



Ministry stories 2019

Maksym Zhylin and his family, Foster home, Rivne region, Ukraine (16)

Greetings!

Over the last half a year, our ministry had lots of different events that testify the glory of God. Our older kids, who are already the members of the church, continue serving God. The oldest son Nazar had been working hard all year round to be able to save some money for the summer period and help out at the camps. Svitlana who has entered the culinary college has revalued her life and now learns how to be more responsible and mature. She serves at a church Bible club, summer camps, teaches Bible classes and helps out with the kids. We realize that all our kids are God's blessing. Four of them are now teenagers and struggle with some challenges. We try to sow God's Word and pray for it to give good fruit one day. Your help is also very important for our family. Thank you for your support. May God bless you!



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Galyna, who has some psychiatric disorders, is a special testimony for all of us. God touches her life and she tries to change her personality to meet God's standards. The other kids also enjoy each other and the family activities. We love to get together and play board games, go fishing, have dinner, sing Christian songs. The youngest girls attend a Christian club "The beginning of wisdom", where they study the Bible. They also attend gymnastics section. Our boys Petro, Misha, Timothy attend a crafts-making Christian club where they learn some wood-curving techniques, as well as play different sports. They really like floorball and every day after classes look forward to playing it.



We teach our kids to be responsible and independent, so that they would be able to take care of themselves in the future. For example, our daughter Olya expressed willingness to bake sour-dough bread. Every Sunday, people

from the church buy bread from her. That way she can earn some money and even help her brothers and sisters. The kids see her example and realize that God gave us hands to be able to make something that can benefit others and bring some money for the family. They already help us out around the house - take care of the garden, pick berries and help on the construction.



God decided to broaden our ministry and give us more children. Two boys, Bogdan and Stas, 9 and 8 years old, are now members of our big family. Their parents were alcoholics and as soon as they had been taken to the orphanage, the social workers contacted us and suggested that we could foster those two brothers. After we already took them home, we found out that Stas had a terrible contagious skin disease - scabies. It is a serious challenge for us. But we took Stas to see a doctor and decided to do whatever we can to help him get better and protect the other kids. It is not an easy ministry, but our hearts rejoice as we see the kids make their first steps in life, and even more so - first steps to the Lord!



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Please, pray for Stas's healing and for the brothers' adaptation in the family;
- Ask God to give us strength and wisdom as we take care of so many kids.



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