

# A Chainsaw That Changed Everything

HART's Child Sponsor Project

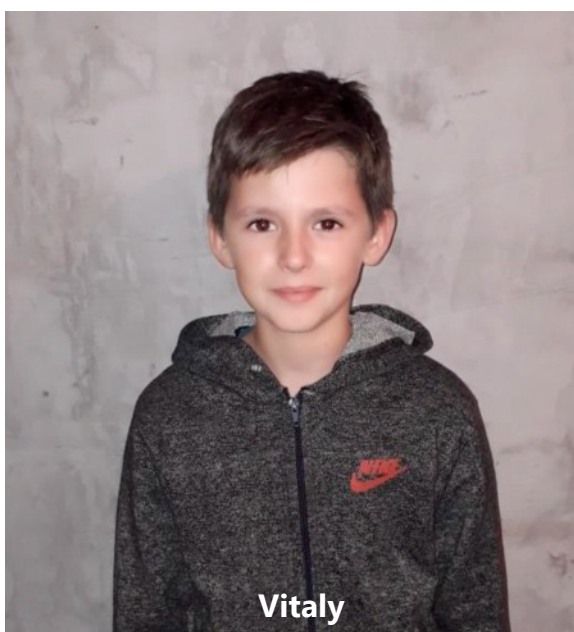
## More Than a Chainsaw: A Gift of Love & Possibility

Sometimes the simplest things can carry the greatest meaning. For Vitaly, a young man from a small Ukrainian village, that "simple thing" was a chainsaw — a gift that not only made daily life easier but also became a symbol of care, dignity, and God's mercy.

### Abandonment and hardship

When Vitaly was a youngster, his mother left him and his younger sister in the care of her parents.

For grandparents already struggling with age, illness, and a small pension, raising two abandoned children felt overwhelming. Yet even in their struggle, God showed His compassion through the HART sponsorship program and hope found its way into their home.



Vitaly

When Vitaly was seven, he was brought into HART's Child Sponsor Program, and a sponsor from Edmonton, named Alice, stepped into his life. What began as monthly support became something far deeper — a steady reminder that this little family was seen, valued, and not forgotten.

With the loving support of Alice, the family received monthly food packages filled with essential groceries, which have been a lifeline during difficult seasons. It eased the burden on their limited income, bringing a sense of stability and care into their home.

Through Alice's generosity, they were able to purchase an electric kettle, an iron, and — most importantly — a chainsaw. This chainsaw had long been Vitaly's dream.



A boy and his chainsaw



Vitaly with grandparents and his sister



Vitaly is a hard-working young man

### A Chainsaw Changed Everything

In rural life, firewood means warmth, safety, and survival. After Vitaly's grandfather underwent a leg amputation, all household responsibilities fell on this young man's shoulders.

Now, thanks to the chainsaw, he can cut and prepare firewood himself — something that once seemed impossible.

Additionally, Vitaly can cut wood for their neighbours and even earning a little income to support his family.

***"For me, a chainsaw isn't just a tool. It's a dream come true," Vitaly says. "It means I can take care of my family — and that's priceless."***

Vitaly is an incredibly hardworking and thoughtful young man. He is studying agronomy because he dreams of developing agriculture in Ukraine and helping local farmers improve their harvests. The kindness and support he's received birthed in him the desire to serve others.

The HART sponsorship program has become more than just assistance — it has been a lifeline of hope. Every letter, every gift, and every prayer from Alice reminded this family that they are not forgotten.

Vitaly and his sister eagerly attend Bible school and church programs in their community, listening to God's Word with reverence and joy.

In one of his letters, Vitaly wrote:

***"Thank you, my dear sponsor, for always being there for me — even from afar. The gifts you've given me were amazing. I will remember you all my life!"***

### And here is where you come into the story.

Stories like Vitaly's are only possible because someone chose to invest in a child's future. If your heart was moved by his journey — from abandonment to hope, from struggle to purpose — we invite you to consider becoming a child sponsor through HART.

Your monthly support provides not just food or clothing, but the powerful message every child longs to hear: ***"You matter. You are loved. God has a plan for your life."*** Today, you can step into the story of another child in Ukraine and help turn hardship into hope, just as Alice did for Vitaly.



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