

Vitaly Yurchenko ~ Seminary Evangelism

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A principle of our seminary is that students not only receive an education, but also be involved in hands-on ministry. For this, we ask that each student who comes to a session submit a written description of his ministry. We call this “Practice Ministry”. If there arises an opportunity to get them involved in evangelism, then we seize that chance to get them involved.

At the time of our spring session there was a large evangelistic outreach in our city, and all

Baptist churches in the city participated in that. A men’s choir traveled to Kiev from Texas in the USA. Students walked the streets and handed out Gospel and other Christian brochures. They offered people invitations to an evangelistic concert where the group from Texas would sing.

The Palace “Ukraine” was full; many people accepted the invitation and attended a concert of sacred music. The Gospel of salvation in Christ was preached.

Students returned to the seminary late and very tired, but they were very happy and content because this not-easy ministry has been done for the salvation of the lost sinners.



Thank you dear friends for your prayers and financial support of our ministry. Thanks to you, we have the opportunity to work for the Lord in Ukraine. Pray for us please. God bless you.

Sincerely,
Vitaly Yurchenko

Vitaly Yurchenko - May 2015 - Theater Group

This year our children did much work in a puppet theater. Each week they came to theater rehearsal, and on weekends they traveled to various villages, where they put on theatrical presentations. In a two-month period, the group visited more than 10 villages and schools, and an orphanage. This ministry has been a great blessing for the children of our church in Sloboda. They felt popular and useful to other people. They began to enjoy the weight of some responsibility.



Our brother Anatoly and Luda are the ones who lead the puppet theater group. This couple lives in the neighboring village. Once they had this idea of establishing a puppet group that could minister to children and thus spread the Gospel to people.

They created by hand all the puppets and the background screen. After we met Anatoly and Luda, we soon began working with them. They invited our children to this group, and since that time the children joyfully get involved in this ministry.

I greatly ask that you pray for this ministry, and there's also a request: If you have any puppets, or if you have any equipment for a puppet theater, we certainly wouldn't decline such donations. We could also use sound amplifiers.

Thank you for your support and prayers. May the Lord bless you!

Sincerely yours, Vitaly Yurchenko



Chervona Sloboda, May 2015

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Chervona Sloboda

Children's camp

Impressions

We often say, "Children are children; what else can you expect from them?"

Very often it's hard to organize kids and to attract their attention, but not in this camp. The camp team had prepared so well that all the kids were active, obedient, and with great pleasure and interest joined in the camp program. Lyosha presented the lessons very interestingly; the kids listened with open mouths and remembered everything that he told them. To tell the truth, we adults also listened to these lessons with interest.

In this camp we had some 13 and 14 year olds, but to our surprise they were among the most active. With joy they sang songs and recited Bible verses, and in the evenings they came to the church for fellowship around the fire. The camp leaders retold how they had come to faith in Christ, and this was a wonderful testimony for the teens.

Gratitude

This camp was held thanks to you, our friends in the USA, thanks to your love and generosity toward us. On behalf of our Church and our leadership and the residents of the city, we thank you, our dear friends, for your prayerful and material support. May the Lord bless you! Thank you very much!

Also, we sincerely thank the leaders of our camp -- Igor, Lyosha, Sasha, Vova, Katya and Lera -- for their active roles in the camp. Thank you all very much!

I want to thank the sisters who kept us fed so well all during camp. Thank you very much!!

This was our best camp in the past several years, and the camp team was terrific.

The camp program

Games

Each day at the school stadium we held games and various races between the teams.

Bible hour

Each day there was a new Bible lesson, a new story from the Bible. The children memorized Bible verses.

Craft time

Lera and Katya were very creative in their approach to craft time. Kids, of course, really love creating something by hand.



Worship service



As planned, all the children came to the worship service. We held this on the last day of camp. At this service, the kids heard about salvation in Christ. The sermon was structured in such a way that the kids would recall all the Bible lessons they had studied in camp. Each team went forward and sang the songs they had learned in camp. Our theatrical group of children had prepared a presentation about genuine friendship. They performed this during the service. Several parents attended the service, for which we thank God. At the conclusion of the service we had a prayer for the children and for their parents. During the course of the camp, all the children had earned points from various contests and from memorizing Bible verses. With these points, the kids could buy various toys in the store, which we organized for them after the camp.

We were surprised by the fact that in Chervona Sloboda there are still people who are opposed to our Church. They continue to fight against God, to sow doubt in people who come to us. Some parents therefore do not let their children attend the camp. I met a boy who came every day, but he merely watched the camp from the sidelines. I asked him why he did not join us. The boy replied that he was banned from it by his parents.

Please pray for these children.



Thanks to this camp, one elderly lady had begun to visit our Church with her grandchildren. They very much enjoy being with us. The children are very favorably inclined toward the Church, and we have begun Bible lessons for them. Please pray for this woman and her grandsons. Pray for our church.

Sincerely yours,
Vitaly Yurchenko