

Good News From Ukraine!

“He looked more like a beggar than a servant of God!”

Dear Praying Friends,

Nothing ever grows without a *seed*.

In Ukraine, Pastor Misha consistently plants “seeds” of faith amongst prisoners convicted of serious crimes.

Yuri was one of them. Serving three consecutive 10-year sentences, Yuri felt he had lost everything that was precious and good in life. A former drug addict, Yuri believed he was worthless and eternally lost.

Then, one day, the small metal window in his prison door opened and Pastor Misha, beaming with the joy of the Lord, began to share the Good News of freedom in Christ with him.

Yuri listened most intensely to the promise, “If we confess our sins, Jesus will forgive us.”
(1 John 1:9)

With all his heart Yuri yearned to be forgiven!

Pastor Misha led Yuri in the sinner’s prayer, and he was baptized into new life right there in his prison cell!

After his release, the church surrounded Yuri with love and supported him until he could get back on his feet.

Yuri bloomed! His faith grew and he began to share the redeeming love of Christ with addicts, prisoners, the sick in hospitals, and the homeless.

But Yuri had one problem.

“Yuri had used drugs and alcohol for so many years that his teeth were destroyed, and he was toothless! **He looked more like a beggar than a servant of Christ!**”

That’s when the church decided to take one more step toward Yuri’s healing. They helped him repair his teeth and get his wonderful smile back!

Today, Yuri cannot stop smiling. He is now married with two beautiful young children and continues to share his story of the transforming power of Jesus Christ with anyone who is willing to listen.

As Putin's war on Ukraine continues, I want to personally thank each and every one of you for standing with us and supporting our ongoing ministry programs, despite the war. We could not do it without you!

Please join me in praying for Pastor Misha's prison ministry:

Pray that the seeds sowed in faith would grow in the hearts of men who, just like Yuri, struggle behind bars with hopelessness.

Pray that many more would come to faith in Jesus Christ and live a brand-new life in Him.

Pray that God would protect and provide for the needs of all who are suffering throughout Ukraine.

Pastor Misha and Yuri send you their warmest greetings!

Together in His Ministry,

Paul H. Popov

