



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
Church Planting in Chervona Sloboda
2nd Quarter 2013

April

In Ukraine, this year there was virtually no spring: a very long winter until the middle of April and immediately came summer weather. Due to the rapid snowmelt, floods came. Ukrainians fought with the elements. Flood waters entered many houses and cellars. People suffered various illnesses. The church prayed a lot about these issues. The church, as it could, helped people with their problems. We prayed for each other.

Our church plans this summer to do an evangelistic project in June. We want to hold a joint camp with public school, because at this time the school will be holding a camp, and the kids will all be in this camp. We have already agreed on this with the school principal, and we are planning a joint program. Please pray for this project. In July, we want to hold a week of spirituality for the village. This year marks the 1025th anniversary of the Baptism of Russia. We were founded upon the verse from the Bible: Proverbs 10:25. "As the whirlwind



passeth, so is the wicked no more: but the righteous is an everlasting foundation." We would like to inform people about the basis on which they should build their lives. This project will be a day dedicated to fishing, a fishing tournament. To do this, we have agreed with the administration of the village and have received permission to fish. But first, we did one good thing: we bought small fish and let them loose into the lake. When we bought the fish at a fish farm, the director learned that we are Christians, and he gave us 30 kg of fish for free. The rest we bought.

We hope that the fish will grow by the time of our project. For this outreach, we will be having Christian students to come. They will participate in this project. We got the go-ahead from the director of the distillery, from the mayor of the village, and from the director of the school. They are all very pleased that we are arranging such an outreach. Please pray for this project.

I am very grateful to all the brothers and sisters for your prayer and financial support. Thank you for not forgetting about us. Thanks to you, the work of God is accomplished in our Chervona Sloboda. Thank you very much and God bless you!

Kiev Theological Seminary

May

Greetings to you, dear brothers and sisters! I want to thank you for your prayers for our seminary and support. Recently we held a session in which students took the following classes: From Larry DeBruyn - Colossian, Ephesians. From Dr. Gene Crouch - History of Israel. From Dr. Bob Radford - Bible Manners & Customs (emphasis on the diety of Christ). Praise be to our Lord, the session went well, although many students were unable to attend due to the fact that they were not allowed to get off of work. This year we had a prolonged winter and spring was very short. You could say that after the winter summer immediately started. Now we are considering transferring sessions to some other time period, when the students would be more able to come to the session. Please pray about it. This year, the Tax Inspectorate has changed the law. I have been summoned as Rector of the seminary to discuss taxes and the future of the Seminary, please pray about it, that the Lord will resolve all the questions that will be put to us.

We are praying for you and asking God to bless you, your family, your church and work. God bless you!

June



principal. When it came time to connect our sisters with the school program, the principal rudely forbade them to conduct Bible lessons. He said, “Your days are June 17-18.” For us, that was a very strange reaction from the principal. I personally spoke with him. He made me feel very welcome and assured that our agreement remains in force. On June 17th, a group of Americans arrived at the school, but there were very few children— around 20 in all—despite the fact that during the school camp there had been about 50 children. Not only that, but on the 18th principal of the school sent the students on a field trip. Only about 10 children remained for camp. We are surprised by this turn of events and the actions of the principal. Now we are preparing an evangelistic project that will take place July 21-27. We have agreed with the school that on school property there will be a big tent, and in it will be held



every day different events (seminars, Christian movies and different presentations). We ask you dear friends to pray about this project and to pray for the principal of the school, that he would not let us down with this project as he did with children's camp. We do not know the reasons for this attitude, because for several years we have had a good relationship with the director. Pray for us.

We are very grateful to you, dear friends, for your prayers and financial support. Thanks to your help and prayers, God's work has expanded in Ukraine. God bless you!

Sincerely,
Vitaly Yurchenko