



SGA Leadership Support

MINISTRY REPORT FORM

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Answers to Prayers

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you very much for supporting our family in prayers. We feel it!

We are rejoicing a lot every time we read about newly liberated territories on the news. We understand it is God moving ahead of our soldiers. We are closely following the news from the East of Ukraine. And we clearly see how God answers our prayers.

In Svalyava (Transcarpathia region), where we live due to the war, we have witnessed the conversion of dozens of displaced people from our town (Starobilsk), and even from the school I was studying at.

We constantly pray for the safety of relatives and friends remaining in the occupied territories. And God has preserved everyone as of now.

Ministry Overview

Families of internally displaced persons (IDPs) attend the children's club every Saturday. We provide food and other aid to them.

Some IDPs come to the evening prayer, and some have already accepted Christ. We managed to hold two children's camps this summer, do master classes for boys, and hold a children's holiday for IDP children and their parents.



Encouragements

The best encouragement was the conversion of a whole family from our hometown Starobilsk. They are also IDPs in Svalyava. Thus, we see God still works in people's hearts even when to us it seems as if everything is changing for the worse. It is encouraging to see a man studying the Word of God during his free time or the night shift.

We also met Nadia (an IDP lady with two children). Her husband stayed in the war zone. She talked to us about her life and family relationships. Her relationship with her husband began to deteriorate even before the war. The ten-year-old boy Bogdan and seven-year-old girl Camilla witnessed all of their arguments. Recently, Nadia said her son began to have some mental disorders: he became withdrawn, has night tantrums, and is worried his parents might get divorced. We are helping their family with food and hygiene items. My wife ordered some books for them: stories for children that teach them to trust God, and a book for Nadia that reveals how a woman/wife should behave in the eyes of God. After one of the conversations with my wife, Nadia said she is like a ray of sunshine from God and admitted that she needs to reconsider her relationship with her husband. Nadia promised to read this book.

We held a medical clinic in August. I had a conversation with a woman who has two children. She complained that it was difficult for her to find a job. My advice to her was to turn this need to God directly. When I visited them two weeks later, she said she did follow my advice and was offered a job almost right after that. It was a miracle for her and an encouragement for me.



Challenges

The last month was a very stressful one. My family and I got a proposal recently to move to another town for planting a new church. We spent some time in prayer and consulting with pastors and friends. And although everything seemed to be fine, we still had no peace. Only now, when our army began to liberate one settlement after another, our spirits cheered up a little, and we have hope to be able to return to our hometown, to our church and to our ministry. Please, keep our country in prayer, for our territories' liberation and for the opportunity for us to get back to the ministry we had before.

Future Planning

It is difficult to make plans in times like the one we are in. But knowing we are to stay in Svalyava for some more time, with the consent of the local pastors, we are planning to lead a small group Bible study and some courses for new converts. If (when) we return home, we plan to restore small Bible study groups, youth ministry, and do a volunteer ministry to people left with no housing and work.

Family News

Thank God, everything in our family is fine at the moment. Our son Timothy recently turned five. Now, he can attend a Christian kindergarten. Our daughter Kristina started year 2 in the public school.

There are some advantages in being located in Transcarpathia at the moment. First, we have never travelled (as a whole family) as we are able to do here. Secondly, we had the opportunity to learn different methods of ministry used by local churches here, and we would like to implement many of these methods at home. Thirdly, we are taken care of by the local church, and we hardly need anything. It is such a very great blessing. God provides housing, food, new friends, and new opportunities to serve Him.

Prayer Requests

- Prayer need : for the liberation of our territories, the end of this war and for us to be able to return home.
- For the health of our family (especially our children and my wife).
- For the salvation of my father-in-law Vasyl. He is a very good person and helped me a lot.
- We need transport, so pray for God to grant us opportunity to have a minivan or minibus for the family and ministry.

Thank you so much for your prayers. It's such an encouragement to know there are people who pray for our family and care for us even being a long distance away from our country. We are very grateful to you for the provided opportunity to have a pastors' retreat in August. We had fellowship with brothers and sisters and saw the beauty of God's creation. It was a time of rest and encouragement.

Also, thank you very much for the financial support - it is a great encouragement for us today.

May God richly bless you!

Our family at the camp game

