

A women's retreat was among the most prominent events which took place at Fimiam Church in June. "The Life Full of Sense and Passion" was the theme of the retreat. Our guest speakers, Marsha Britt Judy and Jessica Cook, shared from their own experiences how one can live a life full of desire to serve one's family and church. Crafts, various games in the open air, walks to the lake through the forest, a festive supper in beautiful dresses, Christian fellowship, personal testimonies, and prayers for one another made the weekend unforgettable for all.



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June 4 was a day of testing for the members of our “Rock” teenagers’ club as they participated in a bike ride to a lake that was 25 kilometers away from Fimiam facility. Each person successfully coped with the task and was able to rest at one of the picturesque lakes in the Volyn region, combining pleasant and useful activities.



There was a double holiday at Fimiam Church on June 19 – the day of Pentecost and baptism. Seventeen people entered into a covenant with the Lord. We rejoice for the new members of our church and also for several people who accepted Jesus as their Savior during the June worship services.



A retreat for children ages 8-10 took place June 24-30. It was organized as a tour through different countries, including the USA, China, Great Britain, India and Ukraine with their different customs, traditions, national clothes and dishes. The countries and decorations changed with each day. The last point of destination was the holy city of Jerusalem that every person would like to reach. The retreat program featured funny physical exercises, delicious food, practical Bible studies, exciting large group games, music lessons, crafts, sports, evening programs and a camp fire. And the most important thing that each child learned is that only Jesus can lead us to the most beautiful place – the holy city of Jerusalem.



Ukraine's first Agape Rehabilitation Complex for people with disabilities was opened in the village of Boratin in the Lutsk district on June 25. Many guests from Ukraine and abroad were present for the opening of this facility. These guests were not indifferent to the problems of people with disabilities and they represented organizations, missions and families in Belgium, Norway, France, the United States, and Canada. There were also Representatives from local authorities.



Hundreds of people from all over the world contributed to the construction of the Complex. Some contributed through prayer or a kind word while others contributed through large donations. Some people with disabilities, like the widow who donated her last two mites for the needs of the church, saved their pensions to make the dream of an accessible facility for people with disabilities come true.



We cannot help but mention one terrible day which took place 15 years ago, when Serhii Bolchuk, the project manager of the Agape Rehabilitation Complex, his wife Natalia and their two-year old son were involved in a terrible car accident. The outcome of the accident was paralysis for Natalia due to a spinal cord injury at the cervical level.



It would seem that the tragedy destroyed all their future plans. However, it actually gave impetus to begin working with people with disabilities. At first this took the form of support through meetings and fellowship. Then they managed to organize a one day camp for adults with disabilities and families raising children with disabilities. Currently, two week-long camps are held each summer for adults and children with disabilities. A room for physical rehabilitation was opened in 2007 and it later grew into the Active Rehabilitation Center which operates today.

Opening the Agape Rehabilitation Center expands the opportunities to help people with disabilities. Now it is not only people with disabilities from Lutsk who can receive physical rehabilitation, but from all over the Volyn region. They will also be able to receive psychological assistance and acquire skills for independent living.

The territory of the Complex recently increased significantly. So now construction of small residential houses for people with disabilities who have lost their relatives or caregivers becomes a main goal. There is also a desire to have a swimming pool for people with disabilities for additional exercise and training.

Along with physical rehabilitation for people with disabilities, the Complex will also house a training center for physical therapists from all over Ukraine. The main objective of this training center is to provide adequate knowledge to young men and women to empower them to improve the lives of people with disabilities in various cities, districts and regions throughout Ukraine.
