



## CHURCH PLANTING IN BILOGORODKA, UKRAINE

### *1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2013 Report*

#### **January**

This month included a special day in the life of the church and of God's children. God in His great mercy allowed us the Christmas holidays, which we were prepared for. We asked the Lord to specially bless this holiday. Many unbelievers heard the Good News of salvation and how Christ was born. In the month of December we invited people personally and handed out each invitation and did everything we could to attract many people. Our members gave out these invitations and prayed for them. So the whole church prayed for this event. Everyone wanted to see those whom he invited.

Then, by the grace of the Lord, more than 30 unbelieving souls were in the house of prayer. So praise God that in these hearts were sown seeds of truth. One man said he never thought to celebrate joyfully and without alcohol. «Just today I heard the truth about this holiday.»

Five days later, while the children were having winter vacation, we prepared a children's Christmas holiday service. We handed out invitations through the children's Sunday school and also hung ads in different places in the village and prepared a festive program that would be understandable for children, as well as Christmas gifts.

When it was time for the children's service, praise God, the number of children exceeded what we expected! Of children there were more than a hundred, and more than thirty parents. And God blessed this ministry. The program involved both children and adults, and the auditorium was filled so that there were no empty seats. Afterward, everyone—both children and parents—went with joy to their homes. And now we pray for the Lord by His Spirit to work in their hearts.

We are grateful to you for your support, for your concern. May God bless you and your work in God's harvest field.

Currently we have a need for which we ask that you also pray. We would like to add to the church building a room for visiting guests. But, it is difficult and costly to finance. God in His mercy does not forsake us in this need. He is supporting us, and blesses.

#### **February**

Many thanks to the Lord our God who this month resolved the issue of beginning the plan to build another church on the opposite side of Bilogorodka.

So far, these are the first steps – a contract to produce the blueprint of the building and ancillary facilities. But to develop this blueprint in accordance with all regulations of construction, it is necessary to satisfy the agreed specifications of three different organizations. You could pay the money, and the matter would be dealt with firmly, but we decided to do it ourselves to save money and also to declare Christ, to the extent possible during in solving technical issues. So, this is an opportunity to testify of salvation to the officials in the offices.

We know that it is a very difficult stage that requires a lot of effort and patience. It takes a lot of money for almost nothing. Everybody wants to pull some out for himself. But we believe that with God's help, and your prayers, we will move forward for the glory of God.

Therefore, we ask that you prayerfully support us in this distress to the Lord Himself, requesting His blessing at this stage. Thanks to you, for your brotherly love and support.

### **March**

The Holy Spirit accomplishes a great work in the hearts of sinful men as well as those who already know the Lord as their Savior.

More than a year ago, a young man [Sasha] came to our service. His wife no longer wanted to live with him and had put his things outside the door. For him it was a big shock. He did not know how to go on after losing his family, where to find solace. And his friend, our brother in Christ Jesus, advised him to turn to the Lord, come to the church and join the family of God's children. Since then, he has attended services, but has postponed receiving holy water baptism. And it so happened that one of his non-Christian friends who could no longer bear life's pressures committed suicide. That man's widow was left in a very difficult situation with two young children. Then Sasha, who had repented, felt God's hand in support. He invited Oksana to a church service. She really liked it and started attending with the children. After a while, she repented. A few months ago, Sasha and Oksana were married.

It has been a while, and they expressed their desire to become members and receive holy water baptism. It is a great joy for the Church. This young family and children need instruction in the Lord, so they are starting their training with this very important step in their Christian life.

We also began preparing for the Easter holiday church service to be held in May. We want this service to be festive for the children of God and for evangelization of non-believers who will be invited.

Many thanks to the Lord, but also for your brotherly support and assistance.

Amen!