

“Let There be Light” by Oleg Vasilevsky

If you don't believe in miracles, this story is for you. Now, if you believe in them, this is also for you too, so that you would remember that God is still in the miracle business.

Rainbow staff was in the middle of the 5th camp last summer. It was a very unique camp session because of the number of skeptics that came

the teenagers and counselors to gather in the auditorium due to the heavy rain.

Because of the lightning our computers turned off a few times but we were set to continue the program.

Suddenly, lightning hit somewhere near the camp and completely knocked out our electricity.

another pointing the flashlight at my notes.

At the end I invited the youth pastors to proceed to the front of the stage and challenged the teenagers to put their faith in Christ.

They flooded the stage. In the darkness it was hard to say how many came out - maybe 70 or 80. Maybe more.

At the end I prayed for those who put their faith in Christ and we rejoiced even though it was in the darkness with a few candles at that time on the stage.

Our worship leader Sergey got on stage to worship with the new believers. Because there was no power, we couldn't project the slides and Sergey didn't know what to sing but on the spur of the moment he came up with a song “Jesus, lover of my soul”.

He started worshiping and as soon as he finished a verse.. “He's taken me from the darkest place”, all the lights came on in the auditorium!!

God was heavily glorified at that moment with one exclamation... “Wow!” I think even the toughest skeptics were touched by the God's supernatural intervention into the camp program.

Once again God proved that He had a better plan for reaching out to these teenagers. None of us planned a power failure to enhance the message.

In fact, we got scared about “our program”. God used it for His glory! He touched the skeptics with His supernatural power! To Him be the Glory! Amen! Oleg

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that week.

It's exciting having so many non-believers at the camp. It is also challenging. From the first day they openly declared that we were “forcing” religion on them.

Many of the teenagers were sent to the camp with a warning from their parents that we would try to convert them into the foreign religion and that they would have to watch out for this not to happen.

One teenager promised his mom that if he felt we were doing something like it he would get in the middle of the auditorium, smoke a cigarette and say a few cuss words and we would send him home. Praise the Lord, God didn't allow him to do that.

On one of the last nights of the camp we were going to have an altar call, but during the youth pastor's meeting we realized that the teenagers were not ready yet. It was sad but we had to postpone the repentance night until the next day. We do this very rarely.

The next day it took a while for all

The power loss came as a huge shock because we have never had that happen to us before. It was quite a challenge to decide what to do with the program that required major light, video and sound support.

But God had a plan! We continued in the full darkness with the testimonies. After the testimonies we were scheduled to have our camp drama, but we made a quick decision to omit that and instead I got on the stage preach.

The staff was truly amazing. In no time they came up with a battery powered speaker and a microphone on the stage.

At the same time there was the bad news that the campsite management was unable to get the power back on.

So, I preached a message about faith. There was one staff member pointing a flashlight on me and

