



## Ministry stories 2019

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#### Greetings!

Thank you very much for supporting our ministry! May God bless you abundantly for your tireless work and care. Our joint efforts bring fruit and glory to the Lord. We want to share with you the testimonies of several people who have been involved in various ministries of our church. We want you to know that our work is not useless here. God shows His mercy and glory in everything we do!



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We regularly hold an evangelistic camp called "The Pilgrim Land". Oleksandra Malysh, - one of the organizers, - shares her thoughts on it.

"This camp was truly led by God! We had many ideas on how to manage it but the truth was - we had very little time. At first, when we were thinking about how to pull it off, it seemed almost impossible. But after we came to visit these kids, God gave us strength and sent right people to help fulfill all of our plans. Even though most of the time the weather was really bad, at least 30 children had been coming to our camp daily, and it was amazing! I really enjoyed this camp. I vividly remember the childrens' genuine curiosity and desire to listen to my lessons, I remember trying to understand each one of them and becoming their close friend in the process. And I thank God for the opportunity He has given me to work side-by-side with other likeminded people who sacrifice their time, money and energy for His cause!"



Evangelism is an integral part of the ministry of our church. George Wong, a missionary from the United States, has repeatedly participated in our evangelization events in downtown Lviv.

"We are perhaps one of the very few churches

in Lviv doing street evangelization. Romans 10:16 says that "faith comes through hearing, and hearing comes with the word of God." The church has responsibility to teach all of its members to "preach the Gospel of peace" (verse 15) and to make disciples".

All the events and ministries are extremely important and make a considerable contribution to the history list of our church. Therefore, a



good photographer will always help to keep some memories alive. Stepan Bilchenko, a church photographer, shares his impressions on the ministry:

"I thank God and the church for an opportunity to carry my ministry as a photographer. I always try to do it professionally. I will never forget the time when I interviewed children from the war zone who had come to Lviv for summer camps. They shared their life stories, told me about how they live near the area of military confrontation, about the conditions they are forced to study under and where they hide when the gunfire begins. Hearing them say these things made me really appreciate everything that I have and value freedom and peaceful sky above my head with an entirely new perspective. Now in my daily prayer I ask God to put an end to this horrible war and protect the innocent children."

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In our church there is also a ministry for the elderly who desperately need support and love. Volodymyr Dovgalov is responsible for this ministry and frequently takes young people to attend them. He is willing to tell you about his experience as well:

"My name is Volodymyr, and I am an 18-year-old student. I want to briefly testify to you and thank our loving God for calling me and other



people to serve the elderly. To be honest, I didn't think of this kind of ministry in the first place. My initial reaction to the proposal to take a lead of it was sort of: "I am not ready to assume such responsibility just yet." But later God gave me some internal confidence that this is exactly what I can and will do to honor His name. The willingness to give a helping hand among our church youth was quite impressive. There was a lot of desire to participate in the ministry and sometimes it wasn't even possible to include everyone. As a matter of fact, I find it hard to call it a ministry, since all that was actually required of us was to show some attention to these old people. Many of them have illnesses and diseases, feel broken and completely alone. I believe that not just me, but everyone involved was really passionate about making a change in that."

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The Superbook Club is already functioning for about 2 years and aims at bringing the God's Word to children. Lilia Bugaenko, who belongs to a team of teachers holding Bible classes, shared her brief testimony with us.

"Christ once said: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."(Mt. 19:14). I

believe it is our duty - to bring children to Christ, to tell them about Him and His eternal love for us! After all, it is a great blessing to know God from the young age! I thank Him and the church "Resurrection" for giving me an opportunity to be a part of the great ministry at the Superbook Club and to make Jesus known to the kids! In every lesson or game within the club we see the blessings of God. There was a time when we were holding the club lesson and very few children were present. Actually they were quite upset with that, as was I. When we were about to start our communication with prayer, I suggested that the children ask God to have some kids join us (despite the fact that we were quickly running out of time). So we prayed, and in a short time many children came to join us. To me and to those children this is a good evidence that the Lord always hears us and responds to our prayers! Thank Him for everything!"



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### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Please, pray for the ministries of our church to develop and bring even better fruit for the Kingdom of God;
- Praise God for all He's done in the hearts of those kids who have attended our "Pilgrim Land" camp;
- Ask God to grow a new generation of faithful church leaders and ministers.



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