

CSI Ministry in Ukraine



Mary is our coordinator/translator in **UKRAINE**. She speaks Ukrainian, Russian and English. She and her team are working with 7 Bible Club Mission points and 1 orphanage. She is married to our webmaster Tony.

Inna's Team

Inna has a Bible club. Children enjoy lessons CSI. This is a great blessing for them. Approximately 20-25 children come every Sunday. Children come to the Bible club even if it's cold and rainy. As you know our children do not get rides from their parents. They just have to walk on foot to Inna's place. They love coloring the pictures, singing, playing Christian games and praying.

Last Sunday we had a heavy snow storm. The streets and roads were blocked and the Bible class was cancelled. Inna was worried about Oksana and her Bible club. Oksana is the widow with three children that I told you about in my previous letter. We thank God for brother Al Sidel who promised to find a way to help her and her ministry in her village.

Winter is very difficult time to go to from place to place. It looks like this year we are going to have a quite severe winter. It started quite early and surprised us with lots of snow (from 1 to 3 feet in some places). So, it looks like the ministry will be more difficult

this year, but the ladies are ready to serve the Lord and the children who are seeking God.



Paul's Ministry



As you know Paul leads a Bible club in his community. The Bible club and CSI materials bring a lot of blessings to local children as well as their parents because the kids can't hold wonderful news about Jesus Christ to themselves. They tell everything they learned from the exciting stories of the Old and New Testaments to their parents. As most of the adults consider themselves to be Christians (as they were baptized in the Orthodox church as infants), they let their children come to the Bible club. They know that their children will learn only the true Bible principles which they can see and read in the material pages printed out by our team and brought home by their children.

Here you can see these children holding hands in a prayer to the Almighty One. Different age groups, they all love to have this precious time together with their teachers – Paul and his lovely wife who helps him in the ministry. Children love asking & answering the questions given in the lessons.

Three girls asked us for three Bibles. They want to read them at home every day. But Bibles are not free anymore and quite expensive. So, we are looking for a possibility to buy 3 Bibles for them.” Paul



Tanya's Team

Tanya has a Bible club. She has it in her own home. But she is pregnant. Today I called her and she is in a maternity hospital to give birth to her second child. We pray that God would bless the birth and her baby. (She had her baby in November 2016). Tanya

Nelly's Team

Here is what Nelly (Paul's sister) wrote to us: "With the onset of cold



weather, it was a little difficult to hold classes in the country. It's freezing outside and parents don't always allow their children to come to us. But a cup of hot tea with cookies or a candy always warms their hearts. But it's always nice and warm in the orphanage. The new headmistress treats us very well and she gladly invites us to come to the



children and tell them about God. If our family brings them some washing detergent or food, or clothing for children, there is no end to their joy. If the staff is happy, children are happy, and consequently we are happy to share the Bible truths with happy children.

We made friends with many children from the orphanage. And even if the teenagers graduate from the orphanage we still have their phone numbers and we keep

communicating with them on a regular basis.

In the pictures below, you can see six brothers and sisters from the same family. Their parents were taken away their parental right because they didn't take care of their children. They drank alcohol and behaved like parents shouldn't behave

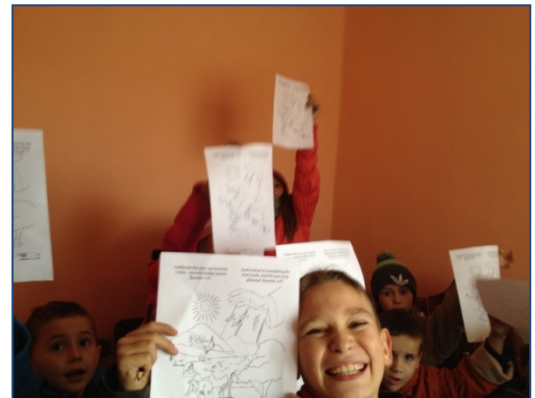
showing a really bad example to follow. So the government took the children away and now they are in the orphanage.

One of them, Victor (12 y.o.) is an excellent student. His sister is 11. We asked her if she wants to be like her parents and she said that she wants to be like Jesus. What a joy to hear such words from the mouth of an innocent child!

I am so happy that we, with your help, can make a difference in the lives of those children! We really help them to turn away from the way to hell their parents showed them.

As for the Bible club, it's a real blessing that old people and parents started coming with their children. We are surprised they don't know the Bible. But CSI materials help them

to understand it in the most understandable way. We pray that these adults will find their Lord sometime and a new church with saved people would start in this village. Keep us in your prayers. May all the glory be to God. Amen!"



Some interesting stories from Nelly about the children from the orphanage.



Many children call me "Mom." Some children themselves came to the orphanage. Some parents left them there. There is also a 5 year old boy who was found in a wrap at a garbage landfill. But he miraculously survived! When he turned three he was transferred to our orphanage.

There are beautiful young girls, 15-17 years of age who used to sell their bodies. **Bogdanka, 16** years old, she lives in the orphanage. She saw her mother and aunt hanged. (She never knew and did not see her dad). Bogdanka could not forgive her mother why she gave birth to her and why she committed the suicide. Bogdanka told me

that she wanted to cut her wrists. She didn't want to live, it made no sense....In the camp, God touched her heart and she began to pray and was able to forgive her mother and said she will not cut her veins. Now I talk to her more often.



Mary, 12, she lives in the orphanage. Her parents are alcohol dependent people. She lived in appalling conditions. Mary often had very small meals and was freezing in winter, because her parents spent their money on drinks. All that happened in their house. Mary often fled to the neighbor, and the neighbor gave her to the orphanage. Mary told

that her parents mocked her and beat her. Mary told that her sister had a baby and let the baby drink vodka right after birth. Mary told it all, and her mother said she would kill her when Mary came home from the orphanage. God loves Mary, and now we deal



with it. She wants to know more about God. Mary does not want to follow her parents.

Nadia, 17. During a Bible class she shouted: "I do not need God! I do not need your lessons! This is my life and I will live how I want to! " We continue to pray for her. God changed her heart.

A boy. I remember an incident which occurred last year. It was in a camp. One boy ran up to me and said he had a dream. In the dream, he saw Jesus in a high radiance and me by Jesus. The boy had a very

good sleep, he would not wake up. When I heard this story, tears were in my eyes. Who I am, what I stand near Jesus? The boy saw me and Jesus.

We thank God for the opportunity to serve Him in the orphanage. Nelly



Dear brother Bill and CSI,

Thank you for everything you are doing for us!

May God bless you!

Mary from Ukraine