

For the last three years both Julie and I were blessed to work together under EEM in camp Mayak in Poltava, Ukraine. It has been our third year in a row working together with EEM and with Christians from all over the world. It is always a blessing and is a blessing for us to work especially with orphan kids. Our hearts has been stolen by orphan kids long time ago even before we got married. I worked in Almaty (my home town) with a group of missionaries and local Church of Christ since 1998 and was involved in orphan work back then. Julie on the other hand was working with Stan Brian and Denny Cruse in Donetsk and Ugledar (her home town) since that time. God joined us together for the purpose to serve Him with our mind, with our heart and love Him as He loved us. We are not perfect at all but learning Christian love and sharing it with the kids is most important work in this world, not just simply work but life itself.

Camp “Mayak” or “Lighthouse” is a special camp because in this camp you felt as a part of the camp itself, because of special attitude towards every individual, respect and warm hospitality. We really liked that our team was involved in all the activities of the camp. It gave us an opportunity to be on the same page with the kids, to become closer in our examples and just be good friends to them as well.

EEM program was very successful; it wasn’t persuasive or rather obsessive; because lessons from one side would care about moral and ethical principles and were oriented on general development (historical background and knowledge in natural history), but from the other side had a sturdy foundation, edifying biblical stories, what was our main goal to share with kids about God and His great love to us. Therefore such approach is very important when we work with kids especially kids who don’t know Bible, or do not have constant visits to the Church or Sunday school. This work includes unforgettable work with kids, a lot of impressions, new friends, and wonderful fellowship.

The most difficult time was when everything comes to the end and we had to leave camp, but it seems, everything just started, you became a great friend to them, and used to see kids every day fellowship and have conversations...it is difficult and sad time, but there is always hope that you are going to see them again...

Thanks to all people who helped to organize such camp, especially to the director of camp “Mayak” Lyudmila Victorovna, our team leaders: Patrick Gallagher, Jesse Anthony, Brad Davis, Darryl Willis, Larry Wishard and Inna Kuzmenko and all the members of our team with whom it was our pleasure to work with.

Most of all I would like to thank my wife Julie for encouraging me every year in this Lord’s work. Thanks Julie. I love you.

May God bless and keep all the kids and will give us an opportunity to organize once again summer camp in “Mayak” Poltava next up coming summer 2011. Amen!

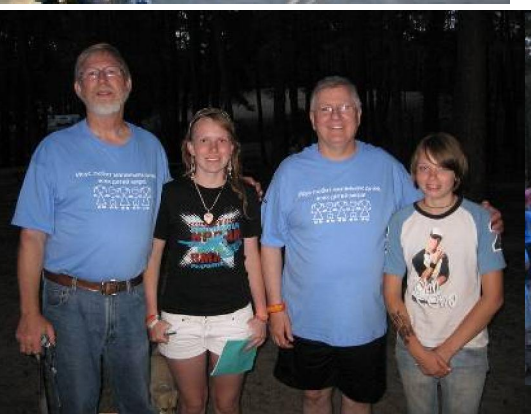
Dear friends and family we would like to share with you about this Lord’s work in camp Mayak. I know there is a saying: *“a picture worth a thousand words.”* So we are going to just include just a few pictures from each year in this letter. As James wrote this work is: *“Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of {our} God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, {and} to keep oneself unstained by the world” (James1:27).*

We love you all.

Thank you for all your prayers.

Please keep this Lord’s work in your prayers.

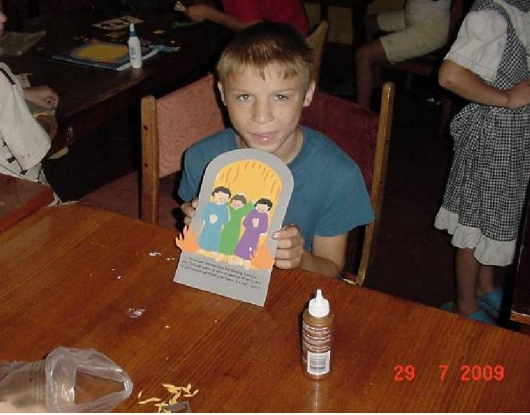
In Jesus’ love, Valeriy and Julie Kachuk.











Camp Mayak, 2010.







Learning your alphabet



KEM team in camp Mayak, American and Ukrainian



Teaching lessons



The whole group of kids in the camp and I, standing for two weeks



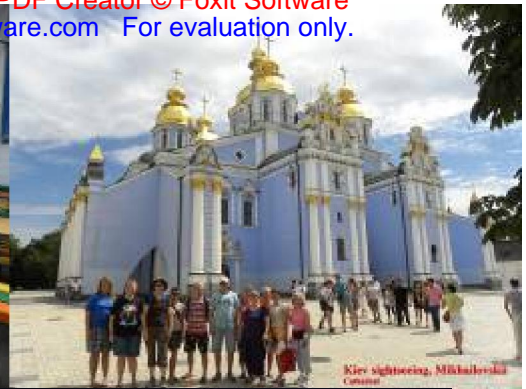
Tie-Dye day



Tie-dye day. It's a tradition in our camp where we wear the clothes of the world, and then we tie-dye them



Children sitting on the grass and having a picnic



**Thank you dear brothers and sisters so much for your support and lots of prayers upon this Lord's work in the Ukraine.
May God bless you all richly.
In Him Always, Valeriy and Julie Kachuk.**