

## Story from the war

"I got to know God at the frontline thanks to the Bible" - these words I heard from mobilized soldier Kyrylo, who is 57 years old.

On November 23, 21 months into the war, we visited our military in the woods near Bakhmut. At one of the positions, we met a group of soldiers who were manning a cannon. While reading Psalm 91, "Prayer for Soldiers" we were interrupted by shell explosions. When I found myself in a trench next to soldier Kyrylo, he told me that two weeks ago we had come and given him a Bible: "I have never been to church, never read the Bible, because I never had one. Here, at the combat positions, in short moments of silence, I started reading prayers from the Book of Psalms, as you advised me back then. I feel warmth inside me while reading. I have never experienced anything like this in my life. I realized that it was God who came to me, a sinner, at the age of 57. He came here, to the swamp, to the horrors of the war, to find me. Thank you for the Bible, it revived me to a new life - a life with God. Please, could you pray with me?" A few minutes later, when everything has quieted down, we continued reading Psalm 91. My voice was a bit hoarse because it was -10 in the forest and I was quite cold.

God works in an amazing way. His Word is alive and active. Thank you, dear friends, that we have Bibles and are able to give them to people in different circumstances.

With gratitude and hope for the best,

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