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Greetings!

We send you warm greetings and wish you Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! It is a great encouragement and blessing for us to work with God in His Vineyard and rejoice in the miracles that He brings to our life and ministry! May the Lord bless every coworker of HART mission!



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The summer period was full of camps, and in fall we started new season of "Creativity" studio. As half of the kids have already become youth, we started meetings for them called "Joy". At the meeting, important topics are raised in an interesting and relaxed atmosphere. The first meeting of the "Joy" studio for young people with disabilities took place on October 21st. The singing band comforted the ears of listeners with great songs. Interesting games allowed a very nice and fun time. After watching the movie "God is Not Dead", we had an opportunity to discuss it and share opinions.



A special event of the fall 2017 was the long-awaited conference "Beyond the Limit of Sufferings", which took place in October 12-14 in the Fimiam Church. The main theme over three days was pondered by over 300 Christians from different parts of Ukraine, and, in fact, the organizers of the conference - the biblical basis for serving people with disabilities and the ways how church can be effective in this ministry.



In the framework of the lectures conducted by

the director of the department of theological education mission "Johnny and Friends" Ben Rodez, the participants of the event sought answers to a number of questions. The main ones are what is suffering and disability and why should people with disabilities be served? The program of the international conference also included a visit to the rehabilitation complex "Agape", which has been operating in Volyn Region for more than a year. The members of the conference shared the blessings and difficulties they experience while serving people with special needs in their towns.



During the year 2017, 100 people from different parts of Ukraine have received rehabilitation or place to stay in Agape complex. The clients are mostly adults after a stroke, as well as people with spinal cord injuries (cervical level) and cranial cramps. However, some people with disabilities only need to stay in the complex for a period of time when their guardians or assistants are away or in a hospital. Physical therapists feel great joy when they can teach family members of people with special needs, how to properly treat them at home. After all, rehabilitation takes several weeks, and physical exercises need to be carried out constantly. Our physical therapists do not provide children with rehabilitation services, but one-time consultations.



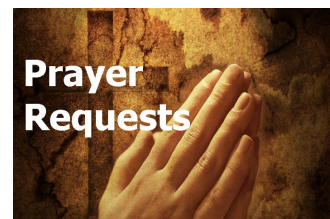
Ihor Sorotskyi (on the left) shared his story after receiving rehabilitation services in Agape complex. He is from Terebovlya, Ternopil region. After the trauma he felt very depressed, did not want to live, talk with anyone or do anything. in Agape he saw other people having disabilities, but still enjoying life. Here he learned to do many things independently and understood that Agape employees do everything possible to improve the lives of people with special needs.



He is thankful for the sacrifice the team made to change his life. Summer was a time of social and spiritual rehabilitation for Ihor, because he was able to spend time with Christians and learn God's Word and God's plan for his future.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Please, pray for the repentance of people with disabilities and their relatives;
- Pray also for the dedicated team of ministers;
- Ask God for financial support to Agape complex.



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