

Filled with Joy

Nastya was very dissatisfied with her life. She had gotten married at a young age and now there were problems in her marriage. She wondered what she could have done with her life if she hadn't gotten married. She dreamed of traveling and was searching for some kind of fulfillment or purpose for her life.

Then Nastya met MBMSI missionaries John & Evelyn Wiens through an English class that John was teaching. She was introduced to the Ukraine TREK team soon after they arrived in Zaporozhye. Team members Sarah Baffa and Jackie Waine spent the whole evening talking to her and they could tell that she felt lost. It was Jackie's birthday in two days and she felt God prompting her to invite Nastya to her birthday party.

Even though they hardly knew Nastya, she was eager to come to the party and also brought along her four-year-old daughter. She was very quiet at the party, but the team could tell that she really enjoyed being there.

Over the next few weeks, Sarah and Jackie often met with Nastya for coffee. They shared the gospel with her and Nastya asked lots of questions. They could see that she was searching for the truth and that her heart was opening more and more. A few days before Christmas, missionary John Wiens ran into Nastya one morning at a coffee shop. After meeting and talking together, Nastya made the decision to follow Jesus!

Nastya's life has been transformed and the TREK team was encouraged as they saw incredible growth in her during their time in Ukraine. Although there are many difficulties in her life, Nastya is so filled with joy and it is evident that the Holy Spirit is working in and through her. She is excited to tell other people about the changes that God has made in her life.

Pray that Nastya will continue to be on fire and passionate for Jesus. Praise God for bringing John & Evelyn and the TREK team into her life at a time where she was open and ready for the gospel. Pray also that Nastya's husband will be drawn to Christ as he sees the amazing change in her life.

"We pray that you will be strengthened with all His glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy, always thanking the Father. He has enabled you to share in the inheritance that belongs to His people, who live in the light. For He has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of His dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins." - Colossians 2:11-14



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Practicing English

Sandra is a young believer who is living in a restricted access country in Asia. For a few years, she had been praying that someone who could speak English would come so that she could practice the language.

Sandra's prayers were answered when a TREK team came to serve for three months in the city where she lives. Every Friday, the team would spend time with students from the university and sometimes Sandra would join them.

TREK participant Julie immediately connected with Sandra and discovered that they had a lot in common. They were both at a similar place in their lives as Sandra had recently graduated from university and Julie soon would as well.

They were also drawn together by their common faith as they found that they had some of the same thoughts about God and how He interacts with His people. Julie and Sandra were able to have good conversations and to provide encouragement for each other.

Even though Sandra and her were from completely different backgrounds and cultures, Julie realized that they are the same in Christ and that God was working similarly in both of their lives.

The last time that Sandra saw Julie, she told her about how she had been praying for a few years for someone to speak English with and that Julie had been an answer to her prayers.

Praise God for the friendship that Sandra and Julie were able to build and for the encouragement that they received from each other. Pray that God would provide someone else for Sandra to practice English with, and that she will be a strong witness to those around her. Pray for both Julie and Sandra as they look to Jesus for wisdom, strength, and guidance in each day.

"For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus. And all who have been united with Christ in baptism have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes. There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus." - Galatians 3:26-28

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