



International Bible Society

*IBS Street kids' ministry
Crimea, Ukraine*



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*Providing Scripture together with material aid shows people
that they really matter to God*

Cooperating with other organizations that provide material support, International Bible Society is spreading the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ to those with significant needs. Children in Need, a Swedish charity is one such organization, which provides finances to support poverty stricken Ukrainian children. People not only need to be fed, dressed and have place where to live, but they also need to hear the message of God's great love. This is the mission and vision of IBS, to provide spiritual food and life by distributing Scriptures.

Hardly anybody can imagine the difficult life that a Ukrainian mother and her five daughters experienced until they met people who helped them to survive, not only physically but spiritually too...



Nadiya is member of IBS team and she works in a Street kids ministry in Evyptoria, Crimea. She cares for street kids in her home daily, combining spiritual ministry with material support.

The mother with five daughters is the poorest family in the area. The father was an unsuccessful businessman, who became involved with disreputable people. As a result, the whole family was reduced to poverty. Finding herself in such a hopeless situation, the only possible solution to the mother was to escape. However, after several years of aimless wandering, all that remained to them was an old, completely empty flat, to which mother moved together with her five daughters. The social support given by state was not sufficient enough for even one child to thrive. The family was so poor that they could hardly survive.



“When I met them for the first time in the soup kitchen for street kids and poor children”, said Nadiya, leading the IBS street kids' ministry, “ I was stunned. They looked so poverty-stricken and anxiety ridden, that I was deeply moved to tears.

The youngest girl was three years old, but all of her baby teeth hadn't come in yet because of insufficient nutrition. Three of the five girls suffered from some gastric difficulties. One girl had serious heart disease. All of them were so physically malnourished that I couldn't believe my eyes.”

“Due to the material support given by the Children in Need organization, we were able to provide the five girls with a healthy diet including fruits and vitamin additives. We also gave them suitable clothes, footwear as well as necessary household items.

The girls began attending elementary school and even learned to play musical instruments.”

“ The biggest desire that the mother had was to protect her children from the pernicious influence of the street. The girls enjoyed listening to Bible stories from the books provided by IBS: Jesus and His Life and My First Bible. Once they asked their mother to be allowed to visit church.”

“After some time the mother, who in the beginning had been skeptical about the idea, started to participate in a Bible study group and was more open to the Gospel. Now she sees the power of Word of God that can help people in all situations.”

Thank you for the financial gifts that enable IBS to distribute Scriptures in partnership with organizations giving material aid to needy people such as the Ukrainian mother and five daughters.

