

Neighborhood outreach: “Open your Heart and Your Home”

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Thanks to True Mother’s guidance the desire to do home church activities is reactivated worldwide. In Slovakia our church started to work publicly only after the end of communism in 1989, and during the 1990ies the focus was on street witnessing. The home church mission was never established systematically. Now the time has come for a change!

The pioneering basically is done by Barbara and Milos Klas. All through the year they hold small-scale educational events in their home located in the city center. The number of guests (non-members) varies from event to event; additionally there comes a few members who accompany their guest. For example, in January a „Craniosacral therapy“ presentation was attended by 14 guests and 8 members; in May the „Ikebana“ presentation was attended by 12 ladies; in October 8 guests and 5 members visited a lecture about „Life after Death: does Reincarnation exist?“ Mid-November a book presentation with the publisher Juraj Lajda was attended by 14 guests and 8 members; the Christmas event about the family background of

Jesus attracted 14 guests, among them 7 neighbors, and 2 members. „If we expect more people to come, we ask friendly neighbors to help out with their chairs, which they gladly do“, says Barbara. „Lately they offer their chairs as soon as I give them the invitation letter.“ The invitation is done by distribution of small leaflets, and personal visits. Not all neighbors respond enthusiastically, but the number of friendly contacts increase. About 25 neighbors gave their mail address and are invited also to UPF or WFWP events elsewhere. When an event is close, Barbara meets certain neighbors often in the courtyard or on the street - though she did not see them for weeks. „Obviously the good spirits sends them to meet me so that I can encourage them to come.“ With this „invisible“ supporters the network of contacts continues to grow. „A nice number of neighbors welcome my visit though they may not come. They are happy to find a person living next to them with an open mind and many interests.“ So far she could give to 8 neighbors True Father’s autobiography.