

Greetings from Kharkov, Ukraine. We had a short, but valuable time through December when we were in Ohio visiting the family, celebrating Christmas together. It flew by fast. Max and Annie were kind enough to let us live with them the whole time we were there. It was nice to catch up with them after such a long period of time not seeing each other. Before they left for the States, there was little we did not do together with them. Annie and Tanya have been good friends ever since Tanya became her assistant home group leader, after which I became Tanya's assistant, after which we eventually fell in love, and got married.

Yes, God does use everything for the good for those who love Him. Amen.

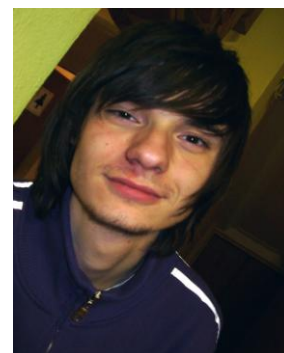
Well, right now I guess I could say that our main mission is Flame. Flame is the youth group that Tanya and I are leading. It's a group for ages from 13 to 18. Ever since I started doing what me and my friend Kosta called JahHouse for teenagers, especially fatherless boys, and people like that. JahHouse was what I would now call a discipleship group for boys from around 13 to 16. Ever since then I have realized a genuine need for people who would reach out, and disciple, and father the kids in a church that are kind of in a breaking point in their lives. Most kids at that age aren't 100% sure about whether they really want to be a Christian like their parents, and are starting to experience all kinds of temptations, and peer-pressure from all around. That is the reason we established Flame. We really want to do everything we can to help these teens experience love, heaven, the Holy Spirit and Gods Kingdom here, now, and help them not be tricked, and lied to by the enemy into getting drawn away into the world in search for something "fun" or whatever. March 30th will be our first birthday of Flame. Since we started it, we have been focusing a lot on discipling and forming a leadership team of young people who have a heart to serve people and God. We have come a long way over the last year. Many of them have matured in many ways, spiritually, and in other spheres also. I think one very apparent thing that has happened is the unity we now have in our team.



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Holy Spirit moving, touching, healing people...



(Left) Timoha is a new convert that one of our leaders invited while working at an internet café... Natasha (middle) is from an orphanage, but now knows the love of Christ, and has joy, and hope! Egor Chichkaluk (right) was a ruthless gang member in Siberia until he moved to Ukraine and Jesus got him. Now people who know him would hardly believe a word of what his background was like...



Jorik (right) had a crush on one of the girls in our church, therefore started coming. Now he's saved and on fire for God, and he's also the bass player in my worship band. God does use everything for the good.



This is a picture of our leadership/discipleship group (Right to left) Vitya, Tanya, Anton, Yulya, Yulya, Ksusha, Kristina, Tanya and Me, and Arlen and Ariel

Our needs:

1. Prayer support: Encouragement (one of the biggest strongholds here is depression and hopelessness), Pray for wisdom, and understanding how to disciple, and raise leaders that will take the gospel, and run with it, even when we leave, or we're not around.
2. Funds for the upcoming youth camp and outreaches.

The camp we're planning is in a big part going to be very evangelistic; therefore, we would like to do things like let unbelievers go for free, prizes, brochures, flyers, invitations, and, like I mentioned we'll have a series of outreaches in schools before the camp.

3. Sound equipment for our youth group services, and outreaches:
 1. Stage monitors
 2. P.A. Amplifier (approximately 700watts @ 4ohm per channel)
 3. Live sound signal processors: Compressor(s), Equalizer, Multi FX,
 4. Microphones: 3 Vocal, 2 Instrumental, 2 Condenser (for cymbals...)
 5. Video projector for big screen (worship lyrics, presentations...)

Thank you all for your support and encouragement, which has given us the opportunity to bring Gods love to more people.

Love,
John, Tanya, Ariel, and Arlen,

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