



CHURCH PLANTING IN BILOGORODKA, UKRAINE

2nd Quarter 2015 Report

April

This month was very busy and filled with pre-holiday and holiday service. In addition, construction work began on a house of worship at the other end of the village. We prayed that the Lord would help us to plan and carry out a festive Easter service. We also wanted to visit Komarivka and hold a celebratory service for children.

Therefore, the first day we spent in houses of worship. Unbelievers also came in response to invitations that we distributed before the holiday. After the morning service we offered everyone a Bible and other religious literature. Thank God, there were those who desired to accept literature, asking questions, and there was open communication on various life topics and spiritual questions.

In the afternoon we visited Komarivka with a festive program. It was a joyful meeting, with fellowship and chats.

God in his great mercy blessed the first and second day. After a morning of festive service, in the afternoon took place a festive children's ministry, for which teachers and Sunday school children had prepared with God's help. They themselves were handing out invitations to classmates, friends, and acquaintances and prepared an interesting Passover [Easter] program, which both children and their parents, and other adults liked. And thank God, they came and the children and their parents received Bibles. In the next week we visited the handicapped village children, which were 23 children. How much gratitude and joy was in those children and parents eyes. Parents asked that we come back and not only on the holidays.

Thank God the Lord enabled us to work hard for His glory these days.

We are grateful to you for your concern, for your prayers. May the Lord bless you!
Amen.

May/June

The Lord continues to affirm His truth that He loves us and is patient with us in His mercy. As we did a little research in our village, we learned that we have many people living in our village whose parents and grandparents had been Christians up until the church was closed by the communist government in 1947. Once we started talking to these people, we found out that they have a good feeling towards the church and the believers. But, at the same time, all of them keep saying that their time to turn to God has not come yet. This is the statement that one lady whose daughter is a member of our church kept saying. The daughter was brought to the church by her grandparents; her grandfather was a church minister many years ago. Her mother would resist both her parents' and God's desire for her to join the church. She seemed to always find wrongs with the people in the church, pointing out that this person and that did not meet the criteria of a true Christian. She used it as an excuse for herself not to go to church.

Years had passed, her parents had died, but this lady would not change her mind. She married an unbeliever who was continually boozing and beating her up. She shared one day that her husband would not call her by her name for 45 years. Instead, he would call her all kinds of bad names instead. Two years ago, she got sick. At her daughter's request our whole church prayed for her, and some of us visited her in her home. Even while having

to fight such a serious disease as cancer she would not change her negative attitude toward God and the Christians. Doctors performed several surgeries but the cancer continued to progress. So, her daughter asked her if it was Ok if she invited a minister from the church, and it was the first time she agreed. When the minister came and talked to her, she repented and let Jesus into her heart with the tears of joy in her eyes.

A few days later, when the same minister came to visit her, she told him smilingly that she wanted to go home to see her Savior. It took the Lord 72 years to humble her in order to save her soul.

Praise be to God for all He does for us. We are thankful for your prayers, for your brotherly support.

May God bless you.

Amen