Waiting With Hope!

CHILDREN'S BIBLE MINISTRY UKRAINE



Fedir*, a seven-year-old boy, lives with his mother. They eagerly await the return of Maksym, his older brother, who is currently defending Ukraine in the army.

When Fedir was four, his father died of cancer. Since then, their mother has done her best to care

Fedir

for her sons. When Maksym went off to war, their mother cried a lot because she was afraid for her son's safety.

Last Christmas, a friend at school told Fedir that you can ask God for anything. So Fedir prayed for his brother to come back from the war. When God didn't answer, Fedir got upset. He told his friend that God didn't hear him. But his friend explained that sometimes God doesn't answer right away.

One day, a friend called and invited Fedir to attend a Bible camp led by one ministry partner. Fedir's mother gave him permission to go.

At camp, Fedir heard stories about God. "I remember one woman who told us many stories from the Bible," he says. "I still remember everything we learned!"

Now, Fedir has his own Bible. He talks with his friends about God. He and his mother are worshipping, studying the Bible, and praying with other believers in their village.

"We are waiting for Maksym to return from the war so he can learn about God with us," Fedir says. "I thank God for our summer Bible camp and for everything I'm learning from His Word."

During 2024:

63,048 children and youth who gave their lives to Christ!

Delivered From Hopelessness

STARTING NEW CHURCHES | BULGARIA

Tatiana and her family left Bulgaria and moved to Spain in search of a better life. During her years in Spain, she gave birth to three daughters. Elena, her middle daughter, suffered from a spinal curvature. The doctors were aivina up on finding a treatment for her condition.



Pastor Marin

Tatiana left Elena with her own mother and father and began living a life of prostitution, trying to earn enough money to pay for Elena's treatment. Ten years passed, and Tatiana's parents legally adopted Elena. They returned to Bulgaria, leaving Tatiana and her other children in Spain.

Back in Bulgaria, Tatiana's parents learned that some of their family members were now followers of Jesus. They began attending a Bible study led by Pastor Marin, one ministry leader. There they learned the Good News about what Jesus had already done for them. Together, they prayed for Elena's healing.

Gradually, Elena was able to wear her spinal brace less often. God also began working in the hearts of Elena and her grandparents. Soon, they accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior and were baptized.

"I came back to Bulgaria just in time to witness Elena's baptism," Tatiana says. "Through Pastor Marin's preaching and teaching, I realized that I needed to leave the life I was living and follow God."

> 2,607 new churches were started!

God's Love In Action

DISCIPLING NEW BELIEVERS

"Even before studying the Bible, I had the understanding that God exists," says Danute* of Lithuania. "During an unpleasant and difficult stage in my life, my friend Leva invited me to be a bridesmaid in her wedding. For the first time



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Danute

in my life, I found myself in the circle of believers. As I got to know them better, I realized they are different from my other friends. *I immediately felt surrounded by strong feelings* of love and warmth. Through them, God showed me what He is like."

When Christmas came, Danute began looking for a place where she could find that love of God once again. A friend invited Danute to come to a Christmas worship service at her church, and Danute guickly accepted. God entered Danute's life in powerful ways. Soon, she was going to Bible studies and praying with other believers. Just a few months later, she accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior and was baptized.

"Now, I am doing my best to serve God and share the Good News with other people," Danute says. "Praise to the Lord for saving me! I thank the Lord that our group of local believers is growing. Please pray that we will find a larger place where we can gather together for worship, Bible study and prayer."

*The names in this testimony have been changed due to privacy concerns.

1,773,694 Scriptures* were provided!

*this includes Study Bibles, Bibles, New Testaments, Children's Bibles and materials, and Scripture portions.