



## CHURCH PLANTING IN UKRAINE

### *1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2011 Report*

#### **Bilogorodka** **January 2011**

Thank God that He gave us this beautiful and majestic Christmas holiday. The whole church took part by inviting children and by inviting adults. They distributed invitations, invited their friends and relatives who do not yet know Christ. Sunday school children also invited their friends.

And by the grace of the Lord non-believers came to the morning celebration service as well as the children's Christmas program, held on the same day during daylight hours.

For us it was a surprise that so many children came. The most exciting and interesting thing was that not only 70 children came but 30 parents also attended. As they sat with the children in the auditorium they attentively listened as the children proclaimed truths which moved the hearts of the audience. Many people had tears of joy, and the distinction between adults and children disappeared. They were mostly unsaved parents and for them the children's program was understandable and well-received. After the end of the children's program, all children received gifts, and parents expressed heartfelt thanks for the special occasion given by the Lord and for his own dear children. There were questions like when were classes held for children and at what age could children come.



Glory to our Lord that He helped us organize everything so well. And we now as we reflect on these events we understand how worthwhile it is to put solid effort into these kind of events. They provide us great opportunity to bring the word of truth to the hearts of parents.

Therefore we are planning similar evangelistic ministry for the Easter holiday. By the grace of the Lord we plan focus attention on the parents as we prepare for these meetings. To prepare in this direction, pay attention and parents. These parents are mostly young men and women who are beginning to think seriously about their lives and the lives of their children.

We heartily thank you for your prayers, for your faithful support. May the Lord bless you and your work and life for the glory of God.

#### **February** **Bilogorodka**

Heartfelt thanks to our Lord and to you for your faithful support and prayers for the work of God being conducted in Belogorodka.

This month, we completed the first stage of the documents needed for the construction of a church building on the other side of our town.

We did an examination of zoning and other issues and concerning the parcel of land that we plan to build upon. We thank God that we were able to get permission from all entities involved in the construction permit.

And now we are beginning work on the second stage - this is the privatization of the land on which to build a house of worship. On this issue we met with the head of the Agriculture Council and the Mayor. To our surprise, he thanked us for caring about the people of our community and for the spiritual work being carried on by the Church. Recently he was re-elected for another term, and as he had previously promised support in this matter, he now confirmed this decision on their part - to help wherever possible. Therefore, we have applied for a town council decision that will allow us to privatize this land for permanent use by the Church. Once we have this decision we can go forward with the privatization with God's help.

We praise God that through our Christmas programs we now have more children that are now attending Sunday School. Therefore we now have opportunity to start a music and choir ministry for children. We have been asking the Lord to enable us to do this ministry. Now by the grace of God we have begun to take the first steps in this direction. We therefore ask you to pray for this matter. We hope to have an evangelistic children's choir which could be involved in evangelistic ministry for rural schools and children's camps.

We once again thank you for your concern and for your participation in the work of God.