

## Go Forth Youth Missions

Saying to those who are bound, 'Go forth,' to those who are in darkness, be free.' Isa. 49:9

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Dear friends and relatives, greetings in our Lord and King Jesus,

Before we go on to testimonies we would like to introduce ourselves for those of you who haven't had a chance to get to know us very well. Myself John, and Tanya my wife, have been on the mission and mom, Bill ministering to house groups city of have been JahHouse.



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Two evangelism and discipleship. I lead a rock band friend and I started. We do outreaches here in and in other towns and villages. Through my friends and I have done and evangelism on more than 3,420 people have been reached by Gospel. Our goal is to reach every young Kharkov with the gospel, disciple them, and out to preach the gospel. We are in the together with my older sister Annie and her Max, and are very close friends.

field in Ukraine for more than ten years with my dad and Joanie Lynch. For the last six years we have been youth for the most part. Together we have started ten in our church The Father's House, which is located in a 2,000,000 called Kharkov. Along with house groups I leading a discipleship group of teenagers called the Most of the boys in the JahHouse are fatherless. ministers to teenagers in an orphanage. With her team, been visiting these kids for three years now. In the have brought the gospel and love of our Lord Jesus to 180 kids.

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that some of you donated came in VERY handy.

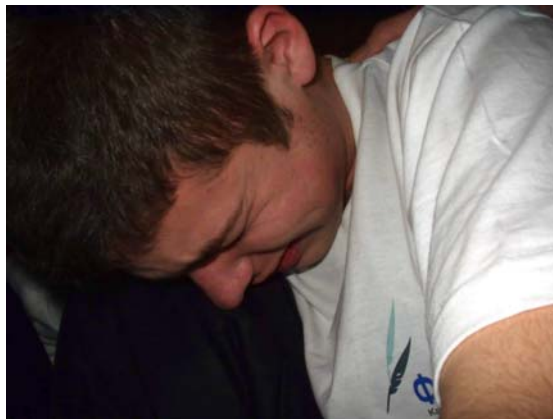
To Tanya and I the camp that stood out the most to us, was the one we did for some young people that had never in their lives had anybody do something like that with them. It was the kids

We spent much of this last summer on the bank of the "Severni Donets", which is a river not far from Kharkov where we do camps every year with our youth groups. It is always a mixture of blessings and trials to spend time with brothers and sisters. To be in God's nature is wonderful, but you really find out what people are like. It's also an opportunity to witness to unbelievers who often come along with us. In years past we would usually do two or three camps, guys and girls separate, but with so many new people that have been added to our youth group we had to do four camps all together. The tents

from the orphanage Tanya ministers to. God miraculously provided finances for the whole trip. Surprisingly, one of the people that helped out was a person in Norway, who somehow found out about the ministry Tanya does in the orphanage. All together twenty kids went, along with ten people who were there to help and minister to the kids. At the end of the camp, many of the kids said that they felt a lot of love, and kept asking when the next time would be when we do a camp like this. One of the things that they said they liked the most was praying for their food, which was plenty, and they could eat all they wanted. Beside all of the swimming, soccer, and other fun things that we did with them, we also took them through what we call an “Encounter with God”. It consists of teaching them about true repentance, repenting from all sins and then nailing their “sin list” to a cross. It was very powerful to see young teenagers who come from really rough families bowing there heads, convicted, as they came to a deeper understanding of what Jesus did for them on the cross. After that we took them through emotional healing. Emotional wounds that are inflicted within seconds sometimes take years to heal. Some of the stories that these young boys and girls have of there families are just overwhelming. One of the girls by the name of Alina, when she was very little watched her mother die after someone attempted to kill her. She was then sent to this orphanage, because her father started a new family and didn’t want to keep her. She has lived through several attempts of rape, and had a life filled with fear and rejection. Now Alina is saved and filled with the Holy Spirit. She is one of Tanya’s disciples, and best of all she is now a disciple of Jesus Christ. She is a great evangelist and Jesus has been doing a lot to heal her from all the fear and pain. These are the people that Jesus came for. People with broken hearts, and messed up lives.

### **The Encounter with God**

The “Encounter” that I mentioned is been an incredible tool for discipling people and getting them grounded in Jesus. After going through the encounter myself, I took my group called the JahHouse on a weekend to have an “Encounter with God”. The three things we do during an encounter are repentance, emotional healing, and deliverance. During the emotional healing time everyone was supposed to write on a piece of paper any traumas they experienced in their childhood, and ask Jesus to come and heal them. One of the guys asked if he could go outside to do it, because he wanted more privacy. Later I asked him “Vitya, what was God doing?” He answered: “it was like I wrote a letter to God and told Him everything, and He just took it all away. I feel so free! Like something heavy came off of me.”



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God was really moving when we did the deliverance session. Demons were flying out of almost every one of the guys all at once. It was amazing. You couldn’t keep up with praying for all of them, because it was twelve guys and only me and Max (my sister’s husband) praying. God did a very sovereign work. He set them free from all kinds of demons and strongholds of the enemy. Praise God! There’s not one demon in this universe that can stop the power of God! None of them can match the power of the blood of Jesus Christ, who died for us, and rose from the dead. God is teaching us how to destroy the works of the

enemy. This is a war, and we're going to win! "The Spirit of the Sovereign God is upon me; because He has anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening (of the prison) to them that are bound"... Amen!

After the encounter everyone got a letter from their parents and friends that they didn't know about before hand. It seemed to be just a nice little bonus to get an encouraging letter from people who love you, but turned out to be one of the most powerful parts of the Encounter. One of the guys named Kostya got a letter from his mom who hasn't been born again yet. When he read it he wept and wept for about forty minutes. It was probably the first time he heard words of love from his mother. One of the younger guys got a letter from his dad that brought many tears of joy. When I talked to him about it several months later he said "Before I was totally afraid of him, and didn't have much of a relationship with him at all. I couldn't tell him anything, because I was afraid he would punish me. Now we can tell him anything that's relationship has changed!"

could see big changes in others it took some time for really come forth. Recently of drifted from the faith lukewarm church kid, who had to offer, but still go to Christian. We had struggled didn't think there was much



friend, who was for the most part in the same sort of state, came to me and told me that they wanted to repent. In about a week he called me up again, and told me how during the night God visited Him. The Holy Spirit came on him and started setting him free from a spirit of fear. He then felt like he should get rid of all his secular music, threw away thirty cassettes, and ripped all the tape in them. He also tore up a poster he had on his wall. He said "I felt like all these things were like doors, for the enemy and I had to get rid of them." One of the CDs he had thrown out was called "A Fragile Life". He felt like God told him "Before your life was fragile, you lived on the edge of death, but no longer is your life fragile, because it's in my hands and your life will be like a strong oak now." God did such a great work in him! We didn't even tell him anything about throwing away his secular music or anything else, he did it all on his own, because God told him. That he was on the edge of death was no exaggeration, he was healed from epilepsy and many physical problems that plagued him from his birth.

### **Saved from being killed**

God is doing great things in Ukraine. One of Tanya's disciples named Yulya is from a family that got into a great debt before they got saved. Their debt is so great that it is practically impossible for them to make the money to give it back. They went from being successful businessmen to the point where recently their last furniture was carried out of their apartment by people they owe money. The people they owe the money to are ruthless. Several times they threatened terrible things if they didn't give back the money. Yulya's mom would often take walks to pray in a forest near their apartment building. One day she noticed that for several days some stranger seemed to be following her from a distance and watching her. One day she came out to

take a walk and saw that exact man following her. He approached her and started talking to her. He said “I was hired to murder you, but as I’ve been watching you, and I see how you believe in God, I just can’t do it.”



Since Tanya and I have been back from a sort of furlough we took to the States from October to December, many changes have taken place. Probably the most exciting news is that we now have a new member of our family. Her name is Ariel Anna Lynch. She is about two weeks old now and is the most beautiful little baby. She has been such a blessing from God. She helps us understand more deeply how the Father God loves us. Everything with the delivery went smooth. God gave us good doctors, one of which was from our church.



One of the other changes is that our previous youth group now consists of two youth groups, one for young adults and the other for youth from thirteen to eighteen. My sister Annie is the senior youth pastor for the younger youth group, plus Max (her husband), and Tanya and I. With Annie pregnant now, and her and Max leaving for the States in March, that means I will be leading the youth in the meanwhile.

**Things to pray for:** More and more grace, to get through all the battles we go through! One of our most current needs is Tanya and I need a car. We had to sell the one we had to do our furlough, and now we don’t really have enough money to get anything. Also, we really need equipment for the outreach ministry we do. We use the church’s equipment when we do concerts, but sometimes that doesn’t work out. Our goal is to have a whole set of tour equipment that we could take on the road whenever we need to. The most important things we need are microphones and I need an electric guitar. We also need a concert sound board. It goes on and on, but that’s probably the main things. The truth is, all we have is a set of cords and an acoustic guitar someone blessed me with, thank you Jesus. Aside from equipment, probably even more importantly we need a trailer we could hitch to our van to haul equipment when we do evangelisms in other towns. To get one here it would cost around \$1500.00. So far we have \$100.00 dollars set aside for that purpose, but I’m sure God will provide the rest.

God bless you all. We hope you enjoyed hearing about what God is doing in the Ukraine.

Sincerely,

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