



## CHURCH PLANTING IN BILOGORODKA, UKRAINE *2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2013 Report*

### **April**

In this month, by the grace of the Lord, we were busy with the design documentation for the construction of the new house of worship in Bilgorodka. Earlier, we wrote letters, submitted an application to the relevant services for the technical specifications for the manufacture of the project, and now we've put together this documentation to meet all the standards of the laws and regulations of the state concerning the construction of religious buildings. And because a religious community is not a for-profit organization, and we have this document, at many services, the question arises, "What about the payment of these services?" But we give much praise and thanksgiving to God that all these issues were resolved favorably and at minimal cost.

By the mercy of the Lord, in a short time we had made this agreement, so we picked them up and handed over to the institute building, so that they could work on the project.

It is now the first phase of construction and coordination of the project.

The second stage will be the production of technical documentation of construction, according to project specifications and electricity and gas supply.

So, before constructing, we do a lot of work.

Thank God that God gives strength and support in this, and we see and feel His helping hand.

We also thank you for your brotherly support, for your brotherly care to perform the work of God through us. May God reward you handsomely and bless all of us to further work for His glory.

### **May**

We were waiting and preparing for May 5th Easter holiday [which is celebrated later in Ukraine] to minister especially about ministry to children, because it was a month and a half before the Christian camp run by our church. Because of the holiday, the children's evangelistic ministry determines a lot of which children come to camp, or will be allowed to come by their parents. But it was necessary to prepare a special-interest service for children and non-believing parents. The Sunday School teachers prepared invitations, and a holiday program, but all church members handed out these invitations, we were praying that the Lord will bless this ministry.

Also we prepared holiday gifts of sweets and placed inside each gift a disk with interesting children's Christian films.

A festive children's service was scheduled for the second day of Easter, in the afternoon. And thank God, we had about 80 children and more than 20 parents come. There were more than 100 souls in the church building. Of this number, 50 were non-Christian children and parents.

It was interesting and passed very quickly with a feast and information about how Jesus Christ the Savior was resurrected.

Preparing the program for children, we remembered that there will be parents, so this was addressed. And thank God we did. The kids went home happily, and the parents happy. At the end of the service, we invited children to camp and are now preparing for a second evangelistic ministry -- the camp.

I ask that you pray for the preparation and conduct of the ministry. May the Lord bless you in your life and work in God's field.

We thank God and you for your support.

## June

Greetings, our beloved in the Lord, brothers and sisters. We thank all of those who support our family and team camp prayerfully and financially, for your participation in the joint work in the field of God.

In June, by the grace of God, we held a day camp for children in Bilogorodka on the property of the house of prayer. There were many different obstacles, but the team was wonderful. We worked harmoniously and in love. The number of kids was pretty much an average of about 70 each day. Of course, every year you can see how the children are getting naughty and disobedient. But the Lord gave us a very interesting program, and many children liked it. There were those who came to the camp specifically to study the Word of God, and this is very encouraging. Every evening, the team that lived at the House of prayers went out to evangelize in the neighboring district with songs, with the Word, and with practical help. One of the interesting things we tried was presenting missionary lessons, talking about and learning every day from the biography of one missionary. Many children did not like this. They only want to play and receive gifts, and then found out that Christianity is a sacrifice and self-denial for the sake of Christ. I am glad that there were those who were caused to ponder, though. These were seeds for the future. Please pray for all these kids and their parents. We had a very good team work with our American friends. Although they were there only a couple of days, it worked perfectly, even when there was no interpreter handy. Everyone was happy, and it was a blessed time for the joint work. There were a very instructive puppet performances, and some of the local kids wanted to do this craft. At the closing of the camps were a few non-believing mothers, and with them we had very good spiritual conversations.

We sincerely thank all those who contributed in any way so that we could conduct this camp. Children left the most wonderful reviews. And they asked for the team in the next year to hold such a camp. May God bless all of you and strengthen in all areas of your work.

