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Dear friend,

"It's war... when a young mother, who comes to our church to pick up free diapers, can't write her name because her hands are shaking too much..."

It's war... when a young father, with his three-year-old son by the hand and a baby in his arm, responds to the question whether he wants to take food for their mother, says she was recently killed in a bombing. They had buried her last week..."

The war in Ukraine is still in full swing. Personal stories like this, which we receive from Vlad, our outreach worker in Ukraine, describe a harsh reality. But Vlad is hopeful. "The Lord is not only in control of the situation, but He has already won the victory. He helps us to triumph in Christ in everything we go through," he recently wrote. "We trust in God—not in our economic, political, or military strength."



Thank God

God is there— even Yan Valetov, a respected Ukrainian journalist of Jewish descent, noticed. He made a remarkable statement on TV channel "Ukraine 24":

"In this war, we walk along the abyss every time. Every time we are saved by another miracle... We were saved by new weapons being delivered just in time... We were saved by missile launches just in time... We were saved by people who protected the country without sparing their own lives... I am a atheist – and even wrote there a book about – but you know, these things could never happen without God's intervention. There must be Someone up there who loves us dearly. Because you don't have to be a military strategist to realize what could have happened, but what - thank God - didn't."

Thanks to your support, Ukrainians receive help and hope

Despite the daily fighting and bombing, Vlad continues to spread Derek's Bible teachings. With donations from people like you, we were even able to help Vlad go



the extra mile. Vlad: "Every day I post several packages of books and proclamation cards to Ukrainians inside and outside our borders. Also, we are working on a series of YouTube videos featuring daily meditations and proclamations from Derek's book *Declaring God's Word*. This will allow us to reach many people, including the younger generation."

Vlad has good connections with local partners, such as churches and Christian leaders, whom we help with relief packs that contain food, toiletries and clothing. Derek's Bible teaching is included with every aid kit. One of those partners is Yulya Sokol and her congregation. They distribute food in metro stations, where people are hiding for the bombings, and reach out to people who couldn't leave their homes. On her Facebook page, Yulya shared a video thanking DPM for the help. She said:

"I never thought this was possible... but God is Almighty! Derek Prince's Bible teaching has always inspired me immensely. In my eyes he was a legend, an example of what it means to follow Jesus Christ. And now Derek Prince Ministries is helping us feed people during the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and deliver food parcels to those who need it most, in devastated towns and cities, amid lost lives and deep pain. We are together, united by the service of Christ. Thank you!"

Watch her video <https://www.facebook.com/dpmuk/posts/2477099379087241>

Last week, Vlad received a letter from Asya from Skadovsk, in the occupied Kherson region (southern Ukraine). Asya, her daughter and her mother are students of the Bible Correspondence School. "My mother Olya became very ill", she wrote, "but we have no money, no medicine, no jobs because of the war. Sirens are howling

constantly. Our city is full of lethal weapons and there are rumors that they want to wipe out our city. God, we need a miracle!”

Although they are a poor family, Asya frequently donated (even after the outbreak of the war) small amounts of 2 or 3 euros to show their thankfulness for Derek’s Bible teaching. Now, we have been able to support them. You are part of the miracle they needed so desperately.

Thank you

We would like to pass on their 'thank you' to you, as a friend of DPM. With the faithful, committed support of friends like you, we were able to provide hope, comfort and help in Ukraine at lightning speed:

- More than 30,000 proclamation cards were printed in Ukrainian and Russian. The demand is so great that we will soon be printing a new batch.



- Some 15,000 books, including The Divine Exchange, were printed and given away, along with emergency aid, to refugees and displaced persons, to soldiers on the front lines, and to families left behind.
- We were able to spend more than € 60,000 through local partners on emergency aid in large cities such as Kiev and in the border areas in eastern Ukraine. People were given food, water, clothes, blankets, toiletries when everything was destroyed.
- Another project that we were able to support thanks to your help is a Christian children's camp. About 60 children from the war zones come to the camp to recover from stress, to relax with sports and games, and to be encouraged from God's Word.

Thank you for your gifts and prayers that made this possible. We are well aware that everything is becoming more expensive in our own country too, which is why we appreciate your support all the more. Thank you for bringing hope and help to Ukraine on your behalf!

Continue to pray

As the war continues, we would boldly ask you not to slacken in prayer, but to keep praying. Proverbs 21:31 says: A horse is prepared for the day of battle, but the victory belongs to the LORD.

- Thank God for the miracles of protection and deliverance.
- Pray for the people of Ukraine and Russia that this war will bring them closer to God.
- Pray for Christians and churches in Ukraine to be a source of hope and help. Pray for the many volunteers we work with. They are at high risk and are having a hard time emotionally. Ask the Lord to renew their strength.
- Pray for the preparations for the new YouTube video project about Declaring 'God's Word'.
- Please pray for the brother who will record these proclamations so that the videos can go online from January 1.
- Pray that every book and proclamation card will reach the right people and touch their hearts.
- Pray that the Ukrainian refugees who have fled their country will receive encouragement from Christians in their host country.

Every time we speak to Vlad, he is grateful for our prayers. "We notice the difference and feel enormously supported. The Lord is with us. He promised to always be with us. Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus!"

In that love we are also connected to each other. Thank you!

