



## Ministry stories 2019

### Anatoliy Babenko, Day care, Odesa region, Ukraine (121)

#### Greetings!

Our day care ministry is fruitful thanks to God's grace and your tireless support and prayers. I want to share the story of one boy Stas who has been attending the day care during the last year. His mother Albina tells about what their family had to go through and expresses her gratitude for the positive impact this ministry had on their family.



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"My son is a loser at school. I understand that education isn't the most important thing in life if you are a good person, but in some ways it still matters a lot. Especially given the fact that nowadays it is really hard to get a job even for people with proper qualification, let alone those who doesn't have it. Also, considering that my husband is absent, I have to deal with the difficulties all by myself - namely looking after the kids and my husband's disabled brother who lives with us and requires special care."



"Stas is in the 3rd grade, and the teachers already complain about him. At parental meetings I am blushed every single time they mention my Stas. Once they talked about him at the general school meeting. It was so unpleasant hearing them say bad things about him that I thought I was going to die of shame. But after this incident I decided to give him more attention. At first, I was forcing him to do his homework. Then I was taking my time to check if it's done properly. It was a complete nightmare to come back home tired after work and having to make sure my son is sticking to his obligations. And yet, even though he tried, he wasn't successful. You sit the whole evening over a book with him, and the next day he fails at school



again. I just didn't know what to do."

"An entire month I dedicated to my son's homework, but unfortunately in vain. I started to worry more about what person he is growing into. My concerns were so obvious that even my boss started wondering if something wrong had happened in my family. Once I told her about Stas and his problems at school. She gave me a good advice - to send my son to the daily center. And you know what? It worked! After a month of visiting the center Stas became more calm, focused, happy and started to study better. After a little while, I got a call from his class teacher. She said my son had become so quick-witted that many of his classmates were now lagging behind him."



"Stas successfully finished his education this year. He never got bad marks again. Recently my son invited me to visit a family party at the center. What a big pleasure was to watch him take part in a little performance there! Considering the radical change in his behavior, I assumed he needed more attention and more interaction with people in his everyday life. Of course, a lot of problems remained. But now I understand that we need to solve them together. Now I realize that my son desperately needs me to be involved in his life, so I will do everything I can to raise him as a good person. Thank you very much for your help and support!"



### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Please, pray for Stas and his family. May this experience be only the first step to knowing Christ;
- Ask God to bless all the kids who attend our day care center;
- Thank you so much, for it is your support that enables us to do this work and witness God's miracles every day.



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