

MP Ukraine – Ilya Vysotskyi for 2nd half 2023 (Chernihiv)

1. Changes in comparison to the last report from 1st half 2023.
 - Two baptism days: 1st baptism was in August, the 2nd in October. For 1,5 years our church has grown from 12 to 28. We thank God and the team who are serving.
 - We've started the 4th small Bible group.
 - Teens Club was launched on a regular basis (every Friday night)
 - Monthly after-camp events for kids and their parents.
2. Yes, we've had several meetings with parents. For our people grown in an orthodox context, it's unusual to see the church as it is today, but they are getting familiar. Their feedbacks are good and they share their desire to visit church events.
3. Our Bible Studies on Thursdays – is a group of all non-believers, who are willing to read the Bible together. There are 50-100 people every Thursday. We also have special events for parents, whose kids were at our summer camp. Recently we had 2 meetings with nearly 50-70 parents. Teen Club is also an evangelistic project.
4. Attendance remains the same. New people are coming. As I mentioned there were 2 baptisms and God willing, we're getting ready for the 3rd.
5. No, no one left the church. 2 members moved abroad and are in the USA now.
6. The biggest challenge we face at the present moment is the building – it is a rented facility that is an unfinished building.
7. Ministry schedule:
 - Sunday – church service (small Bible group after)
 - Mon – team meeting
 - Tue – brother's prayer breakfast
 - Wed – tennis with teens
 - Thur – Bible Studies for non-believers (in the church), small Bible groups (at home)
 - Fri – teens club
8. There are 2 brothers who preach
9. Yes, we have regular team meetings, sometimes in informal atmosphere.
10. As for the future plans – we are working on the vision of our church now, so when it is ready, I can share it with you.
11. The last book I really liked is “Planting Missional Churches” by Ed Stetzer and Daniel Im.
12. Our mother church helped us to have both baptisms – they were on their territory.
13. Our church hasn't given any financial support to the ministers yet. Mainly because we are a small church and we don't have financial resources for this.
14. We have 28 church members now, every week nearly 200 people visit the church. 9 people were baptized.

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