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AUDIO CONFERENCE WITH THE RUSSIAN COSMONAUTS WENT SUCCESSFULLY!

About 120 kids from Kursk New Testament church summer camp and several other Kursk evangelical summer camps along with orphans from Kursk Orphanage plus their adult counselors, their friends and other church friends gathered near Kursk by 5 p.m. on August, 25.2013

While the specialists from Kursk Radio Klub, who have exclusive right to organize such public events all over Russia, were setting up their equipment,

kids and youth played the "lapta" (old Russian prototype of baseball).

30 minutes before the conference, the head of Radio Club, professor of South-Western Technical University Valerian Pekiev explained us about the history of International Space Station. He gave some technical details, told us about several of his close friends – Russian cosmonauts, and pleaded not to ask usual silly questions about food and sanitary procedures. "Cosmonauts and astronauts, who have to spend six month in the small pipe and got tired of each other, want to talk informally to other people on mother Earth", he said.

Everybody were extremely exited when we first heard our cosmonauts responding to Dr. Pekiev as they tuned the equipment. (We had only radio (no video) connection because we used a small antenna on Space Station),

Some of 10+ questions prepared by kids were simple, and were answered briefly. But the last questions about what values helped and guided them to become cosmonauts, open up some long answer. The cosmonaut talked about persistence in lerning, hard work, interest in new things, love towards family, people, country and mentioned that he is also guded by values of his Orthodox Christian faith. That was a great moment!

Russian cosmonaut believes in God!

(Well, now we can often see Russian president, prime minister and other high officials visiting churches and talking to the ROC leaders, we are glad that our government dared to prohibit LGBT propaganda among kids in Russia).

That evening we could not afford barbeque, but we smoked/baked good sosiges on the fire and talk, talk . . . During the debrief I asked an open question: 'you noticed that one of the cosmonauts said openly that he is an Orthodox believer. He could not go further in such a short interview. What values would you like to guide you through your life?'

Fairy discussion was stired up! Youth talked about the true love, friendship, care, hard work, forgiveness, avoiding temptations and pride, having God as guide in heart, humbleness and servanthood.

Open question2: 'Right now we do not have good heroes, the common motto is 'consume more and you will be happy», what kind of values gude a real hero in our time?'

We have got many exsellent comments!

Question to you: What do you think your country youth's answer would be?

