

LeaderImpact Podcast Ep. 8 Andrew Denysov

Andrew's company - <https://techvision.global/>

Impact Bridges Group - <https://www.impactbridgesgroup.com/>

YouVersion Bible app – Available through the Apple App Store and Google Play

Life Church – <https://www.life.church/>

Show Notes

- Located in Lviv. A city about 1 hour from the border with Poland. There are many refugees going through this city. They are further from the front lines of the war, but there have been some missile strikes in Lviv.
- His family is doing well, but it is an emotional time. School is online because school buildings are used to house refugees and displaced people. There are thousands of people going through Lviv everyday.
 - Andrew and his wife are trying to limit how much his kids are hearing about the war, but it is hard because they are living in war conditions, like air sirens going off.
 - His wife has chosen to stay in Lviv with Andrew, but within a few weeks she may leave with their kids
- Analysts think fighting will be very heavy until May 9, which is the day Russia celebrates the defeat of Nazi Germany
- What should we know about him and his country
 - They are a people who love to create, build, and innovate

I have chosen to stay in the Ukraine to grow and lead our people. I want to make a difference here.

- Founder of TechVision Global
 - Wants to create workplaces in Ukraine to help build up the economy
 - Seems to be every 3-5 years there is something that has affected the Ukrainian economy
 - 2004 – a revolution
 - 2008 – global financial crisis
 - 2013 – a revolution
 - 2020 – COVID pandemic
 - Was unemployed when he graduated from university, so he started a business to create a workplace for himself and his friends.
- What is the role of global business leaders in the war in Ukraine?

- o Keep doing business in Ukraine
- o When the war is done, come visit Ukraine!
- Cyber-war
 - o They do not want any type of war, but they are fighting as a way of fighting the aggressors
 - o Targeting tech and websites in Russia
 - o Spreading true information to Russian people
 - o They are reacting, not initiating the cyber-war. They do not want to do this, but are doing it to protect the national systems, like banking
- Stopping cyber-attacks
 - o Invited by a friend who works in government and a network of over 300,000 people working in tech was created to protect and attack
 - o StarLink has been used to keep internet connection
- What is happening in churches in Lviv
 - o Many people coming to pray and church services. More people are more open to God because they are afraid.

Our goal is to bring people spiritual food.

- Andrew's sermon on contagious hope
 - o As Christians we need to live by faith, not by fear; be sacrificial not selfish; shine the light, not hide it.
- What does Andrew have hope for?
 - o His hope is in God. He wants eyes to see and ears to hear people who need help.
 - o God will bring peace to Ukraine
- Andrew's response to people who say, "If God exists, how could he let this happen?"
 - o This is the most popular question in Ukraine
 - o God has a perfect plan, and we need to trust him even though it is hard to see what his plan is. For example, because of COVID, churches now have a digital outreach to people. More people can attend a church digitally than a church could hold physically. The same with this war. We don't know why the war is happening, but we know God has a plan.
 - o We live in an imperfect world where evil exists in this world that is why need God. We need to long for Jesus.
- What do people need to start talking about
 - o Russia is the aggressor. Putin wants to kill Ukrainians, and if he succeeds, he will do this to other countries.
- Andrew's faith legacy

- Something he has been thinking about lots
- Invest in his kids
- As a leader, invest God's values to people around him
- What brings Andrew joy
 - He is alive!
 - His family.
 - Bring happiness and joy to others
- **Prayers for Ukraine**
 - For the opening of corridors both for evacuation and humanitarian aid around cities under attack in Ukraine
 - Many people in these cities are without heat and electricity.
 - We pray for the many churches that have opened their doors to neighbors offering food and shelter.
 - We pray for protection of many children and parents who will spend another night in bomb shelters, metro stations, or on roads.
 - To safer places and to all have to all the brave volunteers risking their lives to evacuate people.
 - We pray for logistics of getting funds and humanitarian aid to churches and refugee camps. So they can continue to have food, medicine, and other supplies.
 - Pray for the many pastors leading their people at this critical time of decision and risk. They carry a heavy burden.
 - We pray for the many believers who will have to bear arms against a professional army as the war continues and
 - We pray for the lord to cause the opposing army to lose the will to fight, be afraid, be confused or use other methods to stop the war
 - For the many volunteers who are setting up camps for refugees so that they will have necessary funds places for accommodations and physical strength to serve
 - We pray for the many believers to stay strong continue trusting the lord and ought to give into panic fear and desperation.

We will be your prayer army, Andrew!