



**Vika Skripnik, Western Ukraine**

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**January**



Peace be with you, dear friends!

We thank God that He keeps us in His hands and gives us the opportunity to serve. We are grateful to you, dear friends, for supporting us so that together we can do good work in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank God for giving me a new experience of serving orphans. For the first time, I was able to visit Austria with Sergei and hold a Christmas service to talk about our

Savior Jesus Christ. Ukrainian orphans have been living in this country since the beginning of the war. Communicating with these children, I was amazed. My feelings were overwhelmed by the simplicity and openness of the children's hearts. Going to these children, whom I had never seen before, I prayed sincerely, "Lord, use me. Give me wisdom in communication (because I had no experience of ministry with such children), prepare the hearts of the children to receive the Word of God. Hallelujah, God heard my prayers and blessed the time spent with the children. Even the educators who work and live with these children were amazed that the children made contact so quickly. The teenagers told me stories of their lives. I said only one thing, "The Lord hears prayers and answers them." It was us, together with the children and the teacher, who were preparing sweets for dinner and fellowship.



"Meet Mykola. He is 19 years old, also from an orphanage. Very sociable. His grandmother, who was the only one who loved him, has recently died.



But I said, “There is someone else who loves you, too. Jesus Christ, who gave His life for you.” We had a wonderful conversation with this young man, and in the end, Mykola said, “I want to change my life. I will live in a new way now. Thank you for coming and telling me about Jesus.” They invited us to hold another



Easter service for these children.



Thank you for your support, we live by your prayers! May the God of peace bless you abundantly!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

With love,  
Vika Skripnik

**February 2024**

Peace be with you, dear friends!!!

We always thank God for you, remembering you in our prayers. Thank you for being with us, for your prayer and financial support.

God continues our lives, and we are grateful to Him for everything. The children’s ministry in the Ternopil region is continuing. Children attend Bible school despite the air raids. These are the realities of our lives, but we are grateful to God for protecting us, “For thou, LORD, *art* high



above all the earth: thou art exalted....” Psalm 97:9

These children are brought by their older brothers and sisters who also attend the Bible school. These children go home and sing to their parents the Christian songs they learn in Sunday school.



Recently, I invited a young widow to a conversation with me. Her name is Lilya. She has two daughters. (This young mother used to attend Sunday school regularly.)

Her husband was killed in the war. We talked, prayed, and she told me, “Those were wonderful times when I attended Sunday school. I remember everything, I often recall Bible stories; everything I learned about God helps me to live now.” This war has brought so much grief to many orphans and widows in our country. I told this widow that God is always there for her, because He “...upholds the orphan and the widow.” Psalm 145:9



I told her that Jesus is the only Savior, the way, the truth, and the life. “I remember and know all this,” Lily said.



I am once again convinced how important it is to tell children about Jesus. I thank God for the ministry to children. Please pray for Lilya’s family, that this young mother and her children will accept Jesus as their Savior.

“To God and our Father be glory forever and ever.” Philippians 4:20

Sincerely,

Vika Skripnik

**March**

Peace be with you, dear friends!!!

I thank God for your constant support. Through your prayers, we can continue to serve children and people in the Ternopil region.



This month we organized a meeting for mothers and wives of soldiers at the school. We were able to pray together that the Lord would keep our soldiers safe and that we could witness to these people about Jesus Christ. “Only God can protect and save my husband’s life,” said a soldier’s wife.

I want to introduce you to a boy named Vlad. (Left. He is 11.) The photo shows Vlad, his mother, and sisters. Vlad started attending Sunday school, and his behavior changed for the better.



“Vlad used to be very naughty. I could give him a lot of remarks, he was always on the phone and playing different games. After he started attending Bible school, my Vlad seemed to be changed: he has become calm and does not say foul language. He helps in everything.”



The Lord changes the lives of children after they meet Jesus Christ. This testimony of this boy’s mother encourages me to continue to serve children and tell them about our Savior. After talking to Vlad’s mother, I was able to testify to this woman that our Lord is alive. He hears prayers, and only He can change lives and give us a future and hope.

“For who *is* God save the LORD? or who *is* a rock save our God?” Psalm 18:31

With a grateful heart,  
Vika Skripnik