



## Ministry stories 2019

### Liubomyr Kubinskyi and his wife, Central Baptist Church, Lviv, Ukraine (68)



#### Greetings!

My ministry is related to people's lives, because I work at church as a spiritual counsellor. I always deal with people's choices, feelings, decisions. Thank you for your help and support that blesses me and my ministry. I'm deeply grateful for your prayers.

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There is one young boy who lost his mother, that he was so attached to. It has been almost a year that I try to help him out in dealing with this loss, try to teach him trust others and trust God, start a new life and don't sacrifice his future to his painful past. After quite a while now, I can see first changes. The boy started supporting his father and spending more time with him. He became more active in the life of the church. Perhaps, all this may seem too little, but as for a person, who had been suffering from terrible depression, these are very important steps. However, he has some health issues. His loss triggered some destructive processes in his body and he started losing weight and hair... Another big challenge for me - a family of Ivanka and Mykola. They are going through a very tough period in their marriage. Ivanka left her husband and two little children without any explanations. She just says that she wants to be happy in her own way. Surprisingly, she had been growing up at the orphanage and we expected that she would never leave her children behind, not wanting them to go through what she'd gone through. But she doesn't care about them. Mykola tries really hard to give them all they need. Beside spiritual support, my family tries to help Mykola take care of two little kids. My wife once admitted that it was very hard for her to look into small Danylko's eyes (Mykola's son) and hear him say: "Auntie Tanya, you are so kind and good to me. Why aren't you my mother?" We realize that only God can bring healing to this family.



A great blessing for me are pre-marriage

counselling meetings. A new Bible study family group was created on the basis of three young couples who used to attend the pre-marriage meetings. This groups gives them a chance to share the struggles they go through, or the blessings God is pouring on them. We study the Bible, help in conflicts resolution and support



these young people. This is an amazing time of fellowship. I'm also blessed in a special way, for I can see how the work that I've done with a couple before their wedding is giving fruits now in their married life. There is one couple Marta and Bogdan. When they first attended our pre-marriage group, they were very tense and distrustful. We tried to cope with that and thanks to the open atmosphere and God's help they started loving each other more and trusting each other. After the wedding they had a difficult trial when Marta had a miscarriage. My wife was a great support for them during that time. We thank God that He gives us a chance to touch people's lives in different ways.

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### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Please, pray for that boy who lost his mother to recover from that pain, as well as for his health;
- Also pray for Mykola's family to restore, so that his kids would have their mother back;
- Join us in prayers for young couples to be faithfully committed to building their families according to God's plan.



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