



Sunday began with fear and explosions. It ended with worship, hope, and a miracle story only God could write.

Unshaken Worship and Faith

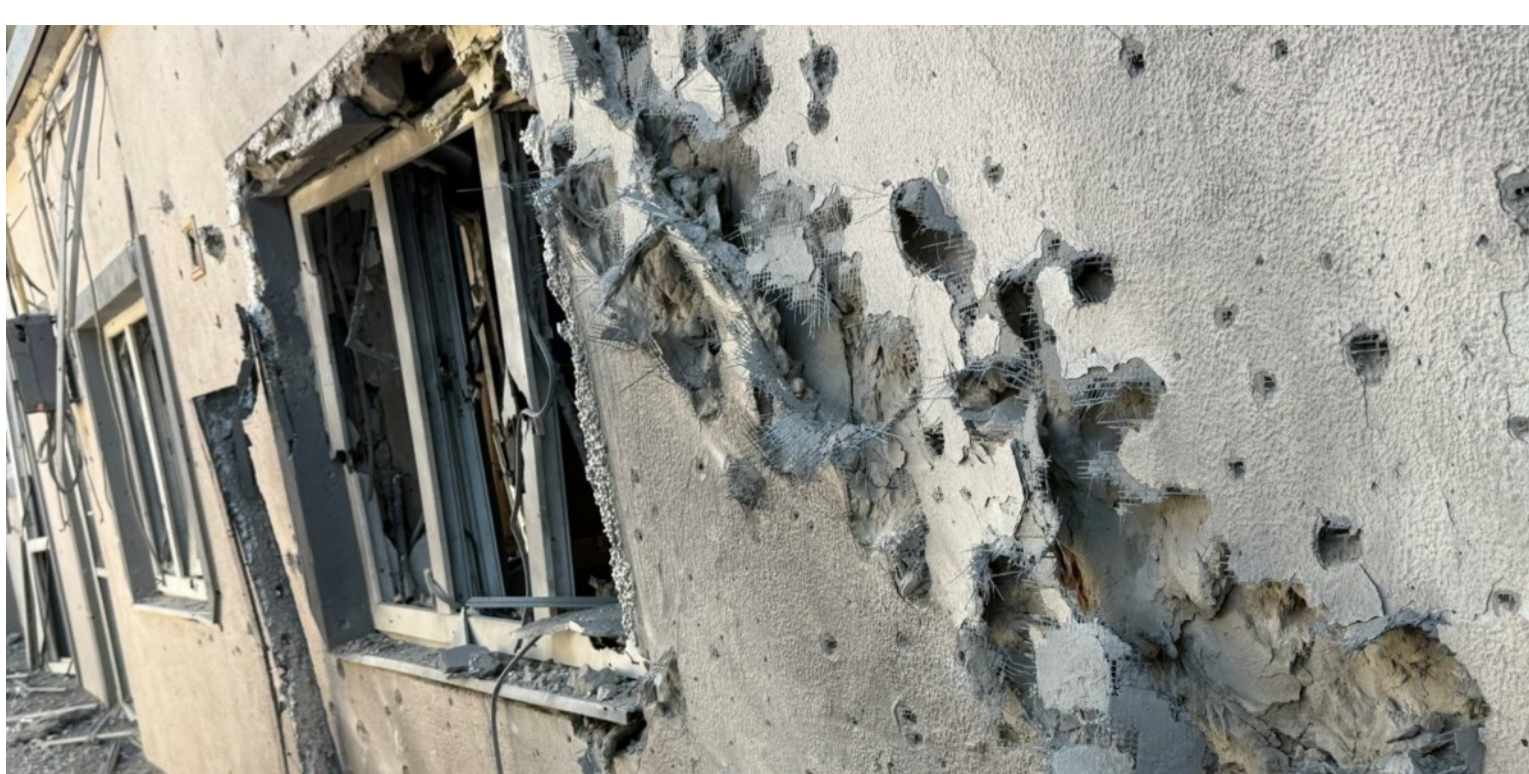
By Pastor Yevhen

"We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed."

2 Corinthians 4:8-9

Sunday morning began under the shadow of fear. The night had been filled with the sounds of artillery and missiles, leaving hearts weary and unsettled. Yet as dawn broke, believers prepared for worship. It was the Lord's Day, and worship would not be postponed—even in war.

The phone rang and I was told the news. A Russian missile had struck our church. We rushed there immediately, fearing the worst. Ten minutes later, I stood in the courtyard staring at devastation. The rocket had landed in the very center of the yard—windows shattered, doors torn apart, walls scarred with holes, and a film of dirt covering every surface.



Suddenly, the guard appeared. Though he had been nearby, he was miraculously unharmed. On the ground, I noticed blood — it was from Chernish, the church dog, wounded but not critically.



My heart trembled as I realized the bomb had struck only two hours before our Sunday service. The church, usually filled with believers, was completely empty at that moment. What could have been a massacre became instead a miracle of God's protection. He spared His people.

But the greater miracle came next. Despite the destruction, instead of being intimidated, Christians and others from our town who attend our church began arriving. A steady stream of people, carefully stepping over rubble, entered the damaged sanctuary.

And when the service began, voices lifted in prayers, hymns, and worship. In a building scarred by violence, the presence of God filled the room with hope and peace.

One week later, new life bloomed from the ashes.

The church prepared a baptismal pool, and eleven people declared their faith in Christ through baptism.



It was as if God Himself answered the evil around us with a sign of victory - souls saved, lives transformed, hearts united even more firmly in His love.



This is what sustains the church in Ukraine: God's faithfulness in the midst of war. The attack that sought to silence worship, only amplified it. The destruction that could have scattered these people only drew them closer to Christ.

Dear friends and partners of HART Mission, you are part of this miracle. Through your faithful prayers and support, worship rises, the Gospel advances, and lives are being transformed. Together, we proclaim that no weapon formed against God's people will prevail.

To Him be all glory!

Your friend and brother, Yevhen.

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