



## Ministry stories 2019

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#### Greetings!

I am very thankful to the Lord that He gives me one more opportunity to share with you those blessings He filled my life and my ministry with for last few months. Seeing His great deeds, we touched with deep conscious of His greatness! And this, in its turn, urges us to proclaim everybody about His glory and His miracles, that He does in us and through us. And about this, David says in his praiseful song to the Lord: "Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song. For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. In His hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to Him" (Psalm 95:3-4). That is why, sharing with you Those, that the Lord did in my life, I fall down before His greatness, His glory and love! I also want to express you, my dear, my sincerely thankfulness for your sacrificial ministry! For my family and me, your help is very bright testimony of God's presence in our lives and our ministry!

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And now I want to tell you about my ministry in God's field for last few months. I want to tell again, that after those revelations, that the Lord gave me in relation to discipleship (about which I told you in my previous letters); my ministry develops in the sphere of these revelations. The ministry of BEE Institute, all my BEE groups, all my co-workers acquired a new meaning, as it is filled with the truth of these revelations. Exactly because of that, as I transferred my main groups to the new format of learning, I see real fruits. Three times, during this time, I visited the church in Dnipro, about which I told you before a lot. Of course, all three times I preached God's Word. But now, after the service, we together with few families from our church made friendly dinners, after which we led Bible training meeting in such format, as I lead meetings in my other groups. I also preached at a few churches in Kryvyi Rig city.



I continue my work with brother Michael, my co-

worker at BEE Institute. Michael lives and serves in the church of Loshkarevka village and in churches of close villages. He is passionate about making Bible discipleship an everyday practice of these churches. I have already told earlier that, after the pastor changed in his church, who was against discipleship, Michael invited me to conduct BEE group in wider format. Nowadays, it is a common practice. We with my wife regularly come to Michael's church and conduct Bible training meetings. We rejoice that brothers and sisters from other churches in villages of this region also come to these meetings. As in other groups, we learn Bible courses of BEE program (I teach brothers, and Vita - teaches sisters), study the material of development Christian character, family theme and give practical assignments for personal evangelism.

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At the beginning of February, I started a new BEE group, in which brothers from several churches of Dneprodzerzhinsk region study. I am glad that there are ministers (pastors, deacons), and preachers, and young brothers, who recently have stepped on the way of serving the Lord, and very young brothers, who only prepare to devote themselves to serving the Lord. As in all my groups, our meetings consist of four parts: learning BEE Bible course, work on character, practice of personal Evangelism and family themes. I see how eagerly brothers learn God's Word and with great desire do all practical tasks.

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We with my girls (Veronica, Mila, Sofia) and other young brothers and sisters from our church, continue leading meetings of Christian children's Club for children from Elizavetovka village. I have already told, that these meetings are regularly attended by few children, who hear God's Word and become close to God. These are children from unbelieving families. Some of them already pray to God and see how He acts in their lives. We believe, that the Lord will spread this ministry through these children.

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And now, I want to share, how God's Word acts in lives and ministry of students from my group, which I lead in Loshkarevka village. One of brothers, who visits training meetings in Loshkarevka is called Max. After we had covered training material about practice of personal evangelism, he started actively testify to one young guy, his unbelieving neighbor.



They became very close, and Max had an opportunity to discuss the Gospel with this guy. But once, this young man did what his parents didn't like. He also asked Max not to tell anything to his parents. Max understood, that if he will tell them about his

action, he could lose friendship. But this day, he read in Bible that he should be faithful to Lord and His Word. He chose faithfulness to God and refused lying to this boy's mother. His unbelieving friend didn't turn away from him, but moreover, now he has an example to follow. Max also told that he was asked to take part in one church event, but he didn't have any desire and mood for this. Then, he remembered, that they with disciple group this time worked at trait of character "diligent". They had to do four tasks that had to help them develop this trait of character. One of these tasks was to go through barrier, which interferes with your calling. Max remembered about this task, overcame himself, and took part in this church event.

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In regional BEE group in Dneprodzerzhinsk lives and works the deacon of the church Nikolai, who lives in Ivanovka village. He told that after going through BEE material in the group about work with unbelieving disciples, he offered to his unbelieving friend to read the Gospel together. The man refused, but Nikolai asked the Lord to give his friend a desire to read the Gospel. And



soon, his friend's stomach started hurting badly. He called Nikolai and asked for a meeting. Nikolai agreed with joy, knowing that the Lord answered at His prayer. Meeting his friend, he prayed to the Lord about his healing and offered to read the Gospel. This time, his friend agreed, and now they do it regularly. And also Nikolai told that the material they studied at the group that reveals the importance of trait of character "reliable" influenced him very much, and shows how we can develop this trait of character. Nikolai wanted to become such person with all his heart. The Lord, seeing his desire, gave him opportunities to become such person. The family of Nikolai's sister this time were moving to another place. Unbelieving husband of Nikolai's sister few times asked him to help to transport the furniture and things, and every time, Nikolai did it with joy. For some time, the husband of Nikolai's sister, was thankful to him, and called him a person, whom he can always rely on, so - reliable.

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### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- First, I ask you together with me, praise the Lord for all His deeds in my life and in the ministry on God's field;
- I ask you to continue praying about my family that my older children would be more and more devoted to the ministry of God;
- Please, pray that the Lord would restore my wife's health and direct us to those doctors that can help us;
- I ask you to pray for my ministry of church discipleship, so that each disciple in each BEE group could bring many fruits for God's glory;
- I ask you also continue praying for my ministry in Elizavetovka village.



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