



CHURCH PLANTING IN BILOGORODKA, UKRAINE

4th Quarter 2013 Report

October

Praise God that, by means of His Church, the mission work of God is performed. His Word penetrates into places where it seems impossible to penetrate. In our church, a woman came to Christ, and she is a teacher at an elementary school kindergarten in Kiev. In the training program in her class children have lessons on familiarity with the Bible. This sister asked us to provide her with literature to help the kids discover God's Word.

Great praise to our Lord, some while back the mission BIEM had purchased children's Bibles that we used for evangelistic outreach, and a small quantity was left. So we gave one for each child in her class.

The kids received them happily and repeatedly asked the teacher, "Is this for us? And for free?" Unfortunately it so happened that of the 20 kids on the next day one little girl brought her Bible back and returned it to the teacher. Her parents would not allow her to have it. But the child listens and takes in the lessons.

We are very grateful to God, and we thank you for your brotherly help and support. And may the Lord bless you richly with His blessings.

November

Praise God that the doors of salvation are open, and by means of His Church the Lord invites us to go through the door and receive a free gift.

Two months ago a woman whom our member invited began coming to services. And this middle-aged woman was in a difficult situation in life. She works as the village postman, and her husband did not work and disappeared somewhere; when he again appeared he had not led a very decent life. And at the beginning of the summer he was missing, and they found him hanging in the forest, but no investigation was conducted. This led her to stress and anger. When believers talked with her, she regarded them with fear and did not trust them. But over time, we were praying for her, and she started with some caution to attend services. She listened carefully, sometimes crying, and it was evident that the Holy Spirit worked in her heart. It has been a while, and here on November 24 at the evening service, when the service had

barely begun, she stood up and announced to the church that wanted to repent. Our joy knew no bounds. She wept tears of joy, as did our members. So, accepting Christ as her Savior, she has become our sister in Christ Jesus.

We sincerely thank God that His work is being done. We are grateful to you for your brotherly support and prayers.

December

In this fertile time in our country, God in His great mercy and love calls for the salvation of everyone and does not wish the death even of criminals. An event, which took place here, is a proof of this.

One Sunday before the church service, we saw two men who walked up to the church buildings and read the the name of this place. One turned and left, but the other waited a little before walking out to the street too. Next Sunday we again saw the man who stood in front of the house of worship and did not dare to go. We approached him and invited him to go in, not to hesitate. We explained that the doors are open to everyone. He explained that he is visiting and working in the village on one of the businesses and very much would like to see the service.

By the the Lord's mercy, during the service on the third Sunday he repented.

When the ministers talked with him, it turned out this has been a very difficult road that led to this important step in his life. This man had spent a lot of time in prison for taking part in a murder. In prison was the first time he had heard about Jesus Christ and salvation in Him. There he began to pray, to read the Word of God, and put down his roots in the hope of forgiveness. He was not even dreaming of amnesty, but by the grace of the Lord, he got it after serving 12.5 years. When he returned home, his wife was living with another man, and his son had married, and he became a castaway. So after living at his little brother's, he left that home and went to Kyiv, where he had committed the crime for which he spent time in prison. Once again, the world began to tighten, but thank God that the Lord prompted his heart to seek believers. However, he postponed that for later. It so happens that he and a friend were looking for a bar when they stumbled upon the church. God in His mercy led him. Now we pray for this soul to become a true child of God, that sin will not hold his heart, and he will defeat it in Jesus Christ.

We sincerely thank God and you for your prayers, for your support and brotherly love that you show us.

May the Lord bless you all.

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