



Nikopol Evangelism

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I am now relying on reports from Eugene for the newsletter, and some of the other members, but from what I hear, the church in Nikopol has adjusted very quickly to our absence. Here is what has been happening in the last several months.

Rehab center relocates

Additionally, there has been a major development with the Rehab Center. With costs continuing to escalate in Ukraine, and the cost of traveling, not to mention the proximity of the rehab center to the war region in Ukraine, Slavik decided to relocate the facility closer to Nikopol.

He found a property for a little over \$6,000. Because of the condition and location of the first location, they were only able to sell it for \$1,500, so out of the large donation for the Nikopol church we received in the summer, we were able to contribute the extra money they needed.

This facility is located in a village called 'Pokrovskoye' (This means 'covering' or 'atonement'). It is located in a village just outside of Nikopol (by bus it's a half hour). This allows Slavic to help oversee the work, without having to take a day and a half for travel, this will also considerably cut down on expenses. This facility is heated unlike the previous one and is in much better condition.



The New Rehab Center

The move has also been good for Andrei, who helps in the administration of the center. Due to his diabetes, he had a leg amputated last summer. It is good for him to be closer to medical attention, but also good for him emotionally to be able to fellowship more frequently with the church. He comes and helps teach in services as well.

Construction is completed!

Unfortunately, we were not able to be there to see the new addition put in use, but they were able to finish the building in time for fall. Vova, Kolya did the majority of the work, and then Vova's wife did a lot of the interior decorating.

Once the addition was finished, they turned their attention



**Vova putting the finishing touches
on the auditorium repairs**

to the main auditorium, which also needed some work. The walls suffered some water damage from a strong storm while the roof on the addition was being joined to the existing building. With the current projects completed, we can now turn our attention to the building of a new building or an expansion.



**Addition is finished!
(L:back R:front)**



Wednesday night bible study

The church is growing!

It has taken no time to fill the empty seats from our departure. Galina told us that once again they are at standing room only. Several factors have contributed to the growth; perhaps, the greatest benefit of the relocation of the rehab center is that the people are now able to come in for church on Sundays and Wednesdays.

In October and November, Yaroslav came to Nikopol and helped with the street evangelism. A number of studies have come from this effort. He also devoted a lot of time to building up the Ordjonikidze. a number of those people also attend services. He has returned to Poland, but will be returning in March.

Contacts and studies

Sasha, who previously did a lot of welding for us has brought a friend named Alexander.

Slavik and Yaroslav have also studied with a woman named Larisa.

Natasha and Maxim are a family with 4 children who live in a village outside of Nikopol

There are two handicapped Sergei's; one of whom is blind, who the men have been studying with.

An older woman named Lubov comes with her son.

Svyeta Nikolaevna continues to bring a number of friends to studies;

Iraida, who was baptized a few months ago, and another friend named Lubov

Nikolai is a man who studies with Slavik and Yaroslav

Eugene continues to study with a friend named Zhenya.



Bible study in Ordjo



Kid's class in the New addition

Other church notes

Galina continues to feel bad and will be going to see if the cancer has returned. Please pray that the results are negative!

With construction done, Vova has been put on a probationary payroll status as a teacher and evangelist, Because he is one of the only members with a vehicle, he also transports a lot of the people to church as well as to the bible studies out of town.

Ira Nikolaevna coordinates a ladies group after church on Sundays

In October, Slavik took 10 of our youth group kids to a church of Christ youth rally in a city about 3 hours away.

Cash Expenses Oct-Dec

Salaries For Slavik, Vova, Zhenya	\$ 3,110.00
Monthly support for rehab center	\$ 600.00
Relocation of Rehab expenses	\$4,500.00
Travel expenses	\$ 50.00
Benevolent	\$ 125.00
Auditorium repairs	\$ 145.00
church supplies	\$ 75.00
building maintenance	\$ 60.00
furniture for classroom	\$ 75.00
Final labor/material for addition	\$2,400.00
Total Spent	\$11,136.00
COH 10/1	\$ 77.00
Withdrawn	\$11,432.00
COH 12/23*	\$ 373.00

Account Balance Oct- Dec

Balance 10/1	\$ 2,441.59
Deposits	\$13,159.00
Debits:	
ATM with.	\$11,431.95
Website renewal	\$ 399.51
Fees	\$ 162.50
Total Debits	\$11,993.96
Balance 12/23 *	\$3606.63

*Ending Balances are thru the 23rd because I will be traveling for Christmas vacation.