

July is over and that means it's time to share the blessings that we have experienced at Fimiam Church during the past month.

Ninety children ages 8-12 attended the children's camp July 8-15. The first blessing was that God provided all of the necessary people to fill the staff for the camp. There were vacancies in the staff until a week before the camp due to the many young people who were taking entrance exams for the higher institutions. During the camp, the weather was not hot, so fewer people were resting at the lake and this made it possible for the campers to have good access to the water. The week was overflowing with great emotions due to the games, Christian songs, new friends and Bible truths. For many children, it was their first opportunity to be in Christian fellowship and they heard about Jesus for the first time. At the end of the camp, 20 participants prayed to God and asked forgiveness. Praise the Lord!





The next prominent event happened on July 9 when Alexander Malynovskiy was baptized. He had repented before God about 15 years ago during an evangelical event held by Fimiam. But later he left the Lord and returned to his previous way of life. Three years ago, Alexander dove while he was drunk and broke his neck. Despair entered his life. He contacted the physical rehabilitation center and attended rehabilitation sessions for more than a year. Later, he was invited to a Christian summer camp, which he attended, and afterward he started to attend home church meetings. The leader of that home church prayed a lot for Alexander and asked other leaders to support him in prayer. After a period of time, Alexander asked God to forgive him and decided to be baptized. It was the Lord's answer!



On July 22-23, a team of 24 young people from Fimiam Church cycled to the site where we used to lead our camps before the Retreat Center was built. It was a difficult trip because the site is 70 kilometers away from Lutsk, but it was also a blessed trip. In spite of poor weather forecasts, there were no storms. It was a splendid time of Christian fellowship, testimonies and rest at the picturesque Lake Berezhyster. It was so pleasant to visit the place where so many youth came to the Lord!



The camp for adults with disabilities occurred at the Retreat Center July 18-24. There were 45 participants with 19 helpers and 39 volunteers. Among the volunteers were five people with disabilities who served the Lord and people as they were able, setting a good example for others. Along with the opportunity for relaxation, participants were taught Bible lessons where they learned about God and Biblical heroes and could analyze their own relationship with the Lord and think about the future.



This camp was followed by one for children with disabilities. It can be characterized as an emotional bomb! These children are so glad when they can be away from their homes and participate in a very special event! And their joy adds desire and strength to the team to serve them over and over again.





In regards to R 500 events in July, the most remarkable one was a festival for Volyn teenagers July 10-15 at a picturesque lake. Four hundred young people ages 12-16 came together to participate in it. It was time of Christian fellowship, new acquaintances, sporting competitions, swimming, various crafts, Bible contests, prayer, worship of God, Bible lessons and discussion groups in which the five “solos” of the Reformation were studied and discussed. God’s Word is able to change hearts and many teenagers came to the decision to follow Jesus at the end of the festival. Praise the Lord!



