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Hope and Resilience

I want to share with you the story of a remarkable leader and firsthand witness of God's work in Ukraine, Denis Gorenkov. Some of you may remember that Denis served as the Mission Eurasia International Director in Ukraine before the war, bringing invaluable experience as a church minister, missiologist, and now as a military chaplain.

For years, he has dedicated his life to strengthening the church, training leaders, and serving in one of the most challenging environments in Ukraine.

Recently, Denis attended the "Living Movement" conference in Ukraine, a gathering of Christian youth in the midst of ongoing war. His insights and reflections reveal a story of resilience, hope, and unwavering faith among Ukraine's younger generation.

Here is a compelling excerpt from Denis's report:

The Unbreakable Spirit of Ukrainian Youth in the Midst of War

By Denis Gorenkov



I attended the recent "Living Movement" conference, eager to witness firsthand how Christian youth in Ukraine are persevering through the ongoing full-scale war. My goal was not just to hear reports, but to see with my own eyes whether life, energy, and faith still thrived among the younger generation. What I experienced was nothing short of a powerful sign of hope.

Despite the chaos and uncertainty, the "Living Movement" has not only survived but has grown stronger and more mature. It's no longer a fleeting burst of enthusiasm but a well-directed initiative with clear purpose and vision. The resources invested are bearing fruit—seeds planted in good soil, sprouting resilience and purpose.

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."
Galatians 6:9

What struck me most was the atmosphere of camaraderie. It's a community built on trust and genuine care, helping one another without formalities, responding with readiness and trust in the Spirit. Back in the parking lot, I randomly struck up a conversation with a young man named Stas. Ten minutes later, many organizational issues were resolved, simply because of that sense of authentic community. It's a reminder that where camaraderie reigns, progress happens faster than through bureaucracy.

Amidst the turmoil, I was amazed to see order—everything from registration to schedules—run like clockwork.

This reflects how the Christian community, like Ukraine itself, is not only holding on but also actively building, creating, and moving forward. They are demonstrating resilience and a proactive spirit rooted in faith.



"For God is not a God of disorder but of peace." 1
Corinthians 14:33

What inspired me most was witnessing a generation unafraid of the challenges of our time. These young leaders are not just surviving; they are creating, building, and serving. Anna, a third-year student, shared during my master class:

"I got punctuality from my dad, and the desire to serve with my talents from Christ."

Her words encapsulate this new generation, combining professionalism with vocation, hope with action.

The conference also showcased tangible resources for Ukraine's recovery, initiatives supporting the military, education, and innovative projects. It's a living workshop, a "repair kit" for the nation, small contributions from many that, together, form part of God's greater plan.

Yes, this year's gathering was smaller, which is natural given the upheaval. But what remained unchanged was the spirit: the pulse of a "Living Movement" that continues to breathe life into Ukraine's future. I've seen the hope. I've seen the youth. And I believe that with such dedicated young believers, Ukraine's tomorrow is bright.



"I can do all this through him who gives me strength."

— Philippians 4:13

Despite the chaos and danger, Denis observed that the "Living Movement" has not only endured but has become more mature and purposeful. He witnessed communities built on trust, camaraderie, order amidst chaos, and young leaders committed to action rather than fear. Their faith and innovative efforts are laying a foundation for Ukraine's recovery and future.

This is a vivid reminder that even in the darkest times, God's Spirit is alive, inspiring a new generation to lead with hope and purpose.

Your support of Mission Eurasia is empowering these young leaders—those who are shaping tomorrow's Ukraine. Together, we are investing in a future where faith and resilience transform nations.

Thank you for partnering with us in this vital mission.

Warm regards,

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