

TEENAGE MINISTRY DEVELOPMENT



Newsletter from Sasha

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HOW ARE YOU?

Dear Daryl and Hope!

These 3 words have become very valuable for me recently. And I sincerely thank you, that you pray every day for Ukraine, for me and my family, and you constantly ask: "How are you?"

The 1st half of the quarter was filled with big plans. We planned to organize many evangelistic projects in Belarus and Georgia with Sam Roland, evangelist from Canada. I planned to do a training ... and then... Feb 24th has come! - a dark day for Ukraine, when Russia started a war to destroy the Ukrainian nation. Horror, panic, death, destruction...

My family, like millions of others, were forced to hide from air strikes. We slept in the bathroom behind the thick walls far away from the windows. The war divided millions of families. Women and children fled in panic. The men stayed. When the missiles began to hit our city, I also decided to send my wife and son to another country for safety. There was a fear of the unknown. I was afraid that my family would be in danger here, My family was afraid of losing phone connection with me or the worst never seeing me again. After the explosions in our city, we packed bags in a hurry at night, cried a lot, and they left early in the morning. Such times you appreciate every moment together, and every grace God gives.



destroyed airport in my city of Vinnytsya

These days I caught myself thinking that after each air-raid alert (6-8 times a day) I thank God that He gave a life. After every cup of tea or water, I thank God that there is water in the tap. These days you more and more realize how it is - to live by this day only, because tomorrow is completely in the hands of the Lord.

The war changed everything at once, including the usual ministry. The churches reorganized the halls into points of receiving and assistance to migrants. God gave me the opportunity also to help a little bit for my friends to leave Ukraine, to serve by my apartment for my migrant friends.

Many people, churches, and missions in Western countries have opened their homes, their wallets, and their hearts to receive millions of Ukrainians. I am very grateful to the partners from the Netherlands, who received my family and took care of them during this horrible time of uncertainty and panic. At the very first message or call, many partners and YFC colleagues around the world immediately provided the help!

That's why I love YFC - the more is the need, the more work YFC has!

And, by His mercy, God continues life, and my ministry. So my focus now is on next 2 tasks:

EQUIPPING VOLUNTEERS BY PROGRAMS IN UKRAINIAN LANGUAGE

More than 5 million Ukrainians (mostly children and teenagers with their mothers) left Ukraine. So YFC and churches in western countries, who have received refugees, need programs in Ukrainian language to organize meetings (clubs, groups) with them and preach the Gospel to them. Therefore, YFC EE immediately began to work on translating and publishing programs in Ukrainian. Within a month, I prepared **the first program "Rock Solid" in Ukrainian**, which is already available at www.ua.yfcbox.com (*please use it for your YFC, share with your churches who work with refugees*).

By May 1, God willing, there will be **the "Superwoman" program in Ukrainian**.

By June 1 - **the "Lumen" program** for the spiritual growth of teenagers.

In addition, we want to make **resources related to the topic of post-war trauma for teenagers** in order to help them morally and spiritually rehabilitate after all the horror they have experienced.

DEVELOPING THE TEENAGE MINISTRY IN GEORGIA

The first step of the development of the teenage ministry in Georgia has started - **the translation of the "Rock Solid" program into Georgian!** So our resource center YFCBOX will be multilingual and will contain Russian, Ukrainian and Georgian languages.

Praise God and thanks to all partners for financial support of this project! Next steps after translation are: to **organize a training** in the autumn and **hire a local coordinator** for Rock Solid clubs ministry. This 3-year project aims to reach teenagers in the western and central regions of Georgia by **organizing 20 teenage clubs!**

God willing, I have taken the responsibility to help in developing this project and ask you to pray for it: for its funding (for the 2nd and the 3d years). and for finding a local coordinator for this program.

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR UKRAINE EVERYDAY

1. Pray about peace and victory, that the war and this genocide will be stopped!
2. Pray about my partners from Ukraine who lost their homes. Now they can't continue to donate to my ministry. So I'm asking you to continue to support my ministry financially, and please tell your friends about my ministry, perhaps they are willing to join the partnership.
3. Pray about God's mercy and God's protection over all Ukrainians!

**Recently my family
has come back home
and we're together again!
Pray for us!**

**Thank you all for your help,
prayers, donations,
encouraging messages!
Christ will give
the victory to Ukraine soon!**



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