

# LUKYANOV REPORT '26

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## A DIFFERENT KIND OF EASTER HUNT

I was thinking the other day about how much prep goes into a "normal" Easter egg hunt. You spend days—maybe weeks—buying bags of jellybeans and stuffing plastic eggs, only for a mob of excited kids to clear the field in approximately four minutes flat. It's a whirlwind of sugar and grass stains, and then... it's just over. The focus ends up being the hunt itself, but we really wanted something more.

We love the fun, don't get me wrong, but Easter isn't about the candy; it's about the fact that Jesus changes everything, for now and for eternity.



250 Children gathered on Easter to take part in our Annual Easter Egg Hunt with a Purpose. They had a blast!

## A THREE LANGUAGE QUEST

This year, we continued something we call an "Easter Egg Hunt with a Purpose". We invited the whole town out to a park nearby and hid a mountain of eggs. But when the kids cracked them open, they didn't find chocolate. Instead, they found Scripture—printed in Estonian, Russian, and English.

Now, you might think the kids would be disappointed, but it actually turned into a massive scavenger hunt. They had to use those verses to answer 60 different questions about



Jesus and the Resurrection. It turned Easter afternoon into a quest for the truth, not just a race for sugar.

## BREAKING THE THRESHOLD BARRIER

The best part? The "finish line" was at our church for the award ceremony. For a lot of people in our community, stepping inside a church building is a huge, intimidating deal. But this event got people who have never stepped foot in a church to come inside and meet our congregation.

They came in for the prizes, stayed for a short Gospel message centered on Christ, and hung out in our cafe while we checked the kids' answers. We served refreshments and just... talked. It was a wonderful platform to build real relationships with people in our community. Every child left with candy—and the winners got big baskets with Christian literature—but more importantly, they all left having heard about Christ. Please pray with us that we'll see a lot of fruit from this.

The way the questions were phrased —it was impossible to answer them without the eggs, because they provided context. This design only benefitted the competition, because it did not give "church kids" (or adults) an unfair advantage over people unfamiliar with the Bible.

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## A HEART AT THE DOORSTEP

While the big events are great, it's the quiet conversations that usually keep me up at night. A few Sundays ago, I sat down with a young man named **Edik** who just started coming to church. He had some heavy questions about death, which led into a long talk about salvation.

It's one of those tough situations where you can see he understands the logic of the Gospel with his head, but he hasn't quite let it sink into his heart yet. Would you mind joining us in praying for him? We're asking for that "click" moment where he fully accepts Christ as his Savior.



Please pray for Edik to accept Christ as his Savior

## NEW SONGS AND LANGUAGE WINS

On a lighter note, our music ministry is honestly blooming. Two young ladies have been meeting with Debbie and me every week for practice. [They've started leading congregational worship and singing specials](#), and it's just been such a blessing to see them step up.

Also, Debbie and several ladies from our church recently headed up to Tallinn for a Ukrainian Baptist women's conference. It was so moving to see our

sisters being taught Biblical truths in their own heart language, and Debbie even managed to pick up a bit more Ukrainian herself just by listening! It was a sweet time of fellowship and growing closer together.

Thank you for being in our corner. We couldn't do this without your support and your prayers.

For Souls in Estonia,  
*Vladimir and Debbie Lukyanov*

