



CHURCH PLANTING IN BILOGORODKA, UKRAINE *2nd Quarter 2011 Report*

April 2011

We prayed and waited, and prepared for bright holiday of Christ's Resurrection and here it is by the mercy of the Lord . The morning holiday service was evangelistic. We prayed for the meeting and distributed invitations all around our town.

Many non-Christian relatives of our people came to the service. There were those who for the first time crossed the threshold of a place of worship. They were very surprised by the atmosphere warmth, love, and joyful praise to the Lord and His holy name.

Praise God that He has given such an opportunity for people to testify and to openly proclaim the truth of His resurrection. In the afternoon the church choir traveled to the village of Komarivka where an evangelistic program was held in the auditorium of the local school in celebration of Easter. The majority of those present at the service were children and young people. Also were present older and middle generations who also came to celebrate Easter.

They had been taught by their parents that this was the “Feast of the Resurrection of Christ” to be celebrated by drinking according to the world’s philosophy of, "Let us rejoice and drink for tomorrow we die." But praise God that we had this opportunity and a chance to witness and rejoice with those souls who came to this service of a better and Biblical way to celebrate Easter.

The next day we also had a morning service after which we held an evangelistic meeting for children. Thank God that there was a lot of children and many parents and relatives also attended. It was a wonderful meeting. At the beginning there was not that many children but soon the number of participants not only increased but even exceeded all our expectations.

This children's program was designed to make contact with unbelieving parents. One such family said they were happy to participate with their children and to hear the truth they heard from the Word of God. These words encouraged us to direct ourselves to do more to reach these children and their parents.

After the service the children were happy to receive gifts and the adults were glad to see the smiles on the children’s faces. We sincerely thank God that He helped us in organizing these festivities. We pray to the Lord for the ability to continue such events in the future.

We are grateful to you for your participation and for prayer support. May God bless you and your work in His field one hundredfold.



May 2011

Thank God for His mercy as the Lord opens doors of Good News where they had always been closed before. This is what happened when we called the director of school number 1. It was amazing that they were willing to have a minister of the Church take part in the schools graduation ceremony. We congratulated the children who finished school and encouraged them to have a proper attitude as they continued in their future lives. We also wished all to have a good summer.

For us it was an unexpected event. A few years ago we conducted sessions with the students of this school for almost six months, and then under the influence of the Orthodox Church we were shut out. The Orthodox did not continue any studies in the education of the children. Discipline in the school and behavior of students began to descend to a very low level. But now again we were invited and the school administration has offered cooperation. What will this lead to, we do not yet know, but thank God for these first steps.

At this ceremony though we were able to wish God's blessings to the children but we were not allowed to read the Word of God. An Orthodox priest was present who also was not allowed read the word of God. Nevertheless we were allowed to direct the attitude of the children, parents and teachers to God. So we thank God for that opportunity. Since there were more than 400 children plus parents and teachers.

Since various people look at Christ's Church differently, we were surprised that we were asked to come and speak again on other holidays. Only God knows when these events will take place but we are glad that we were well accepted.

We pray that the Lord would open the door for us to work in this school regularly. We are grateful to you for your support, your prayers and your concern for us.

May God bless you.

June 2011

God in His mercy gave us a wonderful summer month, which was filled with various events in the life of the Church. What we have been praying about and preparing for was our summer camp. We invited mostly the children who attend our Sunday School and also encouraged them to invite friends and classmates to camp.

By God's grace this year we have updated a little sports equipment and purchased a trampoline. This was necessary as some equipment became wore out. When it was opening day of camp it was very nasty weather with a lot of rain. Nevertheless, more than forty children came every day and the attendance increased every day and the last day there were over seventy children of all ages.



Thank God that we were prepared for different weather conditions and the camp went well. It was remarkable that even though we have conducted Sunday School and camp for several years, nevertheless in our camp this

year there were children who heard about Jesus, salvation, and eternal life for the first time. Some for the first time saw a Bible. It was the great mercy of God to these children who enabled their parents also to receive the Gospel because they each took home the New Testament.

We also made other Christian literature available for children and adults so each camper could choose what they wanted to take home. Parents who came to drop off their children and pick them up could also enjoy this privilege. We have received some very pleasant and warm reviews from parents who were impressed by how their children desired to be in the camp and how they enjoyed it. We are very grateful to God and a group of Americans, who were with us for two days helping, talking with children, conducted the service and games. It was very pleasant and joyful. Many children who are not enrolled in Sunday school, wanted to learn, so we expect to gain new children to our Sunday School.



Glory to our Lord that He gave us this opportunity so that children could get closer to God. This we understand was just a little time, yet in this short time was sown the seed of truth in children's hearts, and many children shared it with their parents and friends. We thank the Lord for this.

We thank you for your support and help in this. The whole Church and the kids wholeheartedly thank you as well. May the Lord bless you a hundredfold.