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Greetings!

We are greeting you and sending sincere gratitude to HART mission for fruitful partnership with our church in Berezhany. It is a big blessing to work with you for the glory of God! We have seen God's provision and guidance for the last six years since we started our ministry in Berezhany. Your generous support and constant prayers bring more opportunities for our ministry and God's Kingdom. We pray for blessings and good health for you and your family!

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On June 11, a workshop for entrepreneurs was held by Vadym Yevsiukov, a business coach, founder of several businesses and co-founder of Ukrainian union of social entrepreneurship. The members of the training received many interesting ideas and tips concerning financial management, savings, investing, loans etc. We plan similar events with practical topics to preach the Gospel to businessmen of our region.



The first Prayer Breakfast in Ternopil region was held in Berezhany on June 19. Pavlo Ungurian, the member of Ukrainian Parliament was the main speaker of the event. The prayer for Ukraine united representatives of city council, regional administration, healthcare, education, culture business, as well as ministers of the different churches and confessions. Despite the oppression and apathy of many leaders of institutions and churches, we believe in the importance of such meetings to pray for our nation, government and the end of war in Eastern Ukraine.



Our church conducted the Family Camp on June 17-23 as a part of our important ministry to families. Every day the parents were involved into seminars led by Oleksandr and Valentyna Pechuiz on the following topics: communication in a marriage, managing conflicts, family budget, raising kids, God's plan for a marriage. Myeshkovy family from Rivne led the games and group discussions in order to work with the received information more effectively. Thanks to the team of volunteers and generous support of sponsors, especially HART mission, the Family Camp became a huge blessing for the parents and their children who enjoyed interesting activities and rest. Most of the families are not able to have such a great family rest at the seaside and never felt such care as our team provided for the whole week.



On July 30, two young people from our church were baptized in a lake in Berezhany. The Holy Water Baptism was led by Oleh Tsykra, the head of Baptist Churches Union in Ternopil region. There are more people who are preparing for the next baptism and we ask God to take away all the obstacles and give them strength to make a decision to follow Christ and be His servants.



We have managed to start two family groups that we have been praying for. Once a month the members of each group watch video seminar on family topics, then discuss, and share their thoughts on the biblical principles and God's plans for the families. We noticed how difficult it is to involve husbands into such groups but we work on it and continue praying for more families to have desire to let God improve their marriages.



In October we had the traditional Thanksgiving Day in our church. The brothers and sisters from the church in Dubentsi helped us with the program, they preached, led us in worship, shared testimonies and joy of serving God. We invited many new people and used this celebration to preach about Jesus and salvation.



On October 2, we celebrated the historical moment - the first marriage in our church. Two members of the church Roman and Nastya became a family. We pray for their future life and ask God

to help them finish repairing their future home, as well as provide them with stable jobs. They have strong desire to serve God together as a Christian family. Before the wedding, the couple went through the course of David Boehi called "Preparing for Marriage" that was very helpful and we will use it for other couples.



Over the past five years, we have been able to increase the monthly circulation of our Christian newspaper "A Word about the Word" from 1000 copies to 6500 copies. Over the entire period of publication, more than 300,000 people had the opportunity to read a Christian content and learn about Jesus and salvation. The newspaper is now distributed in 21 regions of Ukraine through 67 partner churches. Through the Distant Bible Study, over 100 people have finished various Bible study courses at home. Since 2013, the newspaper has a website, now visited by more than 300 thousand people. One of the most popular queries on the site: how to believe in God, who is Jesus Christ. To expand this ministry to enable more people to read Christian articles, we need sponsors, as well as people who can help with distribution.



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Please, pray for the video ministry we started recently to let more people see the preaching and stories of salvation through internet. We need to buy a video recorder to start online streaming of Sunday services, because about 300 people watch our weekly videos;
- Support us in prayers for the sports ministry, as we need a permission from the government to start floor-ball sessions in 2 schools. We have a person who wants to be responsible for it, but we need all paper work to be done in time;
- Pray also for the events we plan for 2018 dedicated to 1030th Anniversary of Kyiv Rus Baptism: scientific conference, second prayer breakfast and a concert;
- Ask God to bless our family ministry and help us with a family camp, family festival in May and a school course on a family planning;
- Pray for our sister in Christ Oksana Kaydan who needs a surgery, unless she finds money for the therapy that she cannot afford now.



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