



Ministry stories 2019

Galina Melnyk and her husband, Orphan Care Lviv, Ukraine (171)

Greetings!

The orphan care ministry is a blessing for me, for I can share my love with the little ones and tell them about their Heavenly Father. Nothing compares with the joy you experience when your hugs, care, attention and the words of love bring a smile to a kid's face. There is one girl I want to tell you about.



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The girl's name is Nona. She was only two when she got into the orphanage and joined the group I was working with. Nona was the loveliest kid, however she had a terrible disease - encephalitis. She couldn't walk, couldn't even hold her head. I was so touched by her story and loved this girl. I was hugging her, caressing, realizing how badly the girl needed attention and warmth. Nona always wanted to go outside, even though she couldn't walk, so I started taking her with me. She was always looking forward to seeing me. "My Galina is coming", the girl would scream whenever she saw me.



The time passed by quickly and now Nona grew up and even can walk. When we now go for a walk together, I tell her about God and Jesus Christ, how He created the world, how He loves her. I taught her to pray. More than anything else, she asks God to give her a family - a mother and a father. She has a dream to live in her house that she would call home and have her own bed, her room. She wants her mother to kiss her goodnight...



Thanks to God's mercy and lots of practicing, Nona can speak and even recites wonderful

poems. She has a good memory. It was her birthday recently, she turned five. How glad she was to have a real birthday cake with candles. Later she admitted that it was the best birthday celebration she could imagine. I pray for her healing and so that she would grow in knowing Christ and one day get a real family.



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- I'm thankful to God for this ministry. It is the most precious thing - to give care and make someone feel needed and loved;
- Pray for Nona's healing and for her new family.



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