

I for the Lord and the Lord for me

This year we had many wonderful people join our campaigns. Every one was a jewel - handpicked by our marvelous God! We really have the impression that the Lord sends only His best servants to us. (Or maybe it's the community and sincere love that bring out the best in all of us?)



I would like to tell you today about a very special servant. He is from Italy, his name is Alessandro, he is 28 years old and 1,25 meters (4 feet, 1 inch) high. When he was three years old they discovered a tumor in his head. he had multiple sicknesses in his childhood and his body did not grow properly. Alessandro can barely use one hand and one leg and he suffers from diabetes. 19 times God rescued him from sure death.

He suffered much during his childhood and at age 8 he wanted to take his own life. He surely would have a few reasons to retreat to a safe corner and have a self-pity party. All of us would certainly be able to understand that, but that is not what he does. God revealed Himself to Alessandro and since then he lives from and enjoys the love of God (I have seldom seen such radiant eyes) and passes on this love to others.

Alessandro barely speaks English but he conquered the hearts of the Israelis in an amazing way - no matter if he was on the streets or at army bases. By the way, he evangelizes full time in Italy. (What were our reasons again for not evangelizing?!) His life motto: **'I for the Lord and the Lord for me.'**

Alessandro challenged me anew. He thrives with that which God has given him. The love of God fills his life. It gives him life and hope and now he passes on this love to any person he finds who is ready to receive it. I would like to learn from him, not to focus on that which I might lack (although, in light of his story I cannot think of anything) but to focus instead on that which God has freely given me and pass it on. And you?

"From everyone who has been given much, much will be required." Luke 12:48 *Elishева*