

The season of summer retreats is over. In August, God allowed us to conduct the final three planned retreats: a family retreat, an evangelistic youth retreat and a retreat for the youth of Fimiam Church. All of them took place at the Retreat Center. We are incredibly grateful to the Lord for our friends who contributed into its construction so that we can have these events on our own territory and in our own building!

The family retreat, "A Happy Family," took place August 3-7. During these days, participants became a real family, coming together not only for meals, but also for Bible study on the topic of relationships between a husband and a wife, as well as parents and children. All Retreat Center visitors divided into groups for closer discussion. In the evenings, they fellowshiped, sang Christian songs, and creatively presented their teams around the bonfire. There were possibilities to swim in the lake, pick ripe blackberries in the forest, watch movies and participate in many other interesting activities. It was a wonderful time of rest in the company of fellow Christians.



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Twenty-two unbelieving young people visited our evangelistic youth retreat, which took place August 9-12. For almost all of them, it was their first time in close contact with Christians. Our team dispersed themselves among the visitors of the retreat. There were three days of active

rest, combined with personal evangelism. Participants were offered scuba diving, a 10 km bike ride in the forest with a picnic, team games to build closer relationships, delicious food, Biblical thoughts, and Christian fellowship. In the end, two young people repented and are now attending “The ABCs of a Christian” study. In addition, one more person began to visit Fimiam worship services. We thank God for these fruits!



“Life is in Jesus” was the final retreat of this season. Many youth from Fimiam Church were involved in serving in the previous retreats of the summer, so they were invited to have rest themselves. Together they studied the Apostle Paul’s book to the Ephesians. Alongside this were several activities for the youth to choose: woodwork, confectionery, painting, English lessons and fitness. There were also volleyball and badminton competitions, ping-pong, soccer, swimming, interesting evenings around the bonfire, testimonies, prayers for different

Fimiam Church ministries and a message from our senior Pastor Pavlo Myronyuk each evening.



August 21 is celebrated as a City Day in Lutsk. Lutsk Government Centre of Social Services for Families, Children and Youth addressed Fimiam Church with a request to provide interesting activities for children, teenagers and families in our community. We gladly responded to this opportunity to serve our neighbors and become friends with them. So we offered trampoline, body-art, "Fun Run" relays, crafts, bubbles, a floorball master class and a tournament, outdoor games, board games, a lounge area, family competitions, a family film and a café.





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We thank God for the wonderful summer!