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Oleksandr (Sasha) & Lena Litvak

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Children & Birthdays

Nastya	Mar 20, 2010
Ilya	June 21, 2011
Veronika	Aug 14, 2013
Irina	April 25, 2016
Simon	Dec 21, 2018

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray that this war would be ended as soon as possible.
- For us as a church, to be an effective tool in God's hands towards whom we serve
- Please pray for us as a family—for God's guidance.

BACKGROUND

Sasha was born and raised in a Jewish family in Odessa, Ukraine.

CONVERSION EXPERIENCE

Sasha: When I was fifteen years old, I met a wonderful missionary couple, Ben and Burgi Oehler, who were ministering to Jewish people in Odessa. As they ministered through the Jewish Association, the Lord brought them into my life when they began to visit my Jewish grandmother. During that time, I had many questions about God. By God's grace He answered my questions in a special way through my relationship with them. When I met Ben, I wasn't looking to develop a friendship with him but a couple of days after meeting him God gave me a special desire to meet and talk with him. We started a wonderful conversation and for hours he explained a lot of things to me about new life through Jesus Christ that God provided for everyone—including me! So, at that moment with huge pleasure I decided to accept Him. God completely changed my life. I later had a wonderful opportunity to go to one of International Messengers' English camps in Poland. After that, we started a small youth group in Odessa. After a while it grew and now it has become a church.

Lena: When I was 10 years old, we moved to Odessa, where my parents became acquainted with the family of Ben and Burgi Oehler. A friend invited me to one of the Oehlers' English camps. There I learned about God and His relation to me and I accepted Christ as my Savior! But my life did not change! Then I went to camp again and I decided to "follow" Him, even though I really did not understand what that meant. I started attending the youth group, church, and prayer meetings. Thinking about it now, I realize that my involvement was all just for the sake of something or someone, but not for God's sake.

I knew that everything I was hearing was slowly changing my heart and my life, but I was still not giving all areas of my life to God. I understood that this could not continue. I may have been able to deceive others and myself but if I were to have a relationship with God, this would not work for Him! It was simply impossible! He knows the heart of a man and of course He knew my heart. So, He changed my heart! I repented again, this time

seriously and decisively. God changes lives only when we allow Him to. He worked in my life. He gave me confidence of salvation and delight from the fact that I am a daughter of the living God! Now I am learning to listen and understand His Word for me. I want to live for His will and His Glory! He has blessed me with a wonderful husband and wonderful children.

IM CO-WORKERS

Ron Winkler

MINISTRY FOCUS

- Pastor of the church (Light Christian Fellowship).
- Currently helping refugees and older people with food supplies in our church and sharing Gospel with them.
- Summer English camps
- Winter discipleship camps

GREATEST HOPES IN MINISTRY

Our hope is that as many as possible people that are coming to our church to get help, would hear and be comforted by the love and Gospel of our Savior