



CHURCH PLANTING IN BILOGORODKA, UKRAINE

4th Quarter 2012 Report

October

Praise the Lord!

In summer our local church held a children's Christian camp. Usually the ages of children who come to the camp are 6-7 years. But there were many younger children who came to the camp with their older brothers and sisters and ran behind them like "tails." This year, the Lord allowed us to gather these younger kids in a separate group, and there were about 11 such children.

Now the summer is long gone; autumn has come, and children have come to Sunday school classes, which started on September 30. Besides the usual children's classes for the older and middle group, we formed a group for preschoolers (7-8 people). They were all at summer camp, and are now happy to come to Sunday school, with particular zeal to perform tasks in class, participate in discussions of biblical stories. The kids already know a lot of Christian truths, and with childlike approach have preached the Gospel of Christ to unbelievers, speaking of salvation, eternal life in heaven, and eternal damnation in hell. The age of these "evangelists" ranges from 3 to 6 years old.

These kids are putting into practice those truths which they heard at summer camp, and then at the Sunday School:

Here are some of our children:

(Dasha, 5 years old, coming out of vehicles)

- We sincerely thank you, God. May the Lord bless you...

(Marina, 3 years old, walking down the street)

- Those men drink beer, smoke cigarettes, they are sinners ... They must repent before Jesus, but they do not repent ...

These children ask questions about the creation of the world, with full confidence that everything was created by God. They do not doubt the truth, because they know for sure that these truths God Himself says in the Bible.

The task of the Sunday school teachers is to ask for God's grace, not to miss this tender age when children soak up into their minds goodness, love, helping a friend or neighbor, compassion. As kids grow up, the world will try to impose other terms - lying, disobedience, indifference ... But for now the Lord has given us these little "escapees," and to grow from them a strong and fruitful "garden" requires a lot of work.

At the Sunday School children often ask to show them the film "Jesus" or artistic videos with this topic. And then, the children make comments about these stories. Here are a few examples:

- Soldiers put Jesus on the cross; He died, and then rose ... Now Jesus lives in Heaven.

- Jesus taught the people, and the people did not believe Him.
- When people do not listen, Jesus weeps. And when people listen, Jesus knocks at their heart.

These comments are the basis of the Christian faith!
From the mouth of babes ... thou hast perfected praise ... (Ps.8: 3)

Glory to our Lord for the grace period in Ukraine, so that we can safely declare to our children the good news of salvation. We thank God and you for your brotherly support, for your prayers. May the Lord bless you with His heavenly blessings.

November

God does not leave us nor forsake us without mercy, and He strengthens (cheers) us, encouraging us due to various circumstances, and even seemingly minor events can give impetus to a great cause.

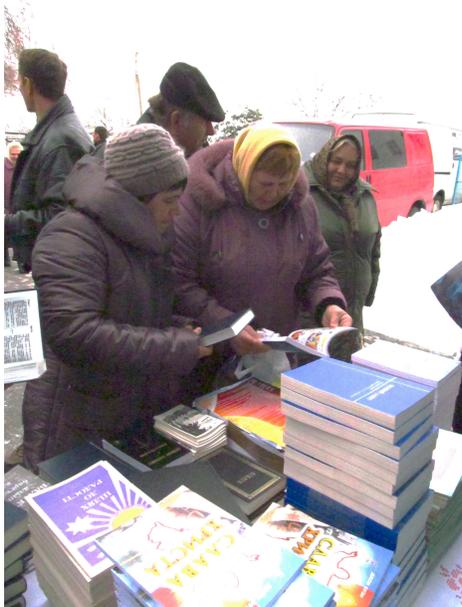
On the far side of the town of Bilogorodka there is land that was given for the construction of a house of worship. We got all the necessary documents, and legalized it in the community and got the legal address of the plot of the land. Then had to stop. Because to get permission to build on this plot of land and give it a street address, we must have blueprints for the church building, and this means much higher costs than we have paid to date.

And we do not have the means to build, so we pray and ask the Lord of wisdom for further help on these issues. And then came one elderly sister, a widow who lives near this land, and she brought her small donation, which was as much as she could give. She gave these funds and said that perhaps this little mite will help in this important and very big business. She said that as the years pass, her physical strength has dwindled and she cannot walk far to services, but she wanted to reach out to serve, to glorify the Lord, and help all who live in poverty to find salvation.

Many thanks to you for your participation, for taking care of us, for your prayers for the ministry here. May God bless you in your life and work for the glory of God, and may the peace of God fill your heart.

Amen.

December



The desire of our hearts was to finish this year with another evangelistic outreach so that people might come out of the world, and for those who wish to have the Bible or other helpful Christian literature could come to Christ and be saved. We decided to have a special day at church called Bible Day.

Thank God that the BIEM mission provided Bibles and other Christian literature. We invited people to this celebration.

In the village we hung advertisements and also handed out personal invitations. Each member was to think of some unbelievers and pray for them, that they would come. We invited the choir of the church in Kiev and planned a program devoted to the Word of God as a holiday celebration.

And, thank God that we succeeded, by the grace of the Lord. We received both believing and unbelieving guests, and none of the attendees went unnoticed. In the prayer house [church building] an atmosphere of unity prevailed around God's Word.

And after a celebratory service, as we promised, everyone received the Scripture and literature, which was pleasing to everyone. Children could choose for themselves, and adults for themselves, too.

And so this year we were able to distribute in Bilogorodka almost 800 Bibles in different formats, plus almost 300 copies of other Christian literature.

Great praise and thanks be to God for this opportunity that He gave us, and for your part in this, that we had Scriptures to give out.

May God reward you handsomely, and we will expect fruit from these seeds sown with you

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