Satanist Comes to Faith in Christ!

TMS graduate, Bruce Alvord (M.Div.’92, Th.M.’98) and his family are missionaries in the country of Ukraine. Bruce sent us the testimony of his pastor, Nicolai Ivanovich, who recently led a Satanist to Christ... and the battle witnessed first-hand for his soul.

"Our pastor, Nicolai, told us about a Satanist he just met named Sergey, who is married to another devil worshipper and is addicted to drugs. Sergey grew up as an orphan and joined the Satanists to help him seek revenge on staff members who had abused him at the orphanage. Long story short, the Lord led him to the Christian drug rehabilitation center that is supported by our church (a great one - all Bible, no psychology).

Last Wednesday Pastor Nick went to visit him, and as he and the rehab center director began to pray with Sergey that he would be freed from Satan, Sergey was thrown to the ground and couldn’t get up. Pastor Nick and the director heard voices “that sounded as if they were coming from the basement” that said, “We’re not going anywhere.” Our pastor called the church prayer group for backup. They prayed again and Sergey was able to get up, but unable to speak. After spending three hours wrestling in prayer, Sergey was finally able to verbalize his admission of repentance and trust in Jesus Christ. Our God reigns.

We love to see Him flex His muscle – just a little foretaste of great things to come!
We're sure Sergey would benefit greatly from any and all prayers for his continued battle to follow and obey the Lord.

The drug rehab group came to visit our church last Sunday and Pastor Nick said all the wounds on Sergey's face are from being literally thrown around while they were praying for him to be freed from Satan. Is it just us, or is it really incredible to actually see battles being won in the invisible war around us?"

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Yours for the Master,

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