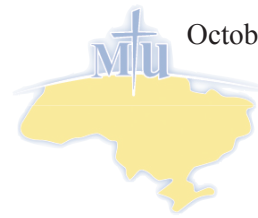


Mission to Ukraine



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.



Dear Friends,

Our newsletters allow you to see the powerful stories of God's work through the Mission to Ukraine ministry. We are privileged to be instruments of His hands. In His perfect timing God called every staff member to the ministry bringing with them their specific and necessary gifts and talents. We want to share their stories with you to illustrate one more aspect of our God's multifaceted grace. We hope you enjoy our 'Meet our Staff' Newsletter Project and as you read through these unique stories of God's calling.

Svetlana Pankyeyeva, a teacher of English for children and youth with disabilities and their mothers, interpreter, and camp worker.

It's Not my Job; It's my Lifestyle.

*Teach me, Lord, what you want me to do, And I will obey faithfully;
Teach me to serve you with complete devotion. (Psalm 86:11, 12)*

My story

In 1994 a group of Christians from USA came to my town to teach a series of seminars for teachers; the team invited me to interpret the lessons. At that time, I didn't realize that simple invitation would open a new page in my life: I would soon meet Jesus, my Savior. Thanks to my Christian teachers I learned about God's love, mercy, and compassion. I experienced wonderful moments of fellowship with my brothers and sisters in Christ. I learned about a new world where Jesus lives, performs miracles, heals, and grants daily joy.

My calling

I resigned my position of teaching talented high school students in the lyceum to work for MTU. I mistakenly thought I had found a new job, but the ministry completely transformed my lifestyle. Now I cannot imagine my life as it once was. It is so wonderful to minister to children and youth with disabilities as well as their parents and to experience the joy of the new formed relationships. I love to see their eyes light up after the blessed encounter! I admire my students, their delicate sense of humor, and their determination to articulate English words despite of their speech impediments. I love how they write down new words despite their hands' deformities! How sensitive they are to the world around them! They teach me many things, even though I am their teacher.

My gratitude

I thank my Creator for his mercies and grace, his miracles and healings, His support in times of trouble and His continuing presence. Most of all, I thank Him for entrusting me with such a wonderful and significant ministry: to serve children with disabilities and their families.



English lesson. SNM camp 2009



Ready for skits. Camps 2007/2009



English lesson at MTU 2009

Current Needs:

All of our committed missionaries depend upon faithful givers like you. If God moves you to support Svetlana or any of our staff with a monthly or one-time gift, please contact the U.S. office or visit our new website to make a secure gift online. If you would enjoy receiving personal correspondence from one of our staff, please contact either office.