



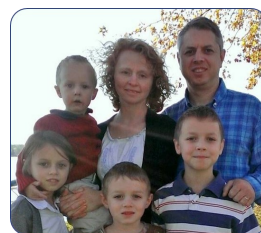
Some of the youth performing a special for the congregation

Finances Jun-Aug 2016

Cash expenditures

Salaries	\$3,480
Rehab center	\$ 600
Travel expenses	\$ 100
Benevolent	\$ 543
Materials/ supplies	\$ 403
Misc administrative	\$ 50
Total Spent	\$ 5,176
COH 5/31	\$ 684
Withdrawn	\$ 4,841
COH 8/31	\$ 349

Account balance 5/31	\$3,606.63
Credits:	\$4,923.00
Debits:	
Cash Withdrawals	\$4,841.37
Fees	\$ 80.00
Subtotal	\$3,896.50
Account Balance 8/31	\$4,672.22



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Serious financial situation

We have been blessed in the 12 years of doing this ministry of not having to send out financial pleas very often. Along the way there were periods where we weren't able to do so and God always provided with generous one time donations right when we needed.

The church in Ukraine finds itself in a difficult situation right now. They are trying to support a rehab facility which has been the backbone ministry for the church for two years. They also are supporting three men who minister diligently. It is amazing that they can do this on about \$1200 per month. Unfortunately, in the year we have been back, support for the Nikopol church has waned. Though I no longer take a salary for the ministry, funds are still below budget. The economics of a war torn Ukraine simply do not allow the church to survive on the tithes and offerings of the members, which mainly cover the building, utilities, and some benevolence.



Some of the men at the Rehab center

We know that there are many congregations in the U.S. that have their own very real financial difficulties, and we do not want to overburden those who have faithfully given over the years, yet we do need to find support for this ministry soon. We are down to only a small core of congregations who regularly

donate to this work. The good news is that the low overhead makes it easy to finance. To address this need, I have recently register Nikopol Evangelism Inc. officially, and we have an EIN. We are now awaiting registration as a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization. As soon as that is processed we can set up online giving to make it easier to contribute directly and individually.

Arrivals and Departures

Nina Domina, the founding member of the church in Nikopol, has moved to Minsk, where her daughter Vera lives. She is a part of the church where Anne and Andrei also attend.

Ira Nikolaivna, who we affectionately refer to as 'kool-aid Ira' (because of the color of her hair), has moved to Kiev where she will be attending Sunset bible college.

August saw two young additions to the church in Nikopol – Slavic and Katya have a daughter, Anya, and Sasha and Marina had a son, Victor. Both families have moved to new houses. Slavic was able to purchase a house, and Sasha and Marina have moved to Krasnogrivorivna, a village a few miles from Nikopol.

Construction

The plans for the building have been submitted and approved, so Vova decided to get started on construction this year. Their goal is to get the foundation built this year and continue with the construction of an auditorium next year.



Beginning of the foundation for the new auditorium

Studies and other news

The recent decisions to end the fruitless study in Ordjo, and to move of the rehab closer to Nikopol have given Slavic more time to concentrate on other areas. One new effort is a regular study in Krasnogrivorivna, where a number of members live.

Another effort of Slavic's is assisting a church of Christ in our region's capital, Dnepropetrovsk. In 2005, Stuart Merrill and myself met Dennis and Diana Knight, the missionary family there. It was around the same time that Dennis met, taught, and baptized Slavic into Christ. Diana passed away several years after that, and Dennis returned to the US. On Saturday's Slavic goes there to help instructing young men in the church.



Camp "Govoree" ("Speak")

developed is
involvement with
other churches in the
area. Slavic has

helped out with a youth/family camp in Dnepropetrovsk, and some of our kids and adult members attended the camp -this year.

Last year, we introduced our Eugene to Zhenya, who is an avid bicycler and intellectual. The two became friends and had a number of bible studies, but tailed of towards the end of the year. Zhenya finds himself potentially in some legal trouble, and has returned to the one source of stability in his life, Eugene. Pray that god uses the situation for the best.