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My Friends in Christ:

"Whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men...for you serve the Lord Christ." (Col. 3)

It is in the summer 'holidays' while the children are all out of school that our co-workers in Ukraine are the busiest telling children the good news of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Here is a summary of our summer activities this year:

- On June 1 and 2 our co-workers were again invited by their village authorities to take charge of the program at the **"Ukrainian Children's Day"** celebration – an official annual holiday. Together with the church young people, they planned and led the program of sports, games, snacks, and a time when everyone was invited to sit down and hear joyful Gospel singing and a Bible Story. About 150 children and quite a number of parents came and heard God's Word. Believers are thanking God for such freedom here in Ukraine – one of the ever fewer countries where this is still possible today.
- Tatiana Levchuk, Director of our UCCF children's programs, emailed their busy schedule to us just before she left for **JUNIOR CAMP** on June 18, which is being held at the Azov Sea as usual and will be closing on June 28. **She asked for special prayer for a boy named Dema who is from a difficult family. The father is a violent man and often beats the boy. His mother is due to enter hospital next week to have a C-section. Dema learned only one way to settle conflicts – by fighting. Please pray for the Lord to give us wisdom how best to reach this unhappy little boy.**
- **TEEN CAMP** is scheduled for August 2 – 11 and will again be held at the tent camp on the banks of a river in the Poltava region. They expect to have about 10 children at JUNIOR CAMP from the war zone and also 10 teenagers coming to our TEEN CAMP. **Tatiana requests that we please join in praying with them for the children's safety as they travel over these difficult roads.**
- In July and August, as usual between camps, they plan to hold **Vacation Bible School** in several areas – Kushugum, Julievka, and Molochansk. Also, Lord willing, to hold VBS in some of the war areas.

Last summer we were glad to be able to give some support for the **FOSTER FAMILIES' CAMP** held at Peaceful Haven Camp on the Azov Sea. Close to 500 foster parents and children attended, among them was our **Christian Home Orphanage** family as well. Because not all attending this camp are Christians, the leading brother, Igor, stresses messages with a Gospel outreach and last year some parents repented and came to faith in Christ. If possible, we hope to be able to help this good outreach more this summer.

Join with us also in praying regarding the purchase of all the camp necessities. This year Tatiana discovered that the cost of almost everything went up considerably since last year. They are now thanking the Lord and His people in Canada for the one newer vehicle we purchased and the utility trailer to move camp luggage. We trust that camp transportation will go more smoothly this year. Tatiana asked especially that we join her in grateful **praise to the Lord** for providing all the needed young people as volunteers to serve in our camps. They do this joyfully even though it is a real sacrifice of time and wages for most of them.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL PRAYERS AND VERY GENEROUS FELLOWSHIP, DEAR FRIENDS!

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