



CHURCH PLANTING IN BILOGORODKA, UKRAINE

1st Quarter 2015 Report

January

By His mercy, God has given us this month abounding with holidays.

We, adults, were preparing for Christmas and the children from our Sunday school were preparing for it as well to make this holiday an evangelistic and joyous event. We were praying as a church that there would be a good number of unbelievers joining us on that day, as well as new children who do not yet attend our Sunday school.

We got some Christian literature ready to give away to adults and children. We also had Christmas presents ready for children.

With God's help, we were able to hold two services on Christmas day. God prompted a good number of unbelievers to attend our morning service. We had 20 newcomers who had never been to church before.

We held a second service in the afternoon. It was a children's service. With the help of the adults, kids from Sunday school prepared a fun Christmas show that was interesting both to children and their parents.

Not to count the children from our Sunday school, there were 60 children that attended the service. Praise God, it was a wonderful celebration that everybody enjoyed.

About a week later we visited homes of children with disabilities who live in our village. There are 21 handicapped children in our village at the moment. In order to visit them all, the children from our church and their Sunday school teachers divided into several groups, took some Christian books and Christmas presents, and went to visit the families of these children. The parents of these kids that we visited were very glad to see us and would join us as we prayed. They were very thankful that we had not forgotten about their children.

Thank you so much for your support and your prayers. We praise God for this wonderful holiday season!

February

As soon as I walked into our church, I felt Christmas in the air. The place was filled with loving kindness and family-like welcome. As I closely watched the rehearsal for the Christmas show, I could see the people participating in it were working diligently to prepare it well, because their purpose was to light the spark of Christmas in the hearts of children and adults.

We had many people attending the Christmas service—kids and adults, believers and unbelievers. The auditorium was stuffed with people from the first floor to the balconies. Even the stairs of the second floor were filled with people sitting on them. The biggest surprise for us was to see our neighbor, whose house is right behind ours, bringing his family to church on that day. It was their first time ever in our church, and they all liked it very much. They also told us about their decision to attend our next Sunday service, something we so wished would happen one day. We would appreciate your prayers that the seed that was sown on that day would grow and bear its fruit for the Lord. There were also many relatives from my mother's side at the Christmas service, for many of them it was their first time in our church.

The Christmas play was really good, interesting to watch and edifying at the same time. It was followed by Christmas hymns and carols. Children were very grateful for the presents and Bibles they received at the end of the service.

In such a difficult hour for all of us, a time when war is raging in Ukraine, people become more sincere and open in a way they treat each other knowing that it's been hard on everybody.

We praise God for the wonderful Christmas celebration.

May God bless you!

Amen

March



An important activity this month was our preparation for an event called "The Day of the Bible." It is a holiday that local churches celebrate. It is an evangelistic event. It may be the reason why more people are willing to come to this holiday compared to other holidays is the word "Bible" itself. That is what interests the people the most.

With participation of the choir from Temple of Salvation Baptist Church we prepared a festive program and made invitations (see picture). We also got Bibles and other Christian literature to distribute during the event.

We agreed, at the business meeting of our church, that each member of our church should invite one or two, or even more people to "The Day of the Bible" holiday. The

commitment was made not to just invite these people but to pray for them all this time.

We praise God that by His mercy we had over thirty non-Christians come. We are very pleased with that because the program of the holiday was focused on introducing the Bible to unbelievers, on stressing its importance both in the life of a believer and unbeliever.

After the service we offered our guests free children's and adult Bibles, as well as other Christian literature as a gift. We distributed 35 adult Bibles and 23 children's Bibles. These were given to the unbelievers and their children and grand children.

We concluded our holiday by offering a festive meal. We praise God and thank Him for the great opportunity we had to witness to people about Him.

We send our thanks to you for supporting our ministry, and thank you for your prayers. May God richly bless you!

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