

## Future plans

All of this growth has left the church at standing room only. Last year a church donated a large sum for the building of a new auditorium. The preliminary design for the church building is done and hopefully work can begin next summer (The process for approval of projects is notoriously longer in Ukraine than here, so that is an optimistic goal).

Also a part of the planned transition is for us to become the forwarding agents for the church. Mike and Mary Locke from the Bemidji church of Christ have done this faithfully for 12 years, and we are hoping to relieve them in the short term. This will require us to set up a new non-profit so that we can set up a bank account here in Wisconsin. In the meantime all contributions should continue to go to Bemidji. We will notify everyone when this changes.

## Finances Dec 24th—Feb 29th

Salaries Slavik, Vova, Zhenya	\$ 2,375		
Rehab center	\$ 513		
Travel expenses	\$ 68		
Benevolent	\$ 113		
Materials/ supplies	\$ 321	<b>Account balance 12/24</b>	<b>\$3,606.63</b>
building maintenance	\$ 38	<b>Credits:</b>	<b>\$4,067.00</b>
Misc administrative	\$ 14	<b>Debits:</b>	
		Cash Withdrawals	\$3,821.08
		Fees	\$ 57.50
		Website charge	\$ 17.92
<b>Total Spent</b>	<b>\$ 3,442</b>	<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$3,896.50</b>
<b>COH 12/24</b>	<b>\$ 373</b>	<b>Account Balance 2/29</b>	<b>\$3,777.13</b>
<b>Withdrawn</b>	<b>\$ 3,821</b>		
<b>COH 2/29</b>	<b>\$ 752</b>		



# NIKOPOL EVANGELISM

## March 2016

Things have been busy in Nikopol for the fast two months. Here's a rundown of the things that are happening and will shortly be happening.

### The church's ministries expand

While everyone has been focused on Isis and elections, Putin has quietly continued to press further into Ukraine. This has caused a continued flood of refugees from the east. Nikopol has received foreign aid from Germany to set up a refugee camp Near where Galina used to live, composed mostly of little cubicle rooms for sleeping, with some general use facilities. The church in Nikopol has also tried to give some aid to some of the women in the center, and as a result a number are coming to the church from the effort.



Zhenya and Vova delivering groceries to some of the women at the refugee facility. Vova also does studies with the women

With the rehab center moving closer to Nikopol several months ago, there has been a greater ability for the church to be actively involved with that ministry. The center is growing and helping more people. They continue to use the Celebrate Recovery material that Eugene translated about 5 years ago (which is actually a better translation than the newer and official translation of the program). There are about a steady number of 8-10 people at the Rehab center.



Residents at the rehab center with some of the regular members of the church who go there to help standing on the right

### **Addition and Subtraction**

There have been 5 baptisms in the last few months:

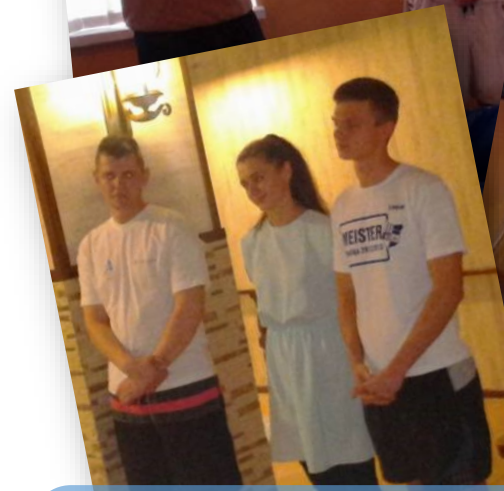
Ira Klimova's daughter and Grandson have recently made a decision to become Christians. Also baptized were three young men from nearby towns.

When we moved back to the states, immediately 6 chairs opened up in our auditorium. Those 6 chairs have been filled by Max and Natasha, who come from a village 5 miles away with their 4 children.

Recently, two members of the church have moved away from Nikopol:

Sergei, who was converted through the rehab program, has gone to a town called Ternopil. There, he is attending a bible college supported by Bear Valley church of Christ in Denver. It is a two year program, and he is currently planning on returning to Nikopol.

Galina, who is unable to work, following her cancer surgery, was no longer able to afford rent and treatment, so she has moved several hours away to Krivoy Rog, where her family is. Her mother, Lydia became a Christian about 10 years ago, and her sister has shown some interest, so this may prove to be a good opportunity for her to influence more people in her family. The men are planning to take occasional trips to Krivoy Rog to do some lessons, though it is not an easy trip. Galina will be sorely missed, as one of our more evangelistic members. Even as she leaves, her landlady, Valentina has started coming to church.



Nikolai, from nearby town of Ordjonikidze, and Zhenya from a nearby village. Oleg, Elena (Ira's daughter), and Vlad (Ira's grandson).