

**“Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him.” John 7:38**

## **GOD ANSWERS PRAYER... AND EMPOWERS LEADERS**

When the pandemic hit 20 months ago, our staff decided to take our Leadership Training Program on-line. They learned how to prepare their lessons for on-line teaching and how to present their lessons so the students would learn and stay on-line to the end of the lesson. Our staff has developed into sought-after instructors.

On-line teaching made it possible to engage instructors from Canada, Honduras, South Africa, India, England and USA. Vladimir is a board member of Christian Camping Worldwide, so has contact with first-class camp leadership instructors. This has been to everyone’s advantage. Attendance from Ukraine, Moldova, and the Transcaucasus at on-line seminars was good. It also attracted camp leaders from other

countries, including Canada. Our staff has organized and conducted 197 on-line seminars over the past 20 months.

Because it is more difficult to teach and learn on-line than in-person, fatigue set in. We continued on-line teaching because of Covid. Four of our staff contracted Covid. One was hospitalized for two weeks. God answered prayer and all of them recovered. Thousands of camp leaders in the former Soviet Union (FSU) contracted Covid. Thankfully, most of them recovered. These leaders felt they now had immunity and were ready for in-person seminars. Two seminars were organized by CCI/Ukraine, one by CCI/Armenia, three by our sister organizations CCI/Russia and CCI/Latvia. These six events were attended by a total of 600 students.

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What are the results of all this hard work and faith on the part of our staff? The umbrella theme of our 2021 leadership seminars was **“Truth Triumphs over Falsehood”**. How did all this impact our camping community? One leader commented: “Serving teenagers is important for me. I need to hear the experiences of other camp missionaries firsthand.” Camp leaders felt cared for and not forgotten. Camp leaders were inspired, directed and encouraged. Many camps organized in-person activities, i.e. Day Camps, hikes, canoe trips, bike trips, in 2020. And now, 2021, hundreds of camps are operating resident programs.

Follow-up saw a huge increase of activity. When the camp leaders learned how on-line works, they began to use it for their follow-up programs. This resulted in a substantial increase in camper participation and follow-up activity.

## **MISSION TRUE FOCUS – WHAT IS IT?**

Today’s culture is highly compromised. Good and evil are mixed and accepted in almost every aspect of life. KVI’s Mission in the former Soviet Union is clear: Make disciples of this generation of children and youth. To prevent Mission Drift (drifting away from our purpose), it is essential to be intentional about remaining Mission True.

Thank God He has given us the Holy Spirit who teaches, guides, reminds, convicts, and empowers us to do His will. To keep in step with the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:16-26), and be “Mission True”, we teach our camp leaders to implement the following daily practices in their camps:

For example, a church with congregations in three cities conducts weekly on-line meetings for their campers. About 30 campers, one-third of them non-Christians, attend in each city. During the on-line meetings, campers play a variety of musical instruments, play games, and participate in Bible Study. Campers’ siblings and parents often join the meetings.

KVI’s ministry over the thirty years has and continues to have a powerful impact on the growth of the Kingdom of God in the former Soviet Union...far beyond anyone’s imagination. There are more than 2000 Christian youth camps operated by churches in the FSU. Streams of Living Water are flowing. **This is what God has and continues to do in answer to YOUR PRAYERS AND GIFTS.**

- Pray the Lord’s Prayer with staff and campers and live each of the six statements of the prayer.
- Study the Living and Active Word of God, agree with it, and ask God to help you obey it.
- Sing “I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back.” The lyrics of the songs we sing shape our thinking and behavior.
- Model the Fruit of the Spirit so all our relationships are redemptive.

Please pray God’s blessing on our Mission True Focus so the Christian Camping Movement and its supporting churches remain Mission True.



## **“GOD’S SQUAD” – A CAMP ON TWO WHEELS THAT MOVES THE SOUL**

Oksana, CCI/Ukraine staff member, and her husband, Oleg, are part of a Christian motorcycle club that reaches out to non-Christian bikers. Oleg is the pastor of the God’s Squad Bikers Church.

On June 17-22, Oksana and Oleg led a bikers’ camp on wheels with 21 father/son participants. Eight of the father/son pairs were unbelievers. They clocked a total of 840 kilometers. Besides safe travel, the program included overnight tenting, campfire cooking, bonfires, stories, and prayer. Wholesome relationships were built and faith was strengthened. It was a great way to expose the not-so-easy-to-reach to the Christian way of life.



Camp at Last! Hurrah!



And it is Christian!



## BORN TO GLORIFY GOD



### **Nastya, 10 years old**

“In the camp I prayed in my own words for the first time. I was surprised that it was possible to pray in my own words and not memorize my prayers. It is so good to be able to pray from the bottom of my heart, speaking with God as with my friend.”



### **Veronika, 11 years old**

“I learned a lot of new things about the Bible, learned how to look for passages in the Bible. I asked for help installing the Bible on my phone.” Her parents shared after camp that Veronika had really changed. Now she is asking them to

send her to a Christian camp again. Now after camp she is asking many questions and talking with her parents about God. (The family does not attend church).



### **Eva, 12 years old**

Eva is now 12 years old (age 10 in the picture). She has attended Camp Shalom for several summers. The T-shirt she is wearing is about her personality. She brings children from the street to play in her yard and invites them to camp.

Veronika was one of those children. She invites her friends and classmates to her church. She is a creative teenager who goes to Art School, plays piano, and likes to cook. Eva is always in the center of attention. She is a true helper and leader.

God knit Eva together in her mother’s womb (Psalm 139:13) for the praise of His glory (Ephesians 1:6). He wrote His life-plan for Eva in His book (Ps 139:16; Eph 2:10). Eva is following God’s plan because someone introduced her to Jesus.

As for Eva, God has a plan for every child born on planet earth. Therefore it has been KVI’s passion for 30 years to inspire youth throughout the FSU to

venture out into God’s Kingdom. Every child has the potential to glorify God by believing in Jesus and doing the good works written on their page in God’s book. **Our part is to tell them about Jesus.**

Millions of campers have attended our camps, saw the Gospel live in relationships with their counselors, and listened to the Gospel as it was taught verbally. Thousands upon thousands decided to follow Jesus. Evidence of their fruitful lives is seen across the former Soviet Union (FSU).

Our task is not finished. There are millions of children and youth in the FSU who have never heard about Jesus. Our calling is to make more disciples like Nastya, Veronika, and Eva who will soon be camp counselors, telling this generation and the next about Jesus, so streams of living water will be flowing from within them as well.

## SERVING WITH PASSION

Reports from the field consistently indicate that camp directors and their staff are serving with a passion. One camp director informed us that all their staff is equipped and ready to run the camp and to face the difficulties.



### **Eager to serve**

**CAMP DREAMERS’** goal for their staff is to be great examples to their campers by loving them unconditionally. The majority of their staff are former campers. More than 60% of their campers are from non-Christian families. Their dream is to run camps year-round. They ask for prayer for this dream to come true.

**CAMP RAY OF HOPE** asks us to pray for their ministry to flourish, for their camp to bear fruit, and to never slow down. “Pray that we could continue our

ministry year-round. We have home group meetings for teen campers in the village where our camp is located. A church with 12 regular attendees meets in our camp.”

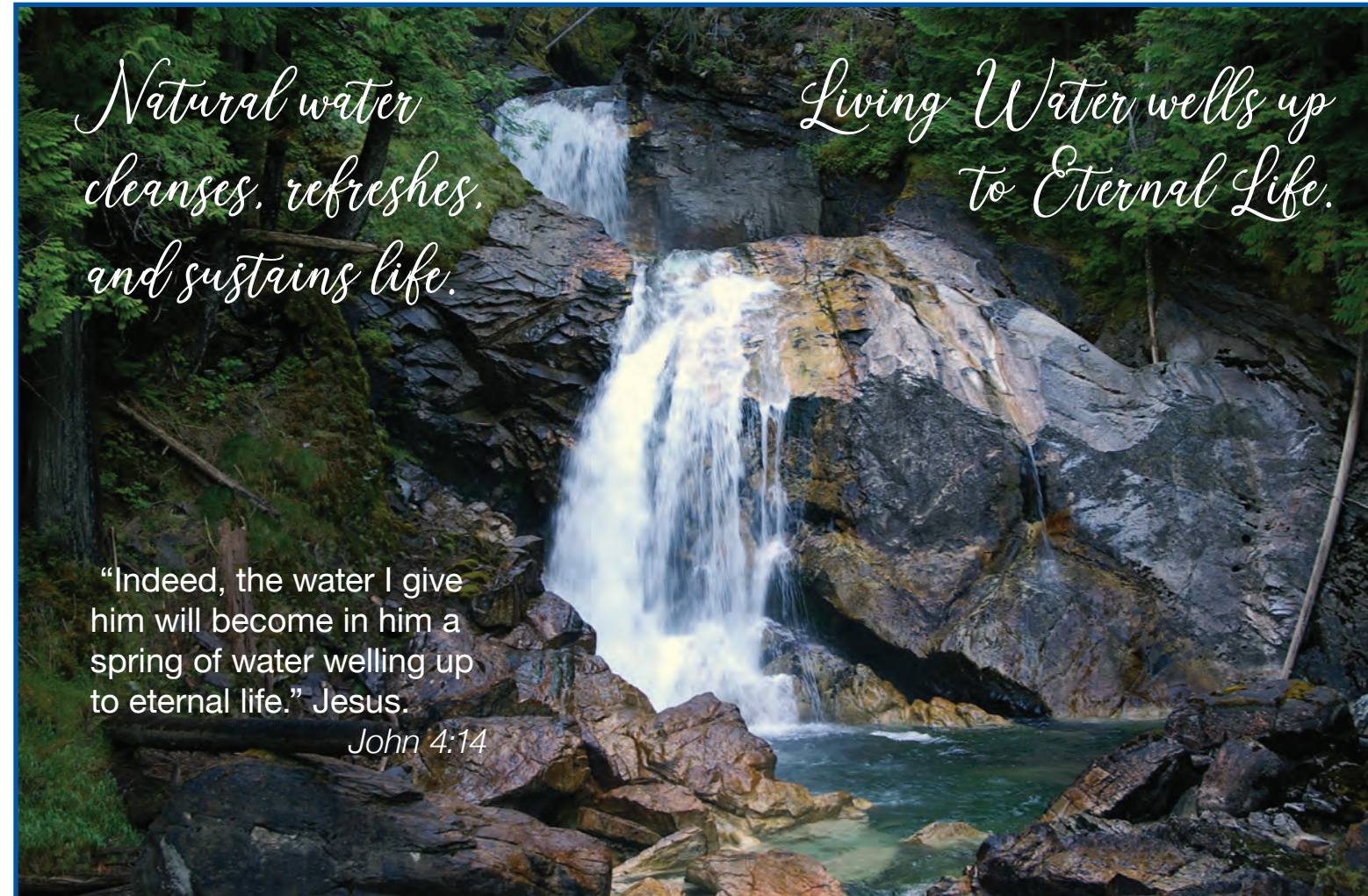
**CAMP VINEYARD**, Country X, reports: “We were persecuted because of religious activities with children. Large groups attract the police so we camped at the sea with 13 teenagers to establish them in the faith. The five new campers accepted Christ’s forgiveness and decided to follow Him. The eight returning campers decided to confirm their decision and were baptized. Now we are traveling through rural areas doing more ‘small group’ camps in the houses that belong to the local Christians.”

**LOVE AND HOPE**, a charitable mission of the Roman Catholic Church, operates five campsites. Many of their staff members have attended our Leadership Training events over the past three years. Thank God for this contact and pray His guidance and blessing upon this mission.

### **COUNTRY Y REPORT** by Oksana

“I want to share my joy to God’s Glory! Due to covid and restrictions on religious activities, I was unable to go to Country Y in 2020 and 2021 to do our regular Staff Training Workshops. So a graduate of CCI/ Ukraine’s STW’s over the years took up the challenge and organized a successful weekend Staff Training Workshop (STW). Forty-three program coordinators and cabin counselors from four regions attended the STW. As a result, six camps have already taken place and seven more are in the making. Pray God’s guidance, blessing and protection on the staff, campers, and camps.”

**CAMP DIRECTOR, REZO**, reports that “All members of our team at different times attended the CCI/Ukraine seminars. The seminars helped us to conduct highly effective and quality camps for our campers and to organize our discipleship work. Our eight branches in Georgia operate camps, Sunday Schools, children’s clubs, and prayer groups. Worship services happen monthly with 75 youth who often bring their non-Christian friends. The goal of each program is to know the Lord and to grow spiritually. Our staff team of 30 meets throughout the year for training and prayer.”

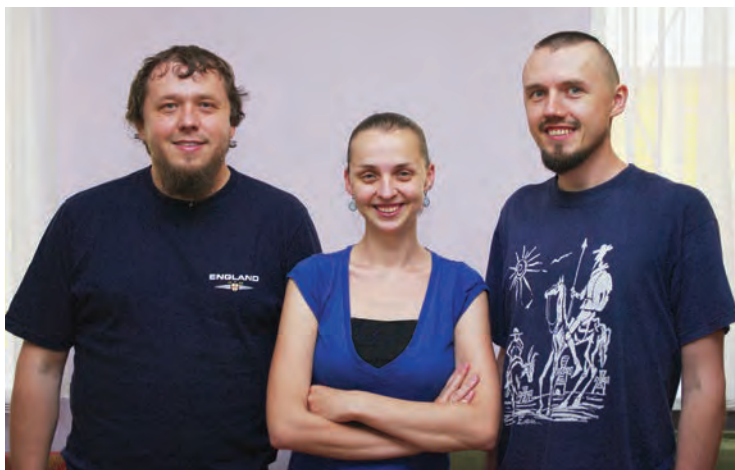


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## – MUCH MORE THAN CAMPING

Green Pastures Camp, Ukraine, began to operate in 1996. Ludmila Morozova came across the book “Christian Camp Counselor” written by Dave & Elfrieda Loewen. She read it and found the answer to her dream – a Christian children’s and youth camp! She packed her bag and boarded the train to Anapa, Russia, to attend KVI’s Staff Training Workshop (STW).

When Ludmila returned home, she recruited and trained her staff and welcomed hundreds of campers to Green Pastures Camp. All three of Ludmila’s children committed their lives to Jesus at camp. The camp operated successfully year after year. It became a model camp for other camps to follow.



**Yuliy, Olesya, Roma**

As Green Pastures Camp developed and the Morozov children matured, they became aware of the great need for camper follow-up. Being creative leaders, they developed **Shelter+** in Kriviy Rig, a large iron ore mining city in Ukraine. This youth ministry operates seven days a week with over 20 staff. Each week 400 – 500 youth participate in the seven Christ-centered programs. They include orphans and dysfunctional people, to budding musicians and football players.

On June 30, Green Pastures and its ten founders celebrated its 25th Anniversary. Ludmila, first director of Green Pastures writes:

*“For the whole day we were sharing our memories and thanking God that He trusted us to take part in His big work. And all of us want to thank you, dear Dave and Elfrieda, from the bottom of our hearts, for starting the Christian Camping movement in post-soviet countries and in Ukraine in particular. We value your contribution so much. And you influenced me a lot personally, my life and my ministry. May God reward you for all.”*

Yuliy Morozov, one of the founders of **Shelter+**, informed KVI that their 250 member soccer club is in the process of becoming professional. “This has the potential of changing football in all of Ukraine,” reported Yuriy. “Our goal is to be the ‘Salt and Light’ in this dark, very dark sport culture. All this has grown out of Green Pastures Camp.”



**Budding Football Club**

Green Pastures and Shelter+ is one of the many examples of how KVI’s 30-year ministry in the former Soviet Union (FSU) has developed far beyond Christian camping. A heart-stirring thank you to all KVI supporters for not only building wonderful memories in the millions of people served in the FSU but also for helping to expand the Kingdom of God in a nation and empire that denied God’s existence.

## FOR THOSE WHO LOVE TO PRAY



### PRAYER ENGAGES GOD

KVI has encouraged and depended on the faithful and fervent prayers of our supporters from day one. Why? Because **PRAYER ENGAGES GOD** in everything we undertake in His Name. And every story in this Newsletter testifies to God's Awesome Deeds of grace. Thank you to each one of you for your many prayers.

To further encourage prayer, our staff in Kiev began publishing **THIS WEEK** 23 months ago. It is published every Tuesday on KVI's website – [www.kvicanada.org](http://www.kvicanada.org)

We also send it by email to all who request it. Call 1-204-224-4175 or email [kingdomventures@msn.com](mailto:kingdomventures@msn.com)

THIS WEEK is a one page prayer letter consisting of three topics: What to Thank God For, Activities of the Week, and Intercession. Each week activities of two of the CCI camps are included. God's work increases as prayer increases. KVI encourages hundreds of people to use THIS WEEK.

Feel free to use THIS WEEK in your home group, missions program, and church. You may copy and distribute as many as you can use.

We are amazed at God's awesome deeds. No one ever imagined God had all this and more in mind. And His program continues through His faithful trained national leaders who are worthy of and dependent on your prayers and donations.



### 2,000,000 LEGACY FUND

KVI established a Legacy Fund in 2019 for the purpose of providing sufficient funds for staff salaries until Christ's return. The fund has 1.2 million dollars. When it reaches 2 million dollars, the revenue produced will be sufficient for overseas staff salaries. There is no employed staff in Canada, only volunteers.

The KVI Legacy Fund is managed by Abundance Canada, a faith-based public foundation registered with the Canada Revenue Agency. Receipts are issued by Abundance Canada for each donation. Abundance Canada does not charge KVI a processing fee. Donations can be made to Abundance Canada W1125G by cheque.

Abundance Canada can also receive donations for KVI in stocks, mutual funds, life insurance policies, estate gifts and wills. For specific information or transaction procedures, please go to [www.abundance.ca](http://www.abundance.ca) or call Harold Penner at 1-800-772-3257

Church based youth camps in the former Soviet Union have and continue to make a huge eternal impact. Is God nudging you to make a significant contribution to help bring the Legacy Fund to 2 million by December 30? If God has blessed you with the funds please contribute some to KVI's account at  
**Abundance Canada W1125G.**

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# FOR THOSE WHO LOVE TO GIVE



**Thank you for your generosity.** Your donations over the past 30 years have helped to make KVI's ministry happen. Thousands of people of all ages have become fruit-bearing Christians proclaiming hope in Christ throughout the former USSR that for 70 years proclaimed that God does not exist.

KVI is committed to paying the salaries of our eight staff in Ukraine, Republic of Georgia, Armenia, and Country X. Our staff raises most of the funds for the rest of the ministry expenses. The donations of our faithful supporters have made it possible to consistently meet payroll requirements. Our staff is deeply thankful for your generosity.

The expansion of the camping ministry has made it necessary to engage another staff. Our current staff is working a 55 – 75 hour week. They coach dozens of instructors, serve hundreds of camps, teach 700+ camp leaders annually, and process thousands of registrations, evaluations, reports, forms, etc. A person who processes data would take a load off every current staff. **Would you give a special gift, in addition to your regular donation, to fill this urgent need?**

## TO MAKE A DONATION

Write cheque payable to:

**Abundance Canada W1125G**

W1125G is KVI's Legacy Fund number. Your donation will be added to KVI's Legacy fund.

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**Group Leaders at a CCI/Ukraine Seminar**

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