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News From GHT

He Leads Us . . .



By Nita Hanson

“So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life – your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life – and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for Him. Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You’ll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what He wants from you, and quickly respond to it.” (Romans 12:1-2, The Message)

As I’ve followed the Lord over the years, I am amazed at how vast is His plan for each and everyone of us! I am in awe at what He can do with our lives when we surrender them to Him completely, placing everything under His control. He takes us down roads we never would have explored, leads us on unbelievable adventures, and gives us the amazing privilege of being a part of His work in this world!

Over the years many people have told me, “you have such great faith”, or “you’re very brave”, or “I could never do what you do”. I wish I could take ownership of those statements, but truly all I’ve ever done is given Him permission to do with my life what He wants to do. He has done the rest! I’ve done no more than follow Him.

God has grown this ministry to more than I could have ever believed possible. And He continues to expand it into new areas. He has brought alongside the faithful workers to minister by our side. He takes the ordinary and makes it extraordinary!

The stories which follow about Night To Shine and a new ministry to the deaf are part of the continuing unfolding of God’s plan for God’s Hidden Treasures.

Thank you again for being a part of all of this. Truly, it takes all of us together to do His wondrous work.



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◆ SPECIAL EDITION ◆

2nd ANNUAL "NIGHT TO SHINE"

(Sponsored by The Tim Tebow Foundation)

On Friday February 8th, 2019 God's Hidden Treasures hosted our second "Night to Shine", a prom for kids with special needs. Over 700 churches in more than 20 different countries around the world were also celebrating their own Night To Shine. This year our celebration was even bigger than the one last year. We had over 90 guests with special needs who were treated to hair do's and makeup, limo rides, an entry on a red carpet, entertainment, talent show, lots of food, dancing and even more! All of this led up to the best part of the night as every guest was crowned the king or



queen of the prom and told that this is how God sees them each and every day and that they are all heirs to God's kingdom through His son, Jesus Christ.

Since the prom, we have heard so many amazing stories of how the night brought joy to those who attended. One of my favorites is about Artem who attended Night to Shine for the first time this year. Last year he was in tears when he saw all the photos and videos of our first Night to Shine online because he had been too young to go. This year when he received the invitation to come, he was overjoyed, and he had a smile from ear to ear the whole night!



During our Night to Shine many of the guests had the opportunity to share their unique talents. The boys from the Boy's House Orphanage did a group dance with chairs, and many of our campers recited poems or sang songs.



A group of five girls from the school (orphanage) for the deaf performed a dance routine as well. Our volunteers were amazed by the wonderful talent they saw. Even weeks after the event those who attended are still sharing stories and photos on Facebook. One of our kids, Andrei, had his picture chosen to be featured on the Tim Tebow Foundation official Instagram and Facebook pages.

It was a celebration that truly showed our love, and more importantly God's love for people with special needs. We pray that God would continue to bring even more wonderful fruit from our Night to Shine celebration.

We thank you for all the prayers and support for this special event, and for the work we do in His name. Please pray that God's Hidden Treasures would be able to continue to touch the lives of people who are too often discarded!



GHT's Newest Outreach

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By Pastor Scott

This year as we planned Night to Shine, we wanted even more people to join us at this special event. One of the groups we reached out to was the community of people with hearing impairments in Bila Tserkva. We found the school for the deaf in our city and we asked if some of their students would be interested in coming to Night to Shine. Of course the response was an enthusiastic yes! The girls from the school immediately began planning what dresses they would wear and how they would do their hair. When they heard they would get to ride in a limo they got even more excited.



Through this, God has opened a whole new area of ministry for us. After

Night to Shine we had the opportunity to go to the school for these kids and visit with them. We played games together and they taught us what games they usually play together at the school. Somehow one of the games ended with all the kids getting to rub paint on my face.

After games we toured the school, and met a lot of the younger students. It turns out that the majority of the students live at the school. Some go home on weekends to be with their family, some only get to be with their families in summer, some don't get to go home at all. Some of them live full time at the school, because their parents have substance abuse issues. **In reality the school is just another orphanage;** and like the other orphanages in our city, we want to get involved in these kids' lives.



We are looking forward to spending more time at the school, getting to know these kids through teaching the Bible and developing long term relationships. We had an opportunity to do just that recently when we took about 35 of the kids to the

waterpark in Kiev for the day; and they had a blast. It was the first time there for these kids and their eyes lit up when they saw all the slides, pools and decorations.



*They said it was a day
like none other!*



**Of course . . .
no trip to Kiev
would be
complete without
a stop at
McDonald's!**



Now we are dreaming of doing a week long VBS at the school this summer. God is always opening new doors, and leading us to get involved in the lives of those who are often discarded and forgotten by society. Please pray for God's wisdom, guidance and provision as we look to reach this community with the love of Christ.



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