



NIKOPOL EVANGELISM

January 2017

Big Things

There is not a lot of newsworthy events that have happened in the last two months, but what there is, is pretty big:

Coming and going

Easily the biggest development is the departure of Zhenya, who has moved to Kiev. A position as a translator at Sunset Bible college opened up when the previous translator got married. Zhenya was one of the first converts in Nikopol after we moved there, and had been our translator from 2004 until we left in 2015. He continues to help the church of Nikopol with some financial and administrative duties that he can perform remotely.

Another of the early converts was Galina. last year she moved to Krivoy Rog, where her mother lives. Recently, she returned to Nikopol to her original house that she had moved out of several years ago, while we still lived there. Her husband had become unable to live with due to his alcoholism. When she returned, he had completely destroyed the apartment and moved out. Galina is still undergoing treatment for cancer, and it is easier to afford her treatment since she owns the apartment.

Recently, Stuart and Valerie Merrill were able to visit, spending time in Nikopol and in Minsk. Yaroslav also has been able to visit from Poland.

Kolya Shevchenko, a convert from the rehab center, married Natasha Almaz in November and has moved to Kiev.



Where's Waldo—Ukrainian redux. Zhenya with the students at Kiev Sunset Bible College

Studies and contacts

The rehab center continues to do well, and serve as the main ministry for the congregation. There has been a new development in this ministry as well: Slavic has found a cheap property which is now used for a separate women's facility. Sasha and Marina, who met through the rehab center and were married now help in the administration of the new facility.



Zhenya baptized just before new year



Zhenya Chabanov



Yaroslav (left) and Slavic (right) with Yevgenia Krysenko and Vitaliy Shevaliev

There have been a number of recent baptisms. Zhenya Chabanov is a convert from the rehab in September. At the beginning of December, Yevgeniya Krysenko and Vitaliy Sheveliev became Christians.

Zhenya, a young man we were studying with when we left, became a Christian at the end of December. He had become friends with Eugene who continued to teach him until he went to Kiev. Slavic and Vova were able to effectively witness to him as Zhenya finds himself in some legal difficulties and both Slavic and Vova had become Christians out of troubled pasts.

Medical notes

When we left Ukraine, Galina was going through chemotherapy. recently she went for a checkup, and the cancer has returned. She is preparing for more chemotherapy.

Zhenya's mother, Polina, has been diagnosed with diabetes.

Construction

The foundation for the new building is finished and work will resume in the spring. It comes not a moment too late. Currently, there is almost no room and people have to sit in the foyer for services. Nikopol continues to need finances for the completion of this project.



Foundation of the new auditorium. Left picture shows the rear wall and the right picture shows what will be the front of the building.



Newleyweds, Kolya and Natasha Shevchenko

Finances (Sept - Dec '16)

Account Balance 8/31	\$ 4,674.22
Credits	\$11,319.00
Total Debits:	\$10,998.74
Cash Withdrawn Nikopol	\$10,397.75
Wells Fargo Fees	\$ 150.00
Debit Card Expenditures	\$ 290.99
*Transfer for new account	\$ 150.00
Account Balance 12/31	\$ 5,004.48

Nikopol Cash on hand 8/31	\$ 349
Withdrawn	\$ 10,398
3% commission at bank	\$ 312
Total credits:	\$ 10,435
Spenditures (Sept - Dec '16)	\$10,250
Administrative	\$ 6,002
Supplies/Construction	\$ 3,348
Transportation	\$ 400
Benevolent	\$ 500
Cash on hand 12/31	\$ 185

*future accounts for Nikopol Fund have been set up, but we are waiting for tax exempt status to use .

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