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Peace to you, dear brothers and sisters,

I want to share the last events of the ministry here in Belarus. Our country has entered the time of Covid-19 epidemic. This explains why we do not do any public events and conferences. We decided to focus on personal ministry to people. Our country does not have official lock-down so we continue to do worship in church with all precautions. These days people need personal encouragement and I have to visit many people at home. When I preach in church, I want to do it so that people will get encouragement, comfort and growing hope in the Lord. It is not an easy time, and we appreciate your prayers and support very much. We also pray about you, being aware that this time is difficult for you as well. When we pray for each other, I believe that the Lord is going to help us endure everything and stand firm until the day of His coming!

On May 1 & 2, young people had worship in our camp under construction. They worshipped the Lord and helped to arrange the premises. Such fellowship is very important for young people. The Lord shapes character through such meetings and we become closer to each other (see picture).

I was very happy to hear a testimony of a young brother, Sergey Zavadsky, about how he came to know the Lord. Sergey recently came to the Lord, he got married and now he preaches the Word of God. (See the pic.) He shared that he kept coming to church when he was not a Christian. He always took a seat at a distance in the balcony and when he heard the call for repentance, it was his excuse not to get down, it took him a long time. On each occasion, the Holy Spirit reminded him that it was necessary to get reconciled with the Lord. Once even though I was not aware of all of that, I asked Sergey to take a seat by the pulpit and help with the slides of hymn texts on the projector. He did a good job and at the end of the worship he heard an invitation and realized that he did not have an excuse. So he came up front to get reconciled with the Lord. It was his sermon illustration, he wanted to stress that the Lord was aware of our concerns and fears if we were sincere. He works together all the circumstances so that nothing stands in the way of His will. It is so joyful to hear such testimonies knowing that we are all tools in the hand of God in order to achieve His purpose!

Now I talk a lot with people sheltering in. I take part in online conferences and meetings. I also visit people at home and in the hospital, which I really like to do. My wife and I do it on a regular basis. It is so important now to help people. Many people feel desperate. We visit elderly people and young families. (See pic.) When we provide spiritual encouragement we do not forget about taking care of their physical needs. Elderly sisters from a neighboring village asked us to put the wood together and mow the grass, since they were not able to do it. Our young people and we visited them and did it to the glory of the Lord! (See pic.) It is important not only for the elderly sisters but also for the young people, so that from their young age they would be ready to help others and share God's love with the ones who need it. It is so wonderful that after their visit people get filled with faith and optimism to go on in life!

Our ministry has another joy. On the latest Sunday worship, which was June 21, Victor tuned to the Lord in a prayer of repentance. (See pic.) His life was not easy. He has a background of a dysfunctional home and a prison term, but Victor has invited Jesus into his heart. Please, pray so that the Lord would lead him with His almighty hand!

Thank you very much for your prayers and care about us. By God's mercy we continue our ministry and look up to our Lord with joy.

Please, keep praying about us.

With love and gratitude, Sergey and Tonia Gormash







