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# Bohdan's Story

Dear [REDACTED],

*"I know that God is with me. So what can threaten me now?"*

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Those words were spoken by **Bohdan**, a 26-year-old Ukrainian soldier who endured unimaginable suffering, and whose life was saved when he received a copy of the Bible.

Earlier this year, we shared Tetiana's story in the Spring edition of *Word at Work*. Today, we are compelled to share Bohdan's because **the need that reached him has not passed. It is growing.**

In 2025, Bohdan was captured during a mission to liberate Iziium in the Kharkiv region. During his captivity, he was subjected to severe physical and psychological torture. The suffering drove him



...torture. The suffering drove him to attempt to take his own life - twice.

When an Orthodox priest learned of Bohdan's condition, he began visiting him. Though guards refused to allow Scripture inside the prison, the priest took a risk and secretly placed a **New Testament with Psalms** into Bohdan's hands.



### **That one small gift became a lifeline.**

As Bohdan read God's Word, the desire to end his life disappeared. In its place came hope. Hope of survival, hope of seeing his parents again, hope that God had not abandoned him.

Other prisoners noticed the change. Soon, around **20 men were gathering together**, reading Scripture aloud, passing the New Testament from hand to hand. Each person was given a short, precious turn. They memorised Psalms and Gospel passages, translating them into Ukrainian so God's Word could live in their own language.

Even in captivity, people were fighting. Not over food, but for time with the Bible.

In the final days before his release, Bohdan asked to be baptised. On **4th July 2025**, he was freed in a prisoner exchange. Today, he is recovering in a military hospital near Kyiv.

When asked recently whether he feared for his life, his answer was simple:

***"I know that God is with me. So what can threaten me now?"***

Friend, **Bohdan's story is not unique.** There are countless soldiers,

prisoners, displaced families, and traumatised civilians across Ukraine who are desperate for hope - and who are still waiting for access to God's Word.

**Bibles are needed right now.**

Opportunities to distribute them exist right now.

Lives are hanging in the balance right now.

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Today, we are asking you to **prayerfully and urgently consider supporting the Ukrainian Bible Society**, so that more people can receive the Bible while there is still opportunity to reach them.

One small gift saved Bohdan's life and impacted an entire prison cell.

**Your gift today can help ensure the next Bible reaches someone who is still waiting.**

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With sincere thanks,



Wilson Beare

**Chief Executive Officer**



**P.S.** One New Testament changed Bohdan's life and strengthened an entire prison cell. Your support today can help ensure the next Bible reaches someone who cannot wait.

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