



International Bible Society

## *Transforming Power Word of God*

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### *A Summer Camp Introduced Me to the Bible and Jesus*

Lyudmila works as the director of a college in Dzhankoe, Crimea. Last summer she began helping IBS workers to prepare various activities for children during an evangelistic summer camp organized by IBS. Lyudmila was open to help even though her attitude to religion was merely one of tolerance. Because formerly she had been member of the communist party, one would not expect her to be open to the Bible. At camp, children were told the stories from the Bible every day. They also memorised and recited Bible verses. Lyudmila watched as the children listened and learned.

One day the younger children received Jesus and His Life booklets while the older children received a Christian magazine. Lyudmila asked to have her own copies. Soon Lyudmila came to Nadya, an IBS worker, and asked to borrow a whole Bible because she wanted to begin reading it. Nadya gave her the Bible, hoping and praying that she would find salvation in Jesus Christ. Lyudmila did not return the Bible to Nadya immediately. Nadya asked herself, “what could this mean? Is Lyudmila really interested in the Bible and its message?”



Meanwhile, Lyudmila had agreed to help the summer camp children rehearse for a program. At the evening performance, Lyudmila’s group presented a drama that included Peter’s willingness to die with Jesus as well as Jesus’ healing, teaching and crucifixion. While Lyudmila read aloud the Bible stories, the children performed the drama. Deeply touched as she read, Lyudmila began to cry.

After the program finished, Lyudmila went to Nadya and said, “I wanted originally to do only a favor for you to please you by preparing a proper performance – that was the reason why I was reading Bible. But when I started to read about Jesus, about those times and events... I could not stop reading! I recognised that something was happening inside me. Suddenly, the Jesus from the Bible seemed to be very close to me, and I came to believe that all that is written in Scripture is true! And it is written for me too.”



With great joy, Nadya advised Lyudmila on how to receive Jesus as her Savior. Lyudmila then asked to have her own Bible and began to participate in a Bible study group. She was so happy to receive Jesus, and she promised to tell the good news to her pupils. Nadya gave Lyudmila copies of the Book of Life to distribute among her pupils.

At the beginning of last summer’s camp, Lyudmila was so far away from God, but now because of God’s transforming power, she is telling others about salvation through Jesus Christ. Lyudmila asked the IBS workers if she could participate in the summer camp this coming summer, sharing her personal faith in the Lord Jesus with the children.