

The Gazette

OF MUSIC MISSION KYIV

Music/Widows/Orphans and Children/Church/Victims of War

HOW DOES THE GARDEN GROW?

We have planted the seeds of ministry and they are nurtured.



WIDOWS

Our widows program began in 1994 when Roger preached a sermon “It is More Blessed to Give than Receive.” We took our first offering to buy food for 20 widows and the musicians delivered the packets. Eventually the widows began to come to church, and through American donations, their numbers grew. In 2002 we began Bible classes on Saturdays when we distributed the food. Today we provide weekly physical and spiritual food for 480 widows and pensioners. One hundred of these are homebound, and they receive their packets through other pensioners in the program who deliver food and pray with them.



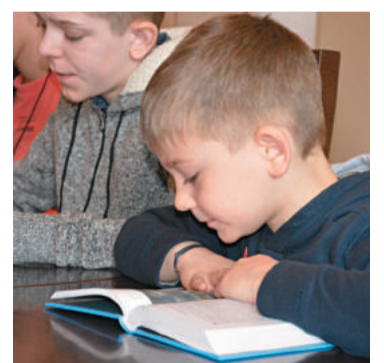
ORPHANS

The orphan program began in 1998 when some widows and pensioners in our church began to take orphans into their homes on weekends. This was called the Orphan Foster Care Program and the children came to church and Sunday School each week with their foster family and enjoyed a church dinner with the congregation at the two office apartments. In 2000 Diane began teaching English and Bible at Orphanage #21 to a class of 14-yr-olds. Today we are serving many children at Orphanage #22, at the Stara orphanage, and also orphanages in eastern Ukraine.



CHILDREN

In 1998 we found a woman named Raisa teaching a Bible class on Saturdays in a public school. She inspired us to build a Christian Children’s Club that used Raisa as a Bible teacher and added classes in music, art, and English in an after-school program in four public schools and two orphanages. These clubs grew until 2002 when the government started using the Bible in the schools, and we brought the children’s club into St. Paul’s Church where the students also received private instruction in violin, percussion, and guitar, as well as group activities such as choir, hand bells, crafts, and Bible study. We are now serving the largest group ever of young children and teenagers. They perform in worship every week.



VICTIMS OF WAR

In 2014 war came to Ukraine when Russia invaded Crimea. Ukrainians fled the war zone and many came to Kyiv (Kiev). Within a year, the area of Donetsk was also invaded and people’s homes were destroyed. We helped these people who were living in temporary housing, with food, humanitarian aid, and children’s musical activities and Bible classes. Ukrainian soldiers were defending their homeland, and many were killed or wounded. We began to minister to these victims of war, including the wounded soldiers and the young widows and children of those perished. Today we are in the hospitals and we have gatherings for these new widows with comfort and the Good News.

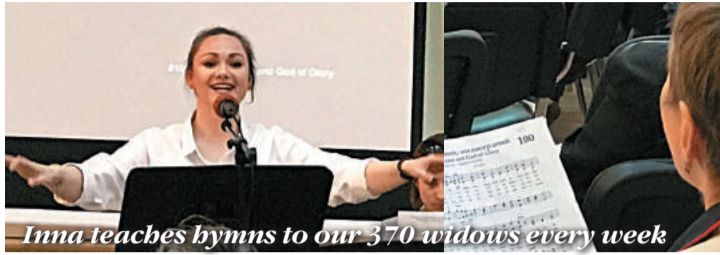


THE GOOD SOIL—Luke 8:8

“And some seed fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.”

WHAT IS BLOOMING NOW?

In our Widows Ministry.....



Inna teaches hymns to our 370 widows every week



Church leaders study Evangelism Explosion with Diane this summer



Weekly picnics for widows and pensioners all summer in Gorenichi

In our Orphan Ministry.....



Sasha with orphans

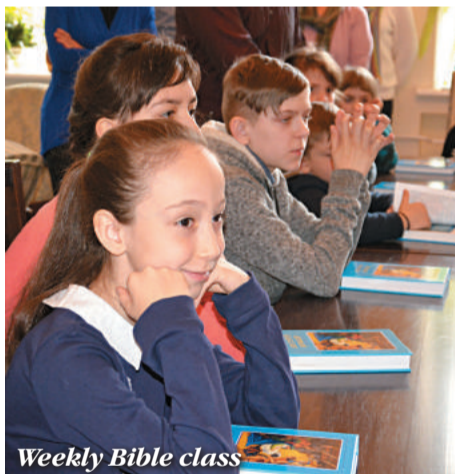


Oxsanna teaching Bible at our newest orphanage Stara



Irina Donchenko with orphan children

In our Children's Ministry.....



Weekly Bible class



Percussion ensemble in worship service at St. Paul's



Two hand bell choirs (hand bells and hand chimes) participate in worship

In our Ministry to Victims of War.....



A war widow and her son



Two children of war



Widows of the war gather in MMK Apartment



Oxsanna teaching children of war

AMERICAN GIFTS BRING THE SUNSHINE

This mission garden has grown through 25 years of faithful giving of our donors in America. We are grateful for these contributions which have allowed us to reach out with the Good News of the Gospel through music, humanitarian help, and the loving hands of our leaders.

Some Americans have even come to Kyiv (Kiev) to join us in the work.



HELPING HANDS TRIP



2017 American team cleaning windows



Widows love American home visits



Helping in widow apartments



Helping children

The 25th Anniversary Celebration with the Board Members of Music Mission Kyiv

“Everywhere we went during our visit, we heard beautiful music praising the Lord. There was enthusiasm of the pensioners and widows as they practiced ‘Amazing Grace.’” Barbara Corwin, board member



Board members Blake and Andy load food for the East

“I see the established KSOC members involved with the younger generations of Ukrainians serving in the love of the Lord.” Eileen Nyholm, Board member



A circle of prayer for safe delivery to the war zone



Dennie Pritchard, chairman of the MMK Board, greets the congregation of St. Paul's

“It has been nine years since our last visit to Kyiv. The war has changed things and we could see the faces of the children who had experienced war, but now have hope because of the ministry of MMK.” Dennie and Pat Pritchard, board members



Giving fruit to the orphans at Stara

INVEST IN THE GOOD SOIL

What is the Good Soil? We need your contributions for our General Donations. They are the foundation upon which everything is produced. These provisions which nurture our growing ministry are the staff members in Orlando and Kyiv (missionaries and Ukrainian leaders) and their tools: From rental of buildings, food for events, salaries for musicians, transportation for equipment and supplies, paper and printing, and all the things that help our mission to function. We are also grateful for our designated donations for widows and other ministries, but without gifts for General Fund we are strangled to help the growing plants. Help us nourish the soil to support our growing blooms by sending a check this month marked General Donation. We appreciate your faithfulness to this ministry.

AMERICAN PRAYERS BRING SHOWERS OF BLESSING



Here are some of our prayer needs:

1. Praise God during this 2017 anniversary year as we remember Roger and Diane first coming to Ukraine. Praise God for many years of fruitful ministry. Pray for ongoing health and strength for Roger and Diane.
2. Praise God for our Music Mission Kyiv board. Pray for our MMK board as they continue to give strong and excellent leadership to Music Mission Kyiv.
3. Pray for Music Mission Kyiv (MMK) evangelistic outreach in Ukraine. Pray that Americans would be generous in supporting the evangelistic activity of MMK. Pray that our Kyiv Symphony Orchestra and Chorus concerts in Kyiv continue to share the gospel clearly.
4. Pray for our expanded outreach to orphans. Pray for the children in our new orphanage called Stara. Pray for the orphans who will attend our summer Bible camps which take place in Poltava in June/July.
5. Pray for our expanded outreach to widows. We now serve 480 precious pensioners on a weekly basis.
6. Pray for our ongoing outreach to victims of war including wounded soldiers in Kyiv Central Military Hospital and their family members. Pray for safety in travel as we bring relief supplies to those nearer the war zone. Pray that the blankets, food, Bibles, Bible studies and other essential supplies bless these needy souls.
7. Pray for Wes and Kim Janzen and Roger and Diane McMurrin, your MMK missionaries to Ukraine, that they would be faithful to the calling received from the Lord.
8. Pray for our Music Mission Kyiv staff; Randy, Ronnie, Deborah, and Deb in America and Serhiy, Vika, Volodya, Larissa, Val, Valentina, Kostya, Irene, Irina, Oxsanna, Sasha, Vadym, Roman, Artem, Olga, members of KSOC and others in Kyiv.
9. Pray for Kim as she teaches literally hundreds each week. Pray for Diane as she teaches widow evangelism. Pray for summer outreach events at Roger and Diane's home.
10. Pray that the Gospel will "spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes ..." (II Thessalonians 3:1). Pray for members of the Kyiv Symphony Orchestra and Chorus.
11. Pray for guidance and wisdom. "We ask God to give you a complete understanding of what He wants to do in your lives and we ask Him to make you wise with spiritual wisdom." (Col 1:9)
12. Pray for those who give financially. Without ongoing financial support the ministries of Music Mission Kyiv would not be possible. The area of designation currently in greatest need is our general fund. Opportunities to make a kingdom impact difference are worthy of support.



Wes prays with the MMK Board and workers



THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT!

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