



Christian Youth Camps

of the former Soviet Union

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“Come and see what God has done, how awesome His works in man’s behalf!” Psalm 66:5

STW CHANGED EVERYTHING

“Canoe Camp! What an opportunity! It was an incredible week for everyone. Young people were happy and revived. Several of them who travelled with us did not know God. We became friends. They showed great interest during the chapels and were open to talk. These canoeists were changed before our very eyes during this trip – their conversations, their behavior...they walked humming the songs of praise we had sung around the campfire.

“I cannot fully express what has happened to the canoeists, including me. It was not just a time in the open air; it was a time of refreshing for many of us. God blessed us with good weather and adventure. It seemed the angels were sent to the campsites at which we stopped to pitch our tents and rest for the night. All of us experienced



huge blessings in our fellowship and this is only the beginning. I believe we will continue to develop our relationships with everyone.”

When Sergiy K. was asked by his pastor to help organize the camp in 1996, Sergiy had no idea that he would eventually become the director of the Republic of Dreams camp. In 1998 he attended our Staff Training Workshop (STW) to prepare to be a counselor. “I was a little bit scared,” says Sergiy “so I learned as much as I could. Camp seemed a natural way to reach youth through a soul-to-soul relationship. This appealed more to me than doing administrative tasks.”

After attending the STW, Sergiy returned to *cont'd on page 2*



University to write his exams and graduate with an engineering degree in telecommunications.

“Counseling that summer was a huge challenge for me. How could I become a spiritual leader for my boys? I was afraid so I really depended on God. I asked God to change me so He could work through me. I counseled one 12-day session that summer. It was a bright time, the close relationships...everything was appealing. It was the best time ever. From this time on I began to breathe camp. Camp became a part of me. Now, sixteen years later, I am still in touch with those boys.”

In 1999 Sergiy was appointed director of Republic of Dreams camp. He recruited and trained staff before the camp season and then opened camp with 200 campers. “Everything ran behind the schedule and I was trying to figure out why?? I discovered my mistakes so the second session ran much smoother.”

Sergiy began his career in telecommunications taking time off for camp work every summer. In 2001 he married Olga, the camp program director. In 2013 Sergiy and Olga began canoe camping. Sergiy recalls that when he was only eleven years old he fell in love with canoeing when his father took him on a canoe trip. This summer, their canoe camp is operating from June 29 to August 22. The sessions include youth camps, family camps, father and son camps and family camps. All camps are self-funded.

Sergiy told us, “I had no vision for camp many years ago when my pastor asked me to help at our church camp, but STW changed everything.”

Thank God for all the people who received the vision and calling for camp leadership at the hundreds of STWs that KVI has sponsored since 1991.

SPRING 2014 STWs

Six Staff Training Workshops were planned for this spring; five happened. Attendance was lower than usual due to religious oppression in various places, economic hardships and the crisis in Ukraine. But those who attended benefitted. “I live from camp to camp,” says Mariam A. “The fellowship was pleasant and the courses taught were useful for improving our leadership and camps. The course on building relationships provided new insights...”

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Who We Are...

Kingdom Ventures Inc. (KVI) founded in 1990 is a Canadian faith mission focused on training Christian Youth Camp leaders in the former Soviet Union. KVI's Resource Teams in the former Soviet Union publish program resources and train camp leaders. KVI networks with Christliche Freizeiten Internationale (CFI) in Germany; Christian Camp and Conference Association/ USA (CCCA/USA); CCI/Russia; CCI/Ukraine; and with other followers of our Lord.

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KVI Youth Camps in the former Soviet Union since 1991



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Hear stories of how 3 camps in 1991 developed into over 1000 camps today. See camps in action.

Hear Russian soloist, Pavel Bakum.

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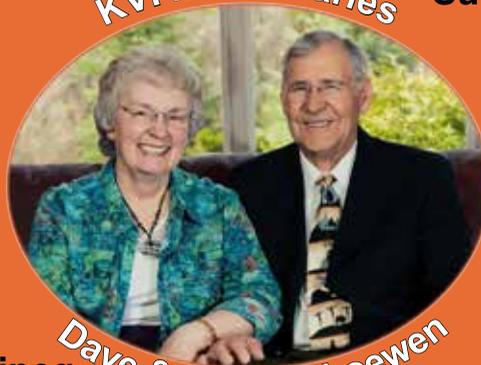
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Abbotsford Banquet

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COMPETENT STAFF

Planning, organizing and operating the leadership development events we do each year takes much competent staff. Natia B is one of them. She is secretary to Valeri B., president of the Transcaucasus camping association. Natia became a follower of Jesus at camp and was also baptized at camp. So camp has a very special place in her heart.

Natia and her husband live in our model campsite in Kutaisi, Georgia. One of her responsibilities is to do the registrations for all training events and churches who use our campsite. "My work is very important and interesting," writes Natia. "I serve Christians of different denominations and different camps. My aim is to contribute to the development of the camps. I discovered the Truth

at camp and I want to share my great joy in Jesus and in life with them."

Thank God for the faithful, competent staff God has given us.

Ask God to equip them with everything good for doing His will, and to work in them what is pleasing to Him through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.
Hebrews 13:21

A poster for a 'KVI Hymn Sing' event. The background shows a conductor in a black dress with her arms raised, leading an orchestra. The text is overlaid on the image.

KVI
Hymn Sing

**Special Guests
Kiev Symphony
Orchestra & Chorus**

**September 28, 6:00 pm
Calvary Temple,
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Admission : Offering

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About Prayer

***“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.”
Ephesians 6:18***

Prayer is fitting on all occasions because our sovereign God is present everywhere. When we are in step with the Spirit (Galatians 5:25) we can pray in the Spirit. When we pray in the Spirit we are praying according to God’s will and purposes.

Prayer is also fitting on all occasions because it is part of the full armor of God. It does not stand alone in our struggle against the spiritual forces of evil. Prayer is powerful and effective when it is accompanied by truth, righteousness, the gospel of peace, faith and the Word of God.

Prayer in the context of the full armor of God demonstrates our complete dependence on and need of God.



For those who love to pray



PRAY FOR PEACE

“Pray for peace,” was Oleg M’s response when asked how we should pray for Ukraine. Oleg was one of the key leaders of the Maidan prayer initiatives in Kiev from the beginning until a few weeks ago when they took down the prayer tent. The people of Ukraine have prayed fervently and suffered much in the past eight months. Church buildings have been ransacked, pastors beaten and some killed. There are thousands of refugees who have fled the conflict zones. Church congregations were the first to respond with food, clothing, medical care and lodging for these people who left everything when they fled for their lives.

Thank God most of the camps outside of the conflict zones are in operation but with a lower enrolment. The Ukrainian crisis has shown us how important it is to train our youth in righteousness. The people who created and fueled the crisis were raised in atheist camps. Many of the people who prayed fervently, cared for the wounded and promoted peace are products of Christian camps. The prayers and resources invested in raising a new generation in Ukraine have not been wasted.



SIX PRAYERS FOR CAMPERS

- That God’s plan for their lives would be fully completed. Psalm 139:16
- Thank God for working in them to will and to act according to His good purpose. Philippians 2:13
- That they may excel in honoring their parents. Exodus 20:12
- That they would not live for themselves but for Him who died for them. II Corinthians 5:15
- That they would delight themselves in the Lord so that He will give them the desires of their hearts. Psalm 37:4
- That they would gain understanding, love the truth and hate every wrong path. Psalm 119:104



DONETSK CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

The Donetsk Christian University campus has fallen into the hands of the pro-Russian terrorists. The university has functioned since the early 1990s developing leaders for the Kingdom of God. Fortunately the staff and faculty and students were allowed to leave peacefully with their most valuable documents.

The terrorists are occupying the



dorms and food services facilities. The university administration has asked for prayer. If the campus turns into a battleground the damage to the large new campus will be huge. Ask God to spare the campus and to cause it to be returned to its rightful owners.



ORPHAN CAMP

The Lord willing, 75 teenage orphan and 30 staff will storm into our tent camp on August 10 for a 12-day adventure. Lots of good food, the opportunity to cook a meal over the fire daily, canoeing, trampoline, climbing wall, archery, obstacle course and more – a far away dream for them come true. We asked camp director Oksana S. how to pray for Orphan Camp.

- Ask God to work in the hearts of staff and most of all the counselors to fill them with tons of love and to prepare them for sacrificial service.
- Thank God for the campers and the plans He has for their lives. Ask Him to replace their bitterness with forgiveness and to tune their hearts to soak up all the love given them.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to preside over each chapel program so that the hearts and minds of campers and staff will be in step with the work of the Spirit.
- Pray for health, safety and protection from the Evil one.



THANK YOU FOR SPONSORING ORPHANS TO CAMP



KVI CELEBRATION BANQUETS

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for the Celebration Banquet on November 1 in Winnipeg or on November 9 in Abbotsford. For those who don't live close to Winnipeg or Abbotsford - plan to travel to attend one of the celebrations. Come, see and hear what God has accomplished through your prayers and gifts these 24 years. Now is the time to purchase your tickets.

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on how to lead in conflict situations. Helping to construct the high ropes course and then trying it was also a stimulating new experience.”

“I didn’t support camp because I saw no fruit in the church after camp, but this seminar caused me to change my opinion 90%,” said another attendee.

“In this STW I learned that if you want to serve God you must serve in humility.”

“Our church really wanted to have a summer camp but we didn’t know how. Now, after attending this STW, praise God, we have a program, an organizational model and everything else we need to work as a team in a children’s camp.”

“In the Personality Development course I learned how to understand myself and others. It equipped me with skills to build our camp team according to each person’s gifts and interests.”

“The STW gave us many opportunities to practice the things we need to do at camp. I saw how I can improve our camp.”

“Back home from STW, we are discussing each theme presented at STW in our leadership team in preparation for training our own camp counselors.”

One of the courses concentrated on understanding and working with the internet generation. The internet generation is worldwide and its people think and behave differently. Thank God He has given us an instructor who is competent to interpret generation IY culture to our camping leaders enabling them to present the Truth more effectively.

All instructors in our spring STWs and Leadership Forum were nationals. **Praise God He has raised up these leaders to train the camp workers in the former Soviet Union.** God’s guiding presence was evident in every training event.

LOVE CONQUERS HATRED

It was Laura’s first camp experience. Everything was new and amazing for this 13 year-old teenager. She came from a village where she was raised in a very strict and cruel atheistic family. She had never heard about our loving Heavenly Father or His Son, the Lord Jesus. The love and care shown her by the camp staff was new to her. Her mother had frequently beaten her with an iron rod. She was deeply hurt by her parents and living with them was a daily humiliating struggle.



For the first two days Laura was a rebel camper, disobeying camp rules and giving staff a hard time. Even though she was unwilling to forgive her mother, her counselor kept teaching her about our forgiveness in Christ. The patience of the staff, their prayers and the camp atmosphere finally broke the barriers to Laura’s stubborn heart.

On the last day of camp, Laura, with tears in her eyes, begged to stay longer. The staff sensitively explained to her that she needed to go home for her parents to see her changed life. Laura has been in contact with her counselor since she left camp. She tells her about her struggles, confesses her failures to Jesus and continues to put her trust in Him. **Thank God for His work of grace in Laura and pray that she will be salt and light in her family.**

FOR THOSE WHO LOVE TO GIVE . . .



From the very beginning Kingdom Ventures has remained focused on developing national leaders. Teaching them what to become as persons, how to build programs, how to understand and work with children and youth and how to organize and operate church camps has been a privilege and pleasure. Over and over these developing leaders have told us how useful our seminars, conferences and workshops have been and that they have not found our type of training elsewhere.

Your faithful support has helped to make our leadership development ministry possible. We are deeply grateful for your help and encourage you to be significantly engaged in this ministry that is raising up a new generation. Your gifts will help make our fall conference, leadership seminars and publishing of leadership manuals and books possible.

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