



The Mission, the Lord, and Me

Sveta witnesses the work of God in her life.

My name is Sveta. I am 33. I want to share my story.

When I was 18, I met my future husband. We fell in love with each other and got married after about a year. We lived in peace and harmony for about 8 years, and then he left me. Absence of children became the reason for our divorce. After the divorce, I wasn't sure if I could love someone again, but I made a firm decision to have a child by any means.

What should I do?

After a while I began to date a man and my long-awaited dream came true: God blessed me with a pregnancy. My heart overflowed with joy. I just had to wait for 9 months and I would have a baby. But my joy didn't last long, as the father of the baby wanted me to have an abortion: it was too early to think of children. My mind was wrestling with one thought: What should I do? Should I abort the child and stay with the man or should I give birth and lose our relationship? Having heard his words I knew that I could not continue our relationship after the abortion. His words killed my growing feelings for him.

On one hand, I could finally have the baby I longed for so much. On the other hand, it was hard to know that I would have to raise my child all by myself. I didn't know what to do.

Divine Appointment

While at the OB/GYN's office I shared my story with another patient. She gave me contact information for a place where I could find help. You are right: It was Mission to Ukraine's (MTU) address.

After several days, with a tormented, empty soul and fearful eyes, I brought myself to MTU. I was ashamed to take the time of the MTU workers with my foolish problem, but I did. I talked to a counselor and understood that I would never think of abortion again. After a summer break I was invited to attend an MTU Bible study to learn more about God, His help for us, His blessings for us, and His greatness and might.

God Works

My first witness of God's work came when in spite of all the dire warnings from doctors, who couldn't help me but only said: 'Trust in God', I carried to term and gave birth to my long awaited son. I became the happiest mother on earth! Now I call MTU my 'second mother'. I am so grateful for their guidance in my life and protection from a terrible sin.

May God Bless you!

Now I have true support and somebody to listen to me, give advice, and help materially and spiritually. I have found many new friends.

When my baby boy Sanechka was born, I became the happiest mother in the world. Sveta.
(This is Sanechka in the picture.)



MTU helped me to overcome antenatal and postnatal depression. Here I learned to forgive. I love the Bible studies and try to live by God's commandments. I am grateful to God for all I have now. I am grateful to MTU and their sponsors for the great help they are providing: food packages, formula, purees, and also clothing. I am grateful for the free of charge medical services and medication.

As 1 Peter 5:7 says "... cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you", I always ask the Lord to bless every MTU worker, their sponsors, and the Bible teachers who come to give us Bible lessons. May God give care to them all. Words are not enough to express all my gratitude for all you are doing for us.

May God bless you!

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