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## Summer camp – final analysis.

Interview with Irina Pivkachthe – a chief of summer camp “Friendship”



### **What can you say about the summer camp this year?**

In general summer camp went well. Like in every other year we had many new things: new blessings, new joy and a new mistakes.

### **What was a summer camp program, and what was a goal of it?**

Developing of our program we had two purposes: first purpose – rest and retreat for the kids and for the second – as an outreach, because we had some of the kids from unbelievers families. We also felt a need in witnessing to some teenagers from a believers families.

### **Last year you had only one shift in the camp, why you organized it in two shifts (children and teen’s) this year?**

For all the privies years we did it in one shift. This year we decided to do it in two in we really like it. We divided the children according their age. For younger kids 7 to 10 years, and for older 11 to 15, because of the difference for 7 and 12 year old in their needs and abilities. In our program we had lot’s of different kinds games, competitions and trips. Also we had a Bible lessons, meetings and prayers. In all of this we needed to consider their age and according it needs and possibilities.

### **Can you tell us about most special day from the life of the camp?**

The moist special day was then the majority of the kids came forward saying that they want to receive Jesus in their hart. The kids from the unbelievers and believers families. It had happened in one of the last days in the camp after the pastor Igors preaching and an altar call after it. I am convinced they were serious about making that decision, because they wanted to stay longer at the meeting instead interesting games. Kids wanted to

our camp and we couldn’t stop it. They all shouted “ We wont to sing!” In that evening we had a very long service, for long time they sang psalms and songs about Christian friendship and the life.

### **What kind of the mistakes you had this year and would you like to do differently in the future?**

We had some small mistakes but I do not want to pay a lot’s of attention to it, because they are not that important. We can never be perfect, but we have a desire and a need to improve our camps for the future. I think we will need to pray more for this ministry during the year. And the second - more new information and a new strength. This year , because of our privies experience it was much easier to do the camp. We would like to find more new curriculums and materials for summer camps.

**P.S.** Summer camp ministry had started in 2002, in our first camp we had 9 kids. This ministry are growing every year. This year we had our camp in a beautiful place in Carpatian mountains in village – Ilnik. This year we had all together with our workers 72 people.

stay and sing Christian songs from



## One day of the camp “Friendship”



Saturday morning ... The 6<sup>th</sup> day of the camp. The Sun raised over Ukrainian Carpatism mountains. Already awoken joyful kids were ready to go to the trip and to face many unexpected things. A wide river became a first surprise for them. Some of the kids rolled up the pants, took the shoes off and went across the river. Another kids stayed by the water and got a real treat:

Carpatian boys on the horses gave them ride throughout the river. It was one of unforgettable days in the camp “Friendship”. Kids had a good time of rest, played games, sang, rided the horses and had a great time of fellowship. The “Pilgrim” was one of the games. Kids needed to go across the forest and to get the letters for the word “Salvation”. In the order to get the letters they went throughout the beautiful Carpatian forest created by God and also to make a right choices: to help grandmother carry the stolen grain or to tell her that she broke god’s commandments by stealing; to give the hand to fortuneteller or to tell her that my destiny is in the Gods hands; to help poor or to tern away from

him; to give the bottle to the drunker or to witness about Jesus, who can save from the slavery of sin. Same like in the real life some of the kids make a mistakes, some did the right. But all of them learned a lesson about their calling and a place as a Christians in this world. Much more can be said about the unforgettable time with “Friendship”, about the happy smile of the kids, their wide open eyes there you can see an interest and satisfaction. Also about wide open harts of the leaders, their joy and a pleasure. In order to have the same feelings in your you need to give it to this labor and in to the ministry.

*Lilija Vasilenko*

### The days went by. . .

The days of my time in the



camp came to the end and if I would be before choice to go to the camp or do not go, I would say, YES, I will go.

We had no time to be bored in the camp. I remember the most our first trip, then we went to the mountains and the rain started like a flood.

Everybody got wet, but nobody got sick. Swimming in the river, riding the horses, fellowship by the fire, Bible games, different meetings there we sang, praised God, prayed and listened a Bible stories.

Because of this camp I can better understand God and can trust Him more. I got lot’s of friends from the different cities and I am going to stay in touch this them. Unfortunately the camp was for such a short time, only for one week. It was just enough time to become a friends and we needed to say – goodbye! It would be better if the camp would be for longer

time and for leaders do not make us go to the bed so early,



and to sleep longer in the morning instead morning exercises.

*From the questionnaires of the participants, camp “Friendship”.*



### Pastor of the Church got a new born son.

Our pastor got a son. On August, 21 at 8:20 p.m. name Oleg – means dedicated and coming from Scandinavia. Baby and a mother are doing well.

## Climbing of the mountain “Pikui”



On July, 30, the youth of the church “Smirna” (Lviv) and a brotherin Church in Ternopol clambed the highest geographical point in Lviv region – the “Pikui” mountain.

The perpose of this activity was to make a young people a better friends and to have a good retreat time together.

### We were like a song

A beautiful view from the mountain and a riches of the nature became a delight for our eyes and became an inspiration for thanks and praise to our Creator. We were like a song / Glory to Jesus, Glory to Jesus, goes the song over the Carpatian Mountains.../, because of the joyful voices of our youth in there praises for the Christ, in

singing over the mountains, valleys and the villages. Unfortunately, the second part of the song did not come true yet in the life of the people in this region. /And the day of our expectation came and brought us a believe in a bright future/. Because the majority of the people in Skolivskiy and Turkivskiy region are not a believers and

got stack in fortunetelling, superstition and alcohol. Our prayers for this words to really come true for them, for the revival and filling of their harts and their life’s with knowledge of God and with joy of the salvation and peace.

Participant.

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## Developing the Church reconstruction project .



Hy Leaders of our Church and many members ask the question: What should we do in the future? Part of this about spiritual part of our life and some of it, about our life on the earth, and about reconstruction and remodeling of our church building on Promislova str. Right now we are developing the project of the reconstruction. We are planning to change it on the inside and outside to add the balcony and to make some changes in the yard.

Responsible for the project V. Ivaniv.

## Prayer requests.



### Please join to our prayers in the following areas:

#### For confirmation

Today we have on going struggle in a Christianity for more than two thousand years. Struggle to have a living service to God instead formality, grace instead of the law, the person of Christ instead humans achievements and teaching.

#### For success in the outreaches.

#### For the Golovatijs family.

We were together in this Church for many years. They got water baptized, and came to know the Lord, and here Andriy and Lesiya met one another. Together we went throughout some difficult times in the life of the Church. “We believed together and we loved together”.

Our prayers for this family for more light from God for making a serious decisions in their life and for making a right choices. They are considering about finishing their work in this church and about moving to the “New generation” Church.

#### For peace and stability in our country.

## Thanks

For financial support of youth summer camp “Friendship” from “**Work in Lviv**” organization (Norway)  
**We wish you to be successful in your ministry**

To the youth of the Church city Mndel (Norway) for your friendship with the youth ministry  
of the Church “Smirna”.

**We wish you to grow and spiritual prosperity.**

For prayer support for “Smirna” Church  
**God bless you brothers and sisters.**

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