

## Ministry stories 2019

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(122)****Greetings!**

I am privileged to have you as my dear friends, coworkers and supporters as we serve together in the field of God. May God bless you richly for all your love and generosity. I would like to share with you a story of my friend Lesya and her daughter Anna. It is a testimony about how important every soul is to God.

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I met Anna Stanchak about 12 years ago. She was only 5 years old at the time. Anna is the niece of my friend Nadia, who always arranged a summer vacation with her relatives for us. Usually, it was me, Nadia, Aunt Luda and her granddaughter Anna resting together. After a while, when Anna was 7 years old, she went to a Christian camp for the first time. Once, she heard thereabout God through children's songs, through communication with camp leaders and new friends. When she arrived home, she began to sing songs from the camp, especially the song "Jesus, You Are My Best Friend." When her mother Lesya heard her daughter sing, she could not really understand the meaning of the lyrics. Anna would go to Christian camp every year, where she got to know God even more. Eventually her mother, influenced by the songs Anna used to sing, believed in God, repented and changed her life completely. I would like to tell more about Lesya. Years before, when Anna was three years old, Lesya got ill with an incurable disease. Her condition was really bad and doctors said she would not last long. But her cousin, Nadia, whom I mentioned above, came to the hospital from time to time to read Holy Bible to her and pray. And God did a miracle! Lesya recovered. God have her one more chance to find Him and give her life to Jesus.



Over some time, Lesia was invited to come to a Bible study group. She did not immediately

come to God, but her daughter Anna talked a lot about what she had heard in the camp and it was through those stories that God began to work in Lesya's heart. In 2009, Lesya was baptized. Since that time, she has been an active worker in God's field. Eventually, she expressed the desire to council the parents of the children at the Day Care Center, tell them how she had come to God. That was when Lesya



began to hold Sunday groups with the parents. The woman knew everyone coming to the camps and was registering the participating children and their parents. In 2018, she became an administrator in the central Evangelic church in the city of Khmelnytsk. She was a cheerful person, fair, open, always saying the truth. I write so much about her because she became a good friend, a sister for many people. She helped many parents and it was really impossible to find a person who didn't love her. On October 9, God called her to eternity. Now she is with Him in Heaven. It was a big tragedy for Anna. She is 17 years old, her brother Misha is 7 years old and they both live with their father. There is a lot of pressure on Anna as she now needs to take full responsibility at home. However, after her mother's funeral Anna said that she felt she wanted to serve God as her mom had, and that she wanted to be an administrator at the camps. Now she is one of the leaders at the Day Care Center in Khmelnytskyi city. Fortunately, God gives hope and blessings to her in everything she does.

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### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- We ask that you pray for Anna, that the Lord will strengthen her, take away all fears and comfort her, enabling her to carry on and follow Him even more.
- Also, pray for her father, as he did not accept God as his Savior yet, and for her little brother Misha, who is in a first grade now.
- Thank God for the Hope we can have in Him!



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