



CHURCH PLANTING IN BILOGORODKA, UKRAINE

2nd Quarter 2012 Report

April

In Bilogorodka God miraculously blessed us this month. We were preparing for the Easter holiday with evangelistic ministry in the church. Members were to invite to this service not only relatives but also neighbors and friends who were unbelievers. Furthermore they were also to pray for them to come. And by the mercy of the Lord many responded to the invitation and came both on the first day of service, and the second. Thank God that the next day, when there was a little less people in the service, one soul, bound by the Holy Spirit came to repentance. It was a woman of 40 years, who came to work in the city and lived in an apartment in the south part of Bilogorodka. She had come twice before and left unrepentant. But this was the third time and she let Christ into her heart.

This shows the great patience and mercy of God. This woman had wasted many years in the world. She ended up with a husband who was a drunkard and they divorced. She had a son whom she needed to raise without his father. So she came into our area to seek income and was seeking the Lord. She learned of our Church from people in town. That is how she ended up at church on the Easter holiday. We also had a children's service which was attended by more than sixty children, and about twenty adults. The children put on a play, told by the Holy Resurrection of Christ and were presented gifts. Children and parents went home happy. Many thanks to our Lord for this wonderful time of grace. We thank you and for your prayers and support. May God bless you a hundredfold.

May

Spring! A wonderful time of year when, after a long hibernation all comes alive, and with spring comes joyous Christian holidays - Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is a very good opportunity to witness to others about what Jesus Christ did for all of us. At this time the Lord put on our hearts to visit on this wonderful occasion disabled children and orphans.

In our hearts we were a little anxious, "How will they receive us? What will they say? " After all, or coming is puzzling for the parents. "What are they here for?". After praying, we went to these families. In this day and age, children are different. When we arrived at the first family, we were met by two kids of nine or ten. They are from a family where the father, while intoxicated, killed the mother and is now in prison. We gave them small gifts and the illustrated booklet, "Life of Jesus Christ." We invited them to Sunday school.

In one family, where there was a boy of nine with cerebral palsy, we met a grandmother and she led us into the house. In a room we saw this boy in his crib. He just woke up and the boy wanted to say something, but the mother said that he does not understand. In her eyes there were tears. Despite everything, the parents give all their love to the son.

Another family we visited consisted of a mom, dad and two kids. They lived in very modest conditions. The girls saw us very happy as a child, and immediately began to open the gifts. The parents were interested in knowing who we are, and at the end of the conversation they said, "Sometime we will visit your church, we did not even know that there was such a church." We gave Bibles to families where the children were older and could read. One mother took the Bible and kissed it. I very much want her to listen to the Word and be saved.

Some children have already received wheelchairs from us, so their parents were not so wary since they recognized us. One girl, picking up an illustrated children's Bible kept saying, "Mom, look, a book!" To our regret, we could not take photos of these families children. Parents did not give consent to photos for unknown reasons. We really want these families to experience the joy of salvation in Jesus Christ. Praise and thank the Lord for His help and blessings. Thank you for your prayers and for your support. May God bless you all His blessings. Amen

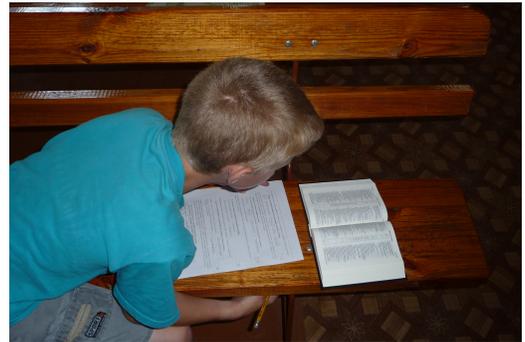
June

Praise the Lord for another summer which gave us another opportunity to sow the "seed" of God's Word to "a young field." From the 18th to the 22nd of June our church in Belogorodka held a Christian camp for children from 5 to 15 years old. There was also a group of 11 preschoolers from 2.5 to 5.5 years.



The main purpose of these camps was to share the message of Jesus Christ to the young generation and to teach children to understand the Bible on their own. To this end Bible lessons for children were offered including special courses by a correspondence Bible school "Emmaus" designed for children of different ages. Children earned incentive points for completing Bible lessons they could exchange for gifts at

the end of camp. There were some boys and girls who took some home to do. They came home from camp and sat with a Bible in hand, reading and completing simple assignments and even memorizing verses from the Scriptures by heart. It was a very good witness for us since not everyone is ready to spend half a day in the camp then do even more reading and studying of God's Word.



The camp also fulfilled its purpose of showing the children by example the love of God and true Christian friendship and the acts of faith today. The Lord gave us that opportunity and that's how God worked through His Word.

One day the camp conducted a big game for all children. For this game, the participants gathered in the open field. As the children were playing a little time later, a girl ran up to the leader of her team in tears. She had lost her mobile phone in the high grass of the field. This child was troubled not only in losing the mobile phone itself but in explaining. Disorders of the child was

no limit, on the one hand sorry for the phone itself, but on the other hand having to explain the loss to parents.

The reaction of all the other children was clear and natural. "Let's look!" and the use of an appropriate saying of "Looking for a needle in a haystack"? What can I do? But here our Lord gave us His true weapon ... the team leader offered to start by, PRAYING! All stood hand in hand in the middle of the field and offered to the Lord a prayer of faith. The Lord answered immediately, because he knew in advance how to glorify His name in this situation. In less than a minute, only a few seconds, the phone was found. It was a wonderful opportunity to witness the power of prayer to the children and the wisdom of God.



There were also many other interesting events held at the camp. Team leaders had a great game



with the children entitled "Hunting with a camera."

This game was the performance of a number of tasks associated with the release of the camp in the territory of the local church. Assignments were as follows: children were photographed with a variety of objects and animals, such as - a tractor, a cow, a frog and other interesting things. The result of this unusual photo shoot was great fun for all of its participants.

Although the game took a lot of energy and the children returned from the hunt a little bit tired, happy emotions overwhelmed hearts. Team members enthusiastically shared information among themselves

about the competition. It was clearly seen that the children enjoyed each other's successes.

Please pray for these young people that the seed that was sown in their hearts this summer would soon sprout and give a lot of fruit. Glory to our Lord that He has given us the opportunity to work in this area of ministry, so that children can get closer to God. For that we give many thanks to our Lord. We also thank you for your support and help in this. All of the local church in the town of Belogorodka heartily thank you and may God reward you a hundredfold.

Amen.