



# GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

## Church Planting in Chervona Sloboda

### *3rd Quarter 2011 Report*

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#### July 2011

I want to share with you, dear brothers and sisters in Christ, about what has been happening in Grace Baptist Church in July.

I visited the village council at the invitation of the Chairman of the Board of Agriculture, Valentina Nikolaevna, who appealed to our church asking for help. The current financial means of village councils are very modest. Previously, they were helped by the various companies that were in the village. In our village, there's an alcohol plant; from it the village received sponsorship and support. But at the moment the alcohol distillery has ceased to sponsor the village council, citing the fact that the economic crisis in the country. I was very pleased that the council turned for help to our church. I think it's a good chance to meet with the leaders of the village, to testify that the church is actively involved in village life, and of the love of God which He shows to all people. We received thanks from the district administration for helping lonely, elderly people. Thank God for this good report from outside of the church, which is charitable to the poor. I spoke to Samuel Slobodian, the president of the BIEM mission, concerning the question of the rural council. The mission provided us funds for the purchase of various office supplies. When I showed up with a large package of gifts to the village council, Valentina was very grateful. I said that Christians around the world support each other, that this help was a manifestation of love and unity that I brought from America to our village council. She was pleased to hear that. Valentina asked me to give greetings and thanks to our American brothers and sisters. Valentina promised to come to church, especially after she learned that we were praying for her, when she suffered a stroke and continue to pray.

Another blessing is that our younger brother Alexander, who study at our seminary, he began to preach the word of God in the church. He hesitated for a long time for this, but the time came, and Alexander is ripe for this service. While his message is very short (like that many) 5 - 10 minutes, but very informative. Sasha is a good idea, accessible and understandable. We see that the Lord leads him into it. We hope that the Lord will use him in this ministry, and Sasha will develop the gift of a teacher.

I ask for your support in prayer, his brother Alexander and his family to the Lord mightily used it in the ministry of the word. Pray for Valentina that she turned to God and was saved. Pray for our church, of all the brothers and sisters, pray for the feeble in faith and those who work for the Lord. Thank you for your prayers. For your help. Everything we do, we do with God's help and through your financial and prayer support.

Thank you! May the Lord bless you!

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#### August 2011

"I would like for all people to go to church."

"To make people love each other and believe in God."

“I want that my parents would come to church, that they would pray.”

“I really liked the camp. My parents finally let me go. I want to keep coming to church.”

These are some of the comments written down by children at the end of camp. They are all very similar. Most children wrote that they would like for their parents to go to church and pray, that they really enjoyed the camp. There is good evidence that the camp was organized not in vain, that the children will remember the good that was done to them at the church, and that they'll remember the friendly and outgoing leaders. God's Word, sown in their hearts, will sprout and give fruit in due time. We pray for that.

The team leaders for our camp were from the Temple of Salvation Baptist Church. They were all young, but responsible folks. They really liked the team from America. They enjoyed the program for children, their dedication, and sacrificial work with us in Ukraine. The Americans spent two days in the camp in Sloboda. The children were delighted. I liked the games, the Bible lessons, and just communicating with the children. That is most valuable for children—talking with them and paying attention to them.



At the conclusion of the camp was the Bible lesson on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for our salvation and eternal life. The children were urged to pray a prayer of repentance. Fifteen children prayed and asked for forgiveness from God for their sins. On Sunday during the service, the children testified about the camp. They sang songs that they had learned, praising God. We prayed over the children who repented. We invited them to Sunday school. All the children received gifts at the end of the service.

Dear brothers and sisters, we were able to hold this camp because of your diligence, financial support and prayers. We are very grateful to you for all you do for us. We appreciate it. Thank you and God bless you!

Pray for the children to come to Sunday school. The word of God has changed their lives and drawn them to salvation.

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## September 2011

Larisa, the director of the “Polunichka” kindergarten, asked our church for help. Recently, we have several times visited the kindergarten with a small Bible programs. Children listened with interest to the biblical stories and songs, and they always received in order the books and notebooks for drawing and toys.

During one of these visits, the kindergarten director approached us for help. She said that they did not allocate money for the purchase of stationery and other supplies for the children. We, as a small church, weren't in a position to help in such matters, given that we ourselves need





financial assistance for the completion of the Sunday school. But we really wanted to help them, because they are very good to us, and whenever we have an opportunity to sow the word of God in children's hearts and the hearts of parents and caregivers we want to use it. I approached Samuel Slobodian with this request. Brother Samuel and the BIEM mission allocated money for the purchase of office supplies for the kindergarten. We recently visited this garden with the gifts; everyone was very happy. The children heard about the creation of the world, the love of God to toward people and about

salvation through Jesus Christ. Some kids even admitted that they are sinners because they hurt their friends and did not obey their parents. We gave gifts, and then had tea together, where we were able talk to Larisa and parents about raising children in obedience to God. In the end, we prayed for the children, the educators, and parents. Larisa said she'd never heard such a prayer, a simple appeal to God. When the director of the kindergarten learned that the gifts came from the BIEM mission, she was very surprised that people from another country were willing to help children whom they don't know, since even our own people rarely respond to their call for help. Larisa was very grateful; She invited us to visit their kindergarden and tell the children the word of God.



We are very grateful to God for His care for us, for the opportunity to use any means to show His love for people. We thank you, dear brothers and sisters, for your direct participation in the ministry in Ukraine in Chervona Sloboda. Thanks to you, we can strengthen our relationship with these people around us and convey to them the Good News. Thank you and God bless you!

Pray for the children who hear the Word of God. Pray for Larisa, she promised to visit our church on the Harvest holiday, which will be held on October 16. Pray for the harvest festival, we invite all the villagers to visit the church in this day and thank God for the harvest, and His care for us.

Your in Christ,  
Vitaly Yurchenko