



KYRYLO SHEVYAKOV, *6 years old*

City of Kharkiv

At 5 am, enemy planes roared over their five-story building. The adults quickly gathered the essentials and called a taxi to get to the station. But their plans were thwarted by loud explosions in the neighborhood. The family ran to the nearest shelter. All the way to the basement, they were accompanied by enemy shelling. Dad picked up Kirill in his arms because the boy was sleepy and could not run fast.

"We lived in the basement of a kindergarten, not far from our house. It was very cold and scary there. Bombs exploded in the street and "Grady" was fired. But my friend Timur showed up, he also hid with his mother and father. We ate together and went to bed together," says Kyrylko.

Three days later, Timur and his parents were taken away by friends and they went

abroad. On the 6th day, when it became calmer, Kirylka's family was also able to get to the station and jump on the evacuation train.

"There were a lot of people with animals. We had no way to move. People were everywhere. They even slept in the aisles. So we went for a very long time," the boy recalls of the evacuation to Lviv.

One week ago, the Shevyakov family returned to their native Kharkiv, mutilated but unconquered. Their house survived. "Dad says our city is coming to life." I believe that the war will end very soon and there will be peace in Ukraine!" Kyrylo repeats every day.

For reference

Shevyakov family:

Father - Andrew, master of road service, 28 years old; mother - Yana, technologist (bakery products), master of eyelash extensions, 27 years old; son - Cyril, schoolboy, 6 years old.

