

# ABC Ministries

## *Praise the Lord!*

We are so happy to greet you in the name of Jesus, our dear. In today's newsletter we would like to share some amazing testimonies with you. We are going to talk about Christmas gift boxes program that we do in Russia and Belarus. In addition to these two locations, this year

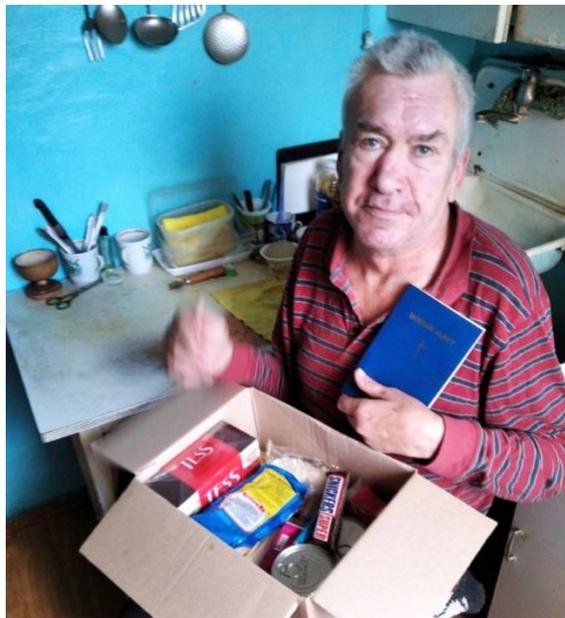


we have started doing it at the Rehab center for former alcoholics and drug addicts for the first



time. Please allow me to take a minute and to share a brief history how it all started. About 15 years ago, right after

I got married to my wonderful wife Sveta, we were doing some Christmas shopping. As we were at the store filling our cart with groceries, Sveta had this wonderful thought from the Lord. She proposed the idea to bless



the idea to bless needy families in the church and community with a box full of groceries. The first year we did it, we gave away around 20 food boxes. As I told you in our latest newsletter this past



Christmas season, we distributed well over 200 food boxes at the 3 places: Russia, Belarus and the Rehab center. Each box was filled with groceries, candies for the kids, and, of course, kids and adult Bibles.

This year, in Belarus, one of the many packages was delivered to a lady name Mariya Ivanovna. She was amazed by the care, love, and kindness from our team in Belarus and particular Pastor Sergey. She is completely paralyzed, but she can listen and speak and she is 92 years old. Mariya Ivanovna was an atheist and took part in several wars during her life. She asked our team to come to her house and have several Bibles studies with her.

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Making a long story short: she repented from her sins, was filled with the Spirit of the Lord and wanted to get baptized. Thank God now we have a baptismal tank in Belarus and Pastor Sergey and the team were able to transport her to the church using the van that you so kindly helped us to purchase for them and she was baptized there in the most wonderful name of Jesus just about a week ago. One thing she asked us not to take any pictures of her being baptized. But here is a picture of her and Pastor Sergey right after baptism.



We are running out of time for today, but please allow me very briefly to share



another amazing testimony with you. The team at the Rehab Center for former alcoholics and drug addicts was giving away those small boxes on the Christmas tree. I am sure you



remember that. We shared this with you last month. One of the families that picked up that little red box came to church that following Sunday and now has asked Pastor Maxim (the Pastor of the Rehab center place) to start having Bible studies at their house two times a week! They are so eager to know more from the Word of God and we are just waiting with anticipation on what will take place in their lives.



On behalf of our ministry teams, we would like to take this minute to thank you our dear friends for your prayers and tremendous help! Thank you so much for making those Christmas Outreaches possible. We all are the witnesses of the wonderful changes in people's lives after they have heard the good news of Jesus Christ. We appreciate your continuous prayers and financial support. May the Lord bless and reward you richly and greatly. Please continue praying for us, for the entire ministry team and the work of the Lord in the former Soviet Union as we pray for you daily!

We love and appreciate you all!

*Pastor Vitaly, family & ministry team*