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My warmest greetings to you, dear brothers and sisters!

I'm sincerely glad to share with you the events that happened over period of two months.

First of all, I'd like to thank you for your prayers and support. A few words about my family.

Summer has come and our younger children are having holidays. Two elder children, Misha and Veronika, passed their examinations successfully and now are undergoing practical training. The middle of June was a hard time for us as my wife, Tonya had been in the hospital for two weeks where she underwent an operation for the removal of gallstones. Please, pray the Lord to strengthen her and grant a full recovery. At present she is at home and is getting better now. In addition to it, we've got happy news. My son, Misha, will be taking baptism at the end of June in the church in Gomel city where he studies. My wife and I are planning to go there in order to congratulate him personally on taking baptism by faith!

I continue bearing the ministry. In May we put an accent on the preparation for teens' summer camp. Together with the team we went to the place of the camp and worked on the arrangement of the territory and infrastructure. The camp is beginning on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July.

In May I had to work a lot on the repair of the House of prayer in Luibonichi village that is 30 km away from us.

I'm also grateful to God for two activities that He helped us to conduct. The first activity is a evangelization for men by means of rafting on the river Berezina. We invited some men including unbelievers and went downriver on three rafts from Berezino to Bobruisk. We had a wonderful opportunity to drift together for five days. In the evenings we made a stop, set up camp for the night, cooked some food on fire, and also prayed together and communicated on the topic of God's assignment of a man. I was glad to see God acting in the hearts of the unbelieving people. Owing to this project, I've become acquainted closer with the new people whom I pray for and believe that the Lord will bring them to repentance and salvation through Jesus Christ.

I'm also grateful to God for His help in a trip on bicycles. It was a special project for the teenagers who go to church but haven't taken baptism yet. We had overcome about 400 km for seven days through different settlements and villages of Belarus. There were eight teens with us. All the necessary things such as the tents, sleeping bags and products we took on bicycles. We were making stops in picturesque places of our country, visiting museums and overcoming difficulties. I should say the weather was quite rainy and when I was busy with a punched inner tube of a bicycle, two conceited guys got lost, unfortunately, but soon we found them. Our trip wasn't easy, but in total the Lord has done a great work in teens' hearts. We learned to work in a team; all got the skills of overcoming difficulties and got a new level of responsibility, which is very important. Besides, we were the witnesses of God's answering prayers of those who turned to Him sincerely for help. And of course there was a deep gratitude to God in our hearts that while traveling we were contemplating the beauty of the creation of the nature. Even after we returned, the Lord

continued doing His work. I was touched by one teen's testimony. Slava, who is the father of a 14-year old Nikita, called me the next day and told me he hadn't recognized his son after the trip as his son had got better and, what is more, Slava told him he had never paid attention to the upbringing due to his son's unbearable character, neither had taken interest in his deeds, but after the trip he had looked with another eye upon the upbringing. He confessed that he hadn't been a good father before, and now he had a desire to revise his attitude to a family and learn to be a good father. I was listening to him and thanking God with tears for giving me such a privilege by investing my time in the teenager to give an opportunity to God to touch his father's heart as well.

Our plans for future: a children's camp, assistance to a missionary to construct the house of prayer in town Oktyabrskiy with a participation in a spiritual work at the children's orphanage. Also pray for the first youth congress in Belarus, which is to take place at the end of August, where I will take part as one of the lecturers.

I ask you to pray for the funds for a full restoration of the house of prayer in the village Luibonichi. It is necessary by the winter to complete the repair of the walls and build a furnace as there is no heating.

Once again I thank the Lord and you for assistance in the ministry. May the Lord bless you richly in everything!

Yours faithfully,

Sergey Gormash



