

Dear friends and partners of Let's love ministry, today is Wednesday, which means you're reading another portion of news from Ukraine. We dedicated this issue to the passing summer. Summer season 2019, was not only hot in terms of weather, but also in terms of the schedule and the events taking place. 5 large camp programs are behind. Outreaches. Help to the children in need. Interaction with refugees. New stories. New challenges. New opportunities.



“We are the Church”. This is the motto of my talks during the planned trip to the churches in United States. These are not just words. We feel them every day. We are conscious of them every time there's not enough "workers for the harvest" around. Your names. Your prayers. Your donations. Our friendship. All this gives us strength. At once we realize that we are not alone and we are not few. There are hundreds of faithful ones behind us, who are unseen, but present with their love to God and His children. I am grateful to every one of you for showing me during all these years in word and deed, that we are the Church!
Sincerely yours, DG

Three saved souls for God's Kingdom in Zaporizhia!

People in need who come to know God's love not only in word and deed, find consolation and hope in the new life. Nikolai, Nina and Sergey, having lost a lot because of the war, found a new life in Jesus Christ. Such fruit of work with refugees in Zaporizhia and Kharkiv urge us not to be indifferent to the needs and problems of these people and to provide them help in the form of alimentary products, medicines and clothes.



May doing good be your lifestyle



She literally grabbed us not wanting to let go. Who else would hear her? But do you know what happened next? Hugs, the real ones (despite the fact that she hasn't been bathing and taking care of herself for a long time) warm hugs and a prayer for salvation literally transformed Lidia Ivanovna. For all this time she smiled and said: "I want to live! Help me! Take me away from here!" Where to? To whom? But God is merciful! In a month per our request soldiers took Lidia Ivanovna to a retirement home. She will live for only a short while. But we believe that in her heart she will save the prayer to the Father in the name of Jesus Christ, which we taught her.

Children's camp in the war zone

What future exists for the children living near the war zone? To be brainwashed by the propaganda (the majority of TV and radio channels are aired by the pro-Russian authorities within 3 km; some of these children's parents openly support terrorism and separatism) and to go across the river to wage war "for the idea" against fellow citizens and their own country.



I want to live! Help me!

We could barely find Lidia Ivanovna, born 1932, in the dirt of soot in her house, half-ruined because of the war and time. Some of our group had to go outside, not able to bear the smoke from the broken traditional furnace. Deaf. Exhausted by decease and loneliness woman received us with distrust. Because it could have been anyone. Though really nobody comes to visit her more often than once a week or two. There are family portraits on the walls. Musical instruments are in the corner. In her youth Lidia was a beautiful woman, talented, with a musical gift. Now the former beauty has gone, leaving only vague traces of faint life. How to go on living? Tears. Despair.



Or to graduate from school and go to big cities, receive an education there, create families, become good and law-abiding citizens and... socialize with Christians.

Conducting children's summer camps near the war zone we pursue two goals. We are doing a fair contribution to the fight with propaganda and teaching children to be kind and law-abiding citizens of their country. Also, knowing that after school the majority of them will go to Kharkiv, Kyiv (where there are Church communities and youth clubs), we are showing them that there is another light life by Gods commandments, by the Bible, in socializing with Christians.

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We give them an alternative. We are ready to pay the price - danger and difficulties of the road, danger of being on that territory, financial costs. But we remember what price Jesus paid for us to learn how "God so loved the world...".



New children. New opportunities

How are summer programs useful for the God's church? Firstly, a lot of local residents find out about the local church. Parents of the children participating in the camp come to the service and thank for the care and attention from Christians to their children. Secondly, members of the church can participate in the programs and receive necessary experience and positive emotions. Thirdly, we make our youths and teenagers involved in real missionary work. Some of our team were not yet baptized, so for them it's a wonderful opportunity to come into contact with God and His children during the program.



Approximate budget of a day camp for 6 days is \$ 1.200, and this allows to reach about 40-50 new teenagers and youths and to get the community involved into active missionary work. This year we've totally reached 310 children in 6 cities. The total number of camp days - 29. During this time there were conducted 60 Bible lessons and discussions, 45 trainings, 25 large sports competitions, 39 prayer gatherings. Total team - 44 volunteers, of whom 36 are youths and teenagers from local youth clubs.

Children in Skvyra

These children are lucky this town has a church community and a young man named Taras. The children in Skvyra every Saturday and Sunday visit the house of prayer and spend there a wonderful and useful time. They learn crafts. In spring the girls completed training on nail design. They listen to fascinating Bible stories. Some of them just eat well! At that it is scary to think about the children in whose towns so far there's no church...

Here's what Taras writes about the children under his care...

Vlad. There are over 12 people currently living in their house. The house is not big, there is one room and the entry way. There was a fire in their friends' or relatives' house, and he literally had to drag 2 children out of the fire. He has a sister, Erika, who will go to the first grade. She needs to get 2 large dental fillings installed, because her teeth are rotten almost to the roots. Most of the time the young man wanders around the town looking for a job, because their mother is unable to support 7 children, because they have no father, and the salary she receives is spent almost instantly.



Pasha and Ilia. They are very complicated boys. These are the 2 boys that are almost never home, because they are constantly looking for something to steal. Ilia has a mother, his stepfather is living with them. Now Ilia and Pasha have found a job - they guard trampolines. For this job they get paid with a pack of cigarettes and one hot meat sandwich. Nobody takes care of Pasha, because his mother left him with his blind grandma. The boy is always dirty, with an awful smell, he doesn't know or understand what hygiene is, because nobody taught him about it.

Kateryna, Ilia's sister, a very smart girl, she wants to study, but so far there's no time, as being 12 years old she has to babysit 2 little children, as their mother is constantly absent and Ilia doesn't want to waste his time on this. She also needs her teeth to be fixed, as the child is shy even to smile, because she's afraid everyone will laugh at her because of the bad teeth.

