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GOD IS WORKING IN UKRAINE

While living in Budapest, Hungary from 2000-2005, I was a part of a team who was training and equipping Deaf Christian leaders from Europe. We had two groups of Deaf Ukrainian leaders go through the program, and one of the graduates, Elena, is now seeing fruit after many years of trying to reach out to the local Deaf community.



Various Deaf groups in different churches in her city were not getting along, causing many Deaf to not want anything to do with church or Christ. **Until the war with Russia came.**

Bombing started along the border, eventually hitting Kharkov, where Elena lived. **Her building was hit, blowing out the windows, electricity, running water and heat.** Elena huddled in her apartment with her son whenever they weren't in the bomb shelter, boarding up the windows to keep the cold out. **They lived on crackers, a little drinking water and whatever food they had left.**



All the Deaf people in the different churches became united as the war affected them. **The non-believers began to seek the Lord. Before the war, Elena only had a few contacts in her phone, but now she has a very long list of Deaf people waiting for her to get in touch with them to tell them stories of Jesus, and how to ask Him into their hearts and lives!**



One day, Elena decided to go out to get more food. She was being stubborn and was not listening to the Lord or her neighbors about staying inside. **She went out, and then saw a man about a short distance away in front of her fall over from being hit in the arm by a bullet! She immediately went back to her apartment building.** She asked the Lord to forgive her, and apologized for not listening to Him. She then began to pray asking the Lord what to do next.

Laci, one of my colleagues here in Romania, contacted Elena, wondering about our Deaf Ukrainian leaders, and learned about her situation. He and my other colleagues worked together to get Elena out with help from Deaf Bridge, an organization from the U.S. working within the country to rescue Deaf and bring them to safety. They were able to get Elena and bring her to the Ukrainian-Romanian border after ten hours of dangerous traveling. **God kept His hand on them even when their vehicles were hit or grazed by bullets! After a long train trip, she arrived in my city. I welcomed her with open arms.** We loved her, comforted her, talked with and prayed for her. She rested with us for two weeks.

We were encouraged by Scripture, specifically by a story from 2 Kings 6:8-23.

When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. "Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?" the servant asked.

"Don't be afraid," the prophet answered. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

And Elisha prayed, "Open his eyes, Lord, so that he may see." Then the Lord opened the servant's eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. (2 Kings 6:15-17)

In spite of the war, we are surrounded by a mightier army! God is still working behind the scenes. He is doing great things among His people, both Deaf and hearing, and is drawing all people to Himself.

After two weeks with us, Elena arrived in Greece safely to be with her daughter. Praise God for protecting her and bringing her to safety! **Please pray for others who are not able to get out and that they will seek the Lord and invite Him into their lives.**



PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for us as we seek to reach out to the Deaf Ukrainian refugees. We have the opportunity to be the hands and feet of Jesus to them. It highlights so much more the need to get His Word translated into the heart languages of those who've never seen nor heard of Him.
- Pray for Elena as God has perhaps led her to a new mission field in Greece where there are no Deaf churches. Pray for her as she is planning to begin evangelism once she gets settled, gets some rest and takes care of her health.
- Pray for the Deaf Ukrainians to open their hearts and minds to Christ as Elena continues to minister to them through her phone.



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