



## Ministry stories 2019

### Roman Korniyko, Father's House, Kyiv, Ukraine (96)

#### Greetings!

We thank you for this precious partnership, your help and prayers. Each of the kids we shelter in "Father's House" has their own story. We want to share a story of Mykola - a very special kid, who has serious health issues, despite which he has tasted amazing God's mercy and thanks to "Father's House" now started a new life.



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Mykola was born in Ivankiv village, Kyiv region, on May 13th, 2008. His lonely mother had an alcohol addiction and his father wasn't present in his life at all. His childhood was quite complicated due to the fact that he was born with congenital pathology - gastroschisis. It is a terrible birth defect when the baby's intestines extend outside of the abdomen through a hole next to the belly button. Having been just a little baby, the boy went into surgery, but since post-surgery care wasn't good enough to help him recover, he had to fight additional health issues and eventually was given a medical condition status.



For the first time Mykola got into the "Father House" at the age of seven, after the Juvenile service took him away from his family, subsequently depriving the mother of parental rights for unsatisfactory conditions of child care, unsanitary and alcoholism. After Mykola was medically examined, the doctors recommended him to wear a special bandage and urged him to stick to the diet. But the boy's inclination for physical activity didn't let him sit still for long even with his big tummy. Before going under surgery Mykola was taken to the



hospital several times for preliminary check, and each time we were informed of different amounts of money that was needed to cover his treatment expenditures. We requested an official receipt to be able to collect the necessary sum of money but got a denial. It is also worth mentioning that the last two medical examination results showed that Mykola had a critically low hemoglobin level. Given such conditions he was not allowed to go for a surgery.

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During the years of his stay at "Father's House", Mykola grew up considerably, becoming much physically stronger and quickly learning everything that was offered to him. A few years ago, he was hosted by an American family in the US that later expressed their intention to adopt him (despite his sometimes inappropriate behavior and remaining health issues). For a quite long time the boy was preparing for moving to the US. Recently, a court ruled out a decision that gave permission to the family to legally adopt him. Thank God, this poor child, who has so much suffering in his life, now got a chance for a better future full of love and care. Mykola is now preparing to leave Ukraine and be welcomed by new parents who are determined to treat and love him as their own son.

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### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Please, pray for other kids from "Father's House" to be adopted in families;
- Ask God to bless Mykola in his journey to the US and also pray for his health.



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