



## Building Leaders, Changing Ukraine - Yaroslav’s Story

### Introduction – The Dream Begins

Yaroslav Sikorsky was an ordinary young man with a God-given dream—to use his talents for something greater than himself. Growing up in Ukraine, he envisioned a future shaped by technology and innovation. His goal was to study automation and production control, but like most Ukrainian students, the financial barriers seemed insurmountable.

That’s where HART stepped in. **Thanks to your support of HART’s Scholarship Fund**, Yaroslav graduated with honours from Lutsk National Technical University, where he pursued his passion for automation and production control. This achievement marked a crucial step in fulfilling God's plan for his life.

### A Nation at War

After graduation, he was drafted into the Ukrainian border guard troops for mandatory military service, as required by law. What was meant to be one year of service stretched into three years due to the outbreak of the full-scale war with Russia.

But even amid the fatigue, fear, and chaos of war, Yaroslav’s faith never wavered, seeking God’s guidance and finding ways to serve. Wherever he was stationed he connected with local churches, and also organized online youth events for his community back home.



His dedication and character earned him the trust of his military superiors, who permitted him to attend local church services. With his new friends from rural churches, he began discipling young boys through sports activities. Many of them struggled with the emotional toll of war. Where others saw only hardship, Yaroslav saw opportunity to serve.

Despite sleepless nights and demanding shifts, he remained committed to serving others, and growing in his personal development by learning new programming skills and improving his English, reading books to expand his horizons. He understood that leadership begins not with titles, but with the choice to serve faithfully, wherever God places you.



### A Life of Impact



After completing three years of military service, Yaroslav stepped confidently into the next chapter of his life with a clear sense of purpose. Today, he works as a project manager at the well-known Modern Expo factory—a role that enables him to support himself and care for his family, including his sister and two elderly grandmothers. Every Sunday, he ensures they get to church by covering their taxi fare, a simple but meaningful act of love.

But Yaroslav’s journey doesn’t stop there. His true passion lies in ministry. He leads youth gatherings, hosts home Bible studies, and shares God’s Word with conviction and joy. His mission is to help young people grow in their faith, discover their calling, and hold on

to hope—even in the face of life’s hardest trials.

Yaroslav lives by **the principle of giving back**. He faithfully tithes—not only to his church, but also to neighbors and families facing hardship. **His life stands as a powerful testament** to how faith and generous support can bring transformation—not just to one person, but to entire communities and society as a whole.

## HART COMMUNITY – You Made This Possible

To our friends and partners across Canada and the USA: you are an integral part of Yaroslav's inspiring journey. You made it possible for him to pursue education, survive the trauma of war, and emerge as a bold, faithful leader.

Your support served as a constant reminder of God's provision and His plan for Yaroslav's life. Thank you for believing in these young people and helping to change their lives. And thank you for glorifying God through your compassion and faithfulness.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Right now, **thousands of bright, dedicated Ukrainian students** are eager to pursue university, vocational training, or seminary studies. But for many, the cost is an overwhelming barrier. No matter how determined they are, they can’t break free from poverty on their own.

**But - You can help make their dreams a reality.**

Yaroslav Sikorsky’s journey is living proof of this. His story shows how, through your support, young leaders are being equipped to make a lasting, godly impact on Ukraine’s future.

**Visit our website to support a student’s journey** toward higher education, vocational skills, or ministry training today.

**Together, we can help raise up the next generation of Christian leaders who have the power to reshape Ukraine's future.**

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