

# Mission to Ukraine

*We exist to serve the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of women and children, orphans, and children with special needs and their families in Ukraine with the love of Christ.*

## You Finally Got the Idea!



The Lord put his beautiful personality into a crippled body. Anton was born with severe cerebral palsy, high muscular tone, and inability to articulate words. He had to live a solitary life and face all the troubles people with disabilities face in a country where they 'don't exist' ...

.... and one day he met Jesus.

Anton invited God into his heart at one of the Sunday School classes. Even though he couldn't articulate the words of the prayer, he was heard by the Lord and filled with His Holy Spirit. With his eyes pointing to the sky and then to his heart Anton shared: *'God lives in me'* and *'My heart is filled with love and joy'*. Since that time his life changed completely. He was no longer alone. He got many friends in Jesus not only from his church, but also from all around the world. He loved being at church and blowing round. He loved Christian youth meetings and MTU Bible lessons and enjoyed his life in Christ. However there was something in his heart he longed for so much, but couldn't express well enough ...

... And finally, the Lord brought him to a place, where he managed to drive the idea home. About two weeks ago at the MTU camp Anton took his caregiver for a walk to the river bank, looked at the water, then shifted his gaze to the sky and smiled. She began to search for the ideas: *Want to talk about something? Something spiritual?* A beautiful smile lit Anton's face. And then the Holy Spirit revealed to her: *Baptism!* If Anton could speak that moment, he would shout: *You finally got the idea!!!* She shared a couple of Bible verses and the meaning of baptism with him and said firmly: *If you are serious about it, we should go and talk to your mom.* That's when Anton started to jump up and down in his wheelchair, doing wild hand motions, trying to articulate some words and showing in all possible ways how excited he was!



Two days later on July 14 Anton's dream came true and he was baptized at the beautiful ceremony on the bank of the river sharing his joy with all the campers and leaders.

During the following days Anton's eyes were up in the sky and a beautiful smile never disappeared from his face!

*We praise our Lord for arranging the circumstances for Anton's baptism and for allowing us to be a part of His plan.*

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