

We are currently in the season of summer retreats at Fimiam Church. Thanks to God that we were able to lead four of them in July.

The retreat for children ages 11-12 took place at the Retreat Center on July 2-8. It had the same program as the retreat for younger children at the end of June. It was organized as a tour through the USA, China, Great Britain, India and Ukraine with their different customs, traditions, national clothes and dishes. The aim was to let the participants know that only Jesus Christ our Savior can lead us to the most beautiful place – the holy city of Jerusalem. Many children accepted Jesus at the end of the retreat. Let's pray together for our next generation!



This retreat was followed by two retreats for people with disabilities. The first one, "Point of Contact," was for adults on July 10-16 and the second one, "Joy," was for children on July 20-25. The retreats were like a breath of fresh air for these people. During the year, many of them stay in their homes and dream to meet their friends at the summer retreat. People in wheelchairs who could not move by themselves were able to use an electric wheelchair and feel at least partial independence during this week. One day was spent at the nearby lake, which added thrilling emotions. There were plenty of games, sports and fun at both retreats. During the Bible studies at "Point of Contact" retreat, participants examined the lives of people who met Jesus, how He influenced their lives and the decisions they made afterward. And one young man, Vasyl, repented. Praise the Lord! We also thank the American team who joined us in this ministry.





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On July 11-21, English classes were provided by Michael Gott International for children and adults at Fimiam Church. Over 300 children and 680 adults attended and the Gospel was preached in addition to the English classes. About 370 people marked on a form that they had acknowledged Jesus as their Savior. We understand this is only the first step. So we are going to offer the second step for those who register for the next three months of English study. We are thankful to the team of Michael Gott International who worked hard, conducting 4 shifts of classes each day to spread the Kingdom of God.





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Ordination for Fedir Yakovlev, one of our home church leaders, was held on July 27. He was ordained as a deacon. This brother is engaged in the ministry for drug-addicts and alcoholics.



The last event of July was a teenagers' retreat in which 85 young people enjoyed rest and learned together about the right relations in the different spheres of life from the point of view of Christianity. In the end of the retreat 23 teenagers prayed with a prayer of repentance and renewal of faith. We are thankful to the Lord for His work in the hearts of the young people.



