

There were many events at Fimiam Church in May for which we give thanks to God and to everyone who helped us physically, prayerfully and financially.

The meetings for young people with special needs held their last indoor meeting of the season on May 7. We were glad to meet two new children. A Bible story about Christ's resurrection gave hope to the participants. As usual, children sang Christian songs, played games, cooked and made crafts with great pleasure.



On May 8 a prayer of blessing was pronounced over newborn and little children. We are thankful to God for the children in our families.

That Sunday was also special because Yuriy Kovch, our former pastor, visited our church and shared God's Word with us and together with Fimiam pastors blessed the children.



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The second retreat for the families of soldiers wounded in ATO took place May 18-22. The topic of the retreat was "An Unexpected Meeting." They studied Bible stories of different people who met Jesus and how He influenced their lives and the decisions they made afterward. Then they had discussions in their small groups.



During the retreat there were many testimonies from Christians. Active rehabilitation and massage were provided for the families. Team games were also organized to help people get

better acquainted and more open. Women could use their creativity in making crafts. There was also a “Beauty Salon” for the women to relax.



A separate program was led for children to allow their parents to hear the Good News during the retreat and to find a way out of their difficult situations. Many of the former soldiers are addicted to alcohol, many are shut-ins, many do not smile and some cannot sleep. But already we see the results of these retreats. Here are two of them.



After the retreat in September 2015, a woman named Olga started to read the Bible and her attitude and behavior towards her husband who drinks began to change. Now she says she has strength to come through these temptations.

One man, Mykhaylo, had been a prisoner of war and became a shut-in, though in the past he had studied at the orthodox seminary. At the end of the retreat he began to talk with people. We gave him a Bible and hope he will start to read it again.

On May 20 "Treasury of Wisdom" Christian School celebrated Family Day. Students, their parents and teachers had a great day of rest in the open air, fellowshiping and participating in various relays. Afterward, the students were awarded with diplomas and vitamin food.



“We are a Family” was a two-day program led by a team from Fimiam at an orphanage on May 20-21. Interesting funny games, crafts, drama, sports, cooking, singing and Bible study were provided for the children. Their joy and smiles were the greatest reward for our team.



On May 22, "Smiley" children's club held their final meeting of the season. All the participants were divided into three age groups, each of which had a different festive program. The eldest children graduated from "Smiley" club and were officially invited to join "Rock" teenagers' club.



On May 27 and 28 "Treasury of Wisdom" Christian School and "A Little Star" preschool held ceremonies celebrating the end of the academic year. We understand such meetings are an opportunity for us as Christians to influence the parents and relatives of the children. So God's Word was sown and we believe the Lord will grow the seed.





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The team that serves children and young people with special needs organized a visit to the zoo for them on May 28. Afterward they enjoyed a picnic together. It was a great time of Christian fellowship.



“Rock” teenagers’ club held their final indoor meeting of this season on May 29. The fact that everything comes to an end was discussed and they spoke about the most important life decision. The graduates of “Smiley” children’s club were introduced to the participants of the teenagers’ club. They also enjoyed playing interesting games, eating delicious cakes, singing Christian songs and listening to a sermon together. We believe we can help teenagers to make the right choices in their lives.

