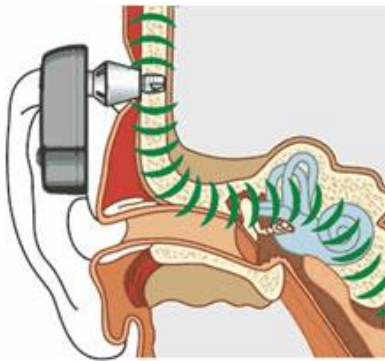


Hello, my name is Taras Drobot'ko. I teach history at a public school. I have a mother and a brother who is in high school.

I have been a member of Fimiam Church in Lutsk, Ukraine for about 5 years. I am engaged in the youth and teenagers' ministries, as a mentor and a leader for various courses. I like to fellowship with people and to study the Bible and my own heart. In 2015 I will complete my studies at "Coram Deo," an international mentoring institute. I believe personal evangelism is the best way to lead people to Christ, so I try to use every opportunity to share the Good News.

But I have a troublesome physical problem which makes it difficult to communicate with people – a congenital anomaly of the right ear with almost complete absence of the external ear (except the ear lobe) and complete absence of the ear canal. The result is practical deafness in both ears. Because of the absence of the external ear I cannot wear traditional hearing aids that fixate behind the ear. I do utilize other types of earphones, but I still have to ask people to repeat themselves again and again (though I do not always dare to do this).

In cases such as mine, an implanted bone conductive hearing aid, known as the Baha, is regarded as the best option. It transmits sound to the inner ear through the bones of the skull, bypassing the ear canal.



The Baha enables a person to hear and perceive sounds from both sides, which is impossible for me now because of the head shadow effect. The Baha results in complete, two-way perception of sounds. Sound signals do not weaken when passing through the skin (that is impossible for a bone conductive hearing aid which is attached to the head with bandage). The Baha ensures the purity and clarity of sound signal perception in any acoustic environment.

But the cost of the Baha bone conductive hearing aid, along with the operation to install the titanium pin into the bone and connect the supporter, is 7,500 euros (about \$7,945). For a Ukrainian teacher, this is an enormously huge sum.

If God lays it on your heart, I ask for your help in meeting this need – prayerfully or financially, partially or completely. I would be grateful to you for any and all support. I believe the Baha bone conductive hearing aid can become a blessing for me and for the church. It can improve my ability to minister as I'll be able to hear people better and share the Good News boldly.

Of course I understand a bone conductive hearing aid is just an instrument and God's love towards me will not be smaller even without it. "Although if you can gain your freedom, do so" (1 Corinthians 7:21). I have entrusted the matter to God.



At the Bible study led by Roger Brind.



At the evening youth worship service at Fimiam Church

With best regards,
Taras.

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