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Greetings from Donetsk

Prayer Request:

- **Vitaly** – a young preacher accepting new responsibilities
- **Nadya** – Natasha’s grandmother undergoing treatment for cancer
- **Anatole** – having trouble with forgiving and repenting
- **Youth** – for wisdom in making important life decisions



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Those of you who have lived where the Lord’s church is not big in numbers

can understand the joy of meeting together with Christians from other congregations. Six ladies from the **Proletarsky congregation** and four from the **Budyonovski congregation** had such an opportunity on Saturday, April 28th. They hired a van to take them to the **Maruipol’ Ladies’ Day**.

Traveling together allowed them to enjoy one another’s company all day long! Approximately 80 ladies gathered in Mariupol’ for a day filled with song, prayer, Bible lessons and Christian fellowship.

The Proletarsky congregation is eagerly anticipating our 9th Annual Ladies’ Day to be held on June 9th.



Lynn with Alexander and Irina Piletsky; Alexander is the preacher for the church in Maruipol’

Welcome!

New Family!

In the month of April we were happy to welcome the **Yazikov family** to the Proletarsky congregation. **Alexander and Larissa** are the parents of **Alekseu** (8) and **Nina** (2). We are excited about the addition of this family to our number and look forward to serving the Lord together with them.

Remembering Dot Holmquist



Andy & Dot Holmquist

Members of the both the Proletarsky and Budyonovski congregations were saddened to hear of the passing of a lovely, godly lady and a good friend - **Dot**

Holmquist. Dot and her husband **Andy** were some of the early workers in Ukraine and helped establish and strengthen the Proletarsky and Budyonovski congregations. We thank God for Dot’s Christian example and continue to keep Andy and the family in our prayers.



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Putting our best foot forward...

In past years we have placed an emphasis on repairing the church building and making it comfortable; this year we are working hard on improving the surrounding yard. The road on the left side of the building is in poor condition. As a result, many drivers swing around the potholes - and into our yard! Therefore we installed some curb-bumpers to prevent this from happening. We also ordered a few loads of topsoil and after spreading it, are in the process of planting flowers and sowing grass on both sides of the building.

In addition to making the building more attractive (and visitor friendly!), this project provides lots of opportunities for working and fellowshiping together. Those with strong backs can do the physical labor, those who are older or in worse health can help take care of the little ones.



A big job!



Masha planting Flowers



Everyone pitching in!



Little Vikka surveys the work



Zaxar shows how it's done!



Ray and crew plant a bush



Slinging that dirt!



Lynn helps with the planting



Official project supervisors!

Good Shepherd Celebrates Ten Years

On April 24th, the **Good Shepherd Shelter** celebrated 10 years of service to children from troubled families. We took the opportunity to congratulate them as well as to check up on **Vitya**, a young man from our congregation. Vitya's Mom is a single mom and she is currently unable to take care of him. Members of the Proletarsky congregation make donations each month to help cover Vitya's expenses in the home.



Vitya (in white sweater)



Enjoying fellowship with the Shorsa Congregation



Kids from Proletarsky



April Flowers