

Andrey Andreyev



Andrey Andreyev, our pastor to Antonovka, Ukraine was born at October 25, 1971. He became a Christian and was baptized in May 1993. In 2000 Andrey graduated from Tavriski Christian Institute and entered full time ministry.

In 2004 he agreed to help start a new church ministry in the village of Antonovka. The ministry began by helping people in order to connect. Food was distributed to the low-income, disabled, retired people and orphans in the village with the help of TCI students. Gardens were dug, coal fetched and water delivered as ways to develop relationships.

The ministry used the Evangelism Explosion Program as a direct witnessing tool for Christ. Once again they visited the same people and shared the Good News. This project was followed by an evangelistic tent service with the assistance of Jesus is the Answer Mission. After one month of tent services there was still little response from the adults in the village.

Today Andrey concentrates on the children of the village. In this way he has the opportunity to witness indirectly to the adults. This can occur when Andrey visits a home to assist in fixing a

computer problem. Parents will often ask who he is, and what and why he is in the community.

With the children Andrey is able to hold Sunday school, computer classes, ping-pong classes at the local school and Bible studies. When American youth teams visit TCI the children are invited to meet with them. Every summer there is a free camp held at the TCI campus.

The children are very responsive unlike the adults. The class sizes vary from 5 to 25. The summer camp has from 70 to 90 children.

Andrey feels it's a big blessing to partner with BCC. Prayer support is his greatest help. The financial support allows him to devote his time to serving God. He also counts the letters and gifts sent to him as a source of encouragement. He is especially grateful for BCC's help with the 2007 Summer VBS Camp.

Anna Skurikhina of the TCI staff wrote recently, "I know from personal conversations with Pastor Andrey that your support and walk with him in this ministry is a GREAT blessing for him. Thank you! He is rather shy and maybe won't tell you how much it means for him but I know that there are not many people in his life who really care about his ministry and life. That's why he takes this partnership with you for a precious gift from God."

The ministry at Antonovka has the following needs:

- Small gifts for the children
- Craft Materials
- Upgrades and repairs to computers
- Sports equipment

Prayer requests:

- Adults will be drawn to this ministry.
- God's guidance and will for the ministry in Antonovka.
- Volunteers for Summer VBS Camps.
- Andrey will not become discouraged.