witness to unbelievers. The young people talked a lot, and I've seen a lot of guys testify of their faith.

Pray for:

Tanya.

She was at the youth meeting; she shared that not everything in her life is all right. She had a fight with her husband. And they have a small child. Tanya as a child went to Sunday school, when the Sunday school teacher was Alyusya. Pray that the seed sown by her Sunday school will sprout.

Nadia.

It was the first time that Nadia had come. Tanya invited her. Nadia was visibly nervous and afraid. It was the first time she had been in our church and the first time she had been inside any church. After the fellowship, my wife and I called them at home. According to her own words, God touched her. Pray for her salvation, and that her family would not be opposed to her spending time with believers.

Pray with us for the youth, who in Desna. We conducted two meetings this month, and we have noticed that young people have fears. And we must pray that God will change their lives.

May

Dear brothers and sisters, I want you to wrap in prayer the ministry in Desna. Now I testify of the Lord to some fellows. We have a lot of time to spend with them, and it's not an easy job. After all, they have their own views on the world and life. And I have my life with which to witness of the Lord. And often, when you do not see fruit, you want to give up and stop communicating with these guys. Each of them has their personal baggage, principles and concepts.

The first time I met with them, they did not even want to listen to me, but only talked about their own interests. Well, two weeks have passed, and I remember one night when we started talking about the Lord. And since that time, I have realized that the Lord is touching them, and I need to be more in prayer.

Pray for:

Vitalik. This is a very nice and kind guy; he is very good to me. At first, his girlfriend did not seem very nice to me; she was not friendly. Then I invited them to visit the church, and when they arrived she saw our church, and her attitude changed. When they invited me to visit, I talked to her mom and we developed a good relationship. A lot of guys use foul language. Well, after our conversation, Vitalik tries not to swear, and he reproaches the other guys who do.

Kolya. He's a very nice guy, but his parents have taught him from childhood that when he has problems he should go to the grandmothers who practice magic for help. I have spent a lot of time with him trying to persuade him away from this and said it was a sin, but it is so hard for him to accept that. I can feel how the occult world holds him back, and he is trying to resist me. Pray that God will touch his heart.

Tolik. A very honorable man, and I have known him for a long time. He started recently to talk to us, and his wife said that when he talks with believers becomes good and joyful. She says, I love that he talks with you. He wants to visit the church. Well, we will see. Pray that God would save him and his family.

May (a second letter)

Brothers and sisters, I ask, you please pray for a guy named Pasha. For more than a month I have met with Pasha, and he began to regularly come to church. He developed a tremendous interest in the church, although not so long ago, he thought we were fanatics. Pasha and I have known each other a long time, since the time when I still did not go to church. Our common interest back then was drugs. Pasha then went to military school, where he got a letter from someone saying that I was a drug addict, then a month later another letter in which they told him that I had gone crazy and embraced faith. When he came home on leave, I met him and I told him what had happened to me. He said that he also wanted to change his life. I remember giving him a piece of paper with the prayer of confession, and he promised that he would pray. Then we did not see each other for a long time. I only heard that he was a drug addict and he was dismissed from the army. We met when I moved to become the pastor in Desna. In conversation he has always said he wanted a new life, but in practice it has not worked. Not long ago, he came to the church, and we talked for a long time about the Lord and the life of the church. And he said, I'm starting to understand and want to be part of the church. After that conversation, I noticed that Pasha began to change. He is looking for any opportunity to talk. Pasha does not like physical work, but this Saturday we had a work day at the church and I invited Pasha. He was happy to come to work for the church. What was surprising to me; it became a special time when we could talk. Pasha said that he could not quit smoking, and that he was waiting for tent camp, for that would help him to quit smoking. He is so tuned in to quitting smoking specifically at camp. Pasha attends church, communicates with us, goes to the group, and changes can be seen in his life. We pray that it would continue and that God will change him. Yesterday I spoke with him, and he told me that he had talked to a friend and that he too wants to come to church. Please pray for Pasha, that he will grow spiritually, that he will allow God to change his life. That God will free him from harmful habits, and that God will use him to preach the gospel.

June

Summer Camp in Goncharovske

«Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.» Prov. 22:6.

The best time for the kids is when we conduct the summer children's day camp. The children wait with great anticipation for the beginning of the camp. We will not hide that the children eagerly await the American



visitors. After each camp, they then have a whole year of remembering the Americans and ask whether they will come next year. When they found out that this year a large group of Americans planned to come, the children were delighted. The camp was held as planned, at the stadium of the school. The principal allows us to hold it in the stadium, and many parents conclude that, if the principal allows it, then it's all right. Such was the case when we played games with the kids. The principal saw the game through her window, and she loved it. She ran and snatched a plate and started trying to play skeet ball, and all the children laughed. She jumped like a little girl. She came up after the game and asked us to give this game to the school. The most basic goal was to tell

the children about God. For this purpose, each day we conducted a general lesson for all the children, and then divided into groups for private communication, which would be better for building relationships with the children. On the last day, I asked the kids in our group to pray and ask forgiveness for their sin. Ten children agreed to pray, but only one girl and the boy did not want to, even the girl frowned and tried to say something, well, the guys did not respond to her attitude. The guys were praying, asking for forgiveness for their sins and praying for their parents. And in this camp it was clear that the children's prayers do have consequences, and the parents of many children are friendly to us.



Dima's Grandpa

At the first camp, he became upset when Dima's mother showed up on a scooter and angrily took Dima away. He was indignant and argued with his daughter and said that she should not take away the child. In this camp, he helped make the crafts, and he attended almost every day in the camp.

Dima, 12 years

In our group, Dima was a very interesting boy. He clearly understood the Gospel and so talked about the sacrifice of our Lord that I was surprised. We see that God is working in him.

In this camp, in each group, on the last day of the camp we gave an opportunity for the children to pray a prayer of repentance. Of the 59 children who were there on the last day of the camp, 48 agreed to pray. We handed out Children's Bibles. Many parents personally thanked us for the Bibles.

Pastor of the church,

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