



Update of the ministry Youth for Christ Ukraine 2023

Youth for Christ Ukraine is grateful for the prayers and support of the nation. Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine's sovereign territory is causing great harm and trauma to people. But in this period, our nation especially feels the presence of God, His care and touch on people's lives.

Despite the difficult period, the Youth for Christ Ukraine team is actively serving, coordinating and organizing various projects.

This is what was done in 2023:

- coordinated 103 Day Centers (= 900 families and 2253 children from poor families, refugees and kids whose parent(s) were killed in the war.
- trained more than 700 young leaders.
- fulfilled 50 projects, where 1766 young people heard the Gospel and 7 were baptised.

We have many testimonies of God's work in the lives of Ukrainians. You can read more about the activities of YFC Ukraine on our social media pages:

<https://www.instagram.com/yfcua?igsh=YXo3MHI0amNpOTI4>

<https://www.facebook.com/yfcua>



We would like to share the story of a graduate of the Day Center in Volyn. The story is NOT for social media, only for partners and internal use.

THE STORY OF VOYDIUK NADI (the story of a child's dream)

There is a family called the Voydiuks in the Happy Day Center in Kovel. We have shared the stories of this family many times before. But as the children grow up, we see how God continues to work with this family and performs miracles in their lives.

The leaders met this family in the spring of 2017. This is a family where the parents are divorced, and the mother is raising six children alone, but she is not doing a very good job. They live poorly and not very well. That was the first time Nadia came to the DC meetings, the oldest child in this family (later she brought the younger ones). At that time she was in the fifth grade, but she was a very small, thin, quiet, poorly dressed, short-cut, underdeveloped child for her age. She did not speak, read, or do math well, did not play games with all the other children, and sat quietly in the corner. All the team was able to give this child was their attention, hugs, and love. They fed her, clothed her, and told her about Christ, just like all the other children.

At one of the meetings, the children of the center filled out questionnaires. One of the questions was: "What do you dream about?" The children wrote different things — toys, phones, vacation at the sea. But Nadia's answer was striking. In crooked, illegible letters, she wrote: "I dream of being a Christian."

6.5 years have passed since then, but Nadia's dream has not changed. She is studying at the lyceum in the 11th grade, she did not give up on God when she was diagnosed with diabetes, she helps her mother with younger children, and she is a good example for others. She is a girl who loves to hug, smile and talk non-stop... During the war, she and her family were abroad for a year and a half, without a church, without a Day Center. But Nadia continued to read the Bible, pray, and hold on to her values. When she and her family returned home, she and her two sisters came to church right away. Today she is a Sunday school assistant, and she is happy to be able to be of service to others. As they invested their time in her, today she invests in other children. Nadia dreams that her whole family will love God and serve Him together.

The team of the Day Center thanks everyone who prays for Nadia's family and asks you to continue praying for her. May God help this girl to keep her faith and love for Him for the rest of her life



photo Nadias family winter 2018



Nadiy autumn 2018



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