

# This is Belarus

## January Newsletter

**Two weeks after my last newsletter, and it's time to stop to procrastinate. That's why I'll try to write my newsletters in the first week of a new month.**

Though I was sick it didn't hinder me from being at TFC. Starting from this month and on we made some changes in the club: introduced prayer for the needs, God's sightings, every two clubs we invite kids to give their lives to Christ, involve kids from the church more in the ministry. A small group for guys called Men's House is developing. It is going to be a Bible study, and we begin our journey from the Gospel of Luke. Hopefully guys will be interested and hungry for the Good News, especially

there are a lot of unbelievers. And we already see some fruits.

Two weeks ago our topic was "Searching for happiness", and the message was that everything else from God brings temporary satisfaction but in God alone you can find true happiness. After that we had one girl surrendering her life to Jesus. Wow! Last Saturday I got a call from a mom whose son comes to TFC. He has been really sick several years and couldn't even go to school. Now he's doing better. So last time he came home and said: "Mom, I'm just happy". That made her cry, and she is so thankful to God for using TFC to change her son's life. I was very encouraged by that! Seeing how God works in lives of these kids is just really amazing and humbling.

And I want to thank all of you for being a part of this. Now we are stepping in the stage of real spiritual fight for the lives of teenagers. We already feel the pressure of that and we ask to pray for our protection but also we would be bold in proclaiming the truth and love of Jesus Christ.

### THE FIRST FRUITS



Celebrating  
birthday with  
TFC kids



## February. To Save A Life Project. Going out for more.

The month of February is going to be quite interesting. Last year at TFC in the States we watched To Save A Life movie, and I was quite impressed by it. Unfortunately it wasn't in Russian yet. Now we have one, and we are going to show it this coming Saturday. The next two Saturdays we are going to discuss it. We hope that God will speak to the hearts of the kids, especially because Belarus has one of the highest rates of suicide, especially now when the country is recovering from financial crisis.

We are thinking about a Prayer project where we could give out pictures of the teens who come to TFC so the church members could personally pray for them. And three months later to invite them all to our event so they could meet these kids in person and hear the stories of how God worked through prayers. We believe it will make the

church more involved with TFC Ministry.

And the last Saturday of this month we are going to celebrate 3 years of TFC. By that time I hope to make a video about how it all started.

By the way, thank you very much for your prayers: the church is going to take a new registration, and it is going to be called The Light of Truth. Of course it did leave its imprint on our ministry as well because some kids from the other church now are not allowed to come to TFC. But we are moving forward, expecting great things that God has in store for us.

Celebrating my 25th birthday was quite interesting (see the pic below)

*Thank you so much for being a part of this life changing ministry!*

**Ilya Phoenix**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Protection over TFC team members
- Selling the current van
- To Save a Life Project in February

