



Mission to Ukraine

Meet Our Staff

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

Dr. Alexandra Bashek: Amazing Calling to Remain Amazed



She definitely has a gift of mercy and compassion. Her soul burns with a desire to serve the unwanted. She heads up MTU Medical Ministry and counsels mothers of children with disabilities.

Dr. Alexandra, how did you get involved with the MTU ministry?

It's an interesting story. I worked for a local children's hospital as the head of the Pediatric Department. When an American pastor came to our hospital inquiring about some medical information, I happened to be available to provide it for him. After about a year I received a call from that pastor – an invitation to work for a charitable foundation 'Mission to Ukraine'. It turned out that he had been praying for a doctor to join the ministry and God showed me to him in a dream three times that night.

Had you heard of Mission to Ukraine before?

Oh, very little. After the invitation I did check it out. When I saw great work they were doing in the Name of God, I decided to volunteer my medical expertise three days a week.

Was your transition to MTU a challenging decision?

I loved my job, co-workers, and the atmosphere at the hospital. We had worked in unity and

understanding for about 25 years. When a new door opened, it was challenging to enter the unknown. I prayed seeking God's will for it and yielded as soon as I got confirmation. Who else would care for the unborn children, single moms, children with disabilities and their moms, if not a Christian?

What surprised you in your new role?

Surprised me? I would say that God continues to amaze me every day. It's a special joy for me to see how people change; to see that our medical services and physical therapy meet the needs of the neediest. Mothers with children with disabilities come to us depressed, lonely, and ashamed of their children. They want to hide them from everyone. They wonder why God punishes them with such children... but after some time they change and say: 'My child is my blessing'.

How do you feel about your ministry now, nine years after you have accepted your calling?

Now both my heart and mind are occupied with thoughts

about mothers and children with disabilities, Lifesavers mothers and their babies. I pray for strength and health to be a good instrument in God's hands and to be Jesus for them.

What are your dreams for the future?

Oh... of course we want to provide more help. At present we cannot fill the need of all those who come to us, and so we pray for the Lord to bless us with more space for physical therapy and more physical therapists to get involved. It would be wonderful also to have a child psychologist and a speech pathologist to provide a full range of services for children with disabilities in our rehabilitation center. And also I dream of seeing all our moms and kids included in local churches.

Dr. Alexandra is married to Dr. Vladimir Bashek and has two children, Anna and Marina. She attends Central Baptist Church where she sings in the choir and provides medical counseling to her fellow believers.