



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

Church Planting in Chervona Sloboda

3rd Quarter 2014

July



On Sunday, our brother in Christ, Eugene Buyko, visited our church with his family. I thought, how wonderful it is when a whole family serves the Lord, when all of them together sing to the glory of the Lord. We are happy that our children know Jesus from childhood and had Christian values instilled in them from infancy.

Eugene preached the word of God. He spoke of the sufferings of our Lord Jesus Christ, who came into this world for the sake of our salvation. On that day, we joined in the Lord's Supper in the church.

The children also sang and recited poems. We rejoice whenever the service has children and they are involved in serving the Lord.

Yesterday I took Lena, Olya and Alena to visit our elderly sister Mary in a nursing home. We often visit her, but yesterday was a special day. We were able to talk about God with two elderly ladies who live there. They mentioned that they are going to have to move to another world. We asked if they are ready for this, whether they are reconciled with God. Those elderly women had never heard about it, so they asked how to do that. So the Lord worked out our meeting so that these little old women prayed the prayer of repentance and asked the Lord to come into their hearts. We are happy that God used us to save these senior citizens. Pray that these grandmothers will be established in the faith. We plan to visit them and talk to them about God.



God bless you, dear brothers and sisters, for your prayers and support for our ministry. Pray for us.

August

“Will we have a camp this year? And when the camp start? And will Americans will come?”

When the school year ends, we hear such questions constantly from the children of our village. We usually respond positively to these questions. Only the last question was difficult this year. Of course, many of the children were very disappointed over the fact that they had no friends from America this time. They love

Americans and long remember hanging out with them. It is a pity that the war on our soil hindered our plans. The children pass a huge hello to all the friends in America, who this year were planning to come to Ukraine. We pray that the war will end quickly so that, as before, we could conduct camps for children with you.



This summer, as never before, we had a children's camp in August. On the one hand this was bad for the children, because many of them have been waiting for this very event. On the other hand, it was good for kids, because the camp was right before the beginning of the school year and the kids did not have time to forget about the church that held the camp.

This year was a very "spiritual" camp ☺ ☺ ☺. It was conducted by four pastors: a pastor from Chernigiv, one from Goncharovsk, one from Desna, and one from Sloboda. Can you guess who they are? One clue: all of them work with the mission BIEM.

We didn't have a great number of children, just 22-25 people. Given the spiritual potential of our camp, naturally the most "spiritual children" attended; the other "carnal" kids went away to a vacation resort connected with our legendary alcohol distillery. Oh, this alcohol factory is always inserting something into the spokes of our wheel, but well, we take it out. ☺ .

If you ask: How did camp go? Well, what can I say? Camp was camp -- games, Bible lessons, various crafts (children especially love these). The children came with their parents, and we had a picnic, to be in good communication. In addition, we borrowed my friend's trampoline. That helped us a lot. We let them jump on the trampoline, they had fun getting tired, and that was good for us as well ☺ ☺ ☺.

In general, everything was great. The kids were happy, and we got a lot of pleasure from the work done, and when else could four pastors find time to talk to each other so much they even got tired of each other? ☺

Friends, although you were not with us, we felt your support and your prayers. Thank you!!! I hope you will understand my humor in this report and will indulge me a little. ☺

I love you and pray for you. Please do not forget to pray for me and our church. Big greetings to you from Grace Baptist Church!



September

Our daughter was born on a Sunday winter day. On that morning we were planning to go to a service, but instead of going to church we ended up at the hospital. This was a wonderful gift from the Lord. Without hesitation, we came to a unanimous decision to call our daughter Darina, a beautiful Slavic name meaning "Gift" or "A gift." The girl grew up a very active and cheerful child. Perceiving the world, she asked a lot of questions and not childish ones. She found mutual understanding with people much older than her. In rearing

our children, we were not overly strict on them, but did not allow laziness. We attended services together, and in the morning before taking our children to school we read the Word of God and with prayer sent them to school. In the evening before going to bed, the children enjoyed listening to various stories and then we had family prayer before they went to their cozy beds.



One time at the Sunday evening meeting, our church presented all the new members of the Church who had come to be baptized. Among those baptized was our eldest daughter Anya. That was a great holiday for our family, but the celebration grew even greater when, at the end of the service, Darina responded to the preacher's call to repent and went to the front of the church to pray. We prayed to the Lord for Darina. This year, our daughters went to a camp on the River Teterev. Anya went as a leader, Darina went to the camp to rest. They both loved the camp, but most importantly, both girls have grown

spiritually there. On returning from camp, Darina very seriously said that she wanted to be baptized. After hearing from her this news, we thanked God for His grace on our family.

This Sunday evening, our church congratulated brothers and sisters who were baptized, and our family is very happy, because among them was our daughter Darina.

Sincerely,
Your "little" brother,
Vitaly

