



UKRAINE MISSIONS NEWS

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This newsletter is being compiled in Columbia, TN. I am to speak at the Wayne Furnace men's leadership seminar Saturday. The Wayne Furnace congregation has been a partner with me in the mission work for a number of years and it is always a great joy to be in the presence of those sainted brothers and sisters. On Sunday I will report on mission efforts in the Sunday Bible class hour and preach at both worship assemblies. Then I will go to the Nashville, TN airport and depart for Ukraine!

The activities for April have been constant and rewarding. During April we loaded three containers (going to Ivano-Frankivsk; Odessa; Kramatorsk). These three containers shipped 67,553 pounds of benevolent items that will be distributed in the Lord's Name and in cooperation with the Lord's Church. The total value of items shipped was an amazing \$386,148.00. The cost of shipping this amount to the Lord's Church was \$8,244.00. These containers were shipped from Idaho and Arkansas. We should have loaded a container out of Mississippi but logistical problems moved that load into next month.

The amazing numbers that are compiled for this work could not be possible without the amazing cooperation and partnership of many brethren. The scope of the Lord's great commission is universal and success requires a universal partnership. The collecting, sorting, packing, loading, shipping, distribution and follow-up all illustrate an amazing network and orderly system. One can step back and look at the macro operation and be amazed. However, a micro look at the operations is even more amazing.

I want to use this month's newsletter to offer a limited micro concept of the various moving parts. In last month's newsletter I mentioned some who have "retired to work" for the Lord. You can look back to those and add them to this list as they are a part of the amazing operations.

I am about to depart for Ukraine and will be involved in constant travels. Tanya has confirmed a schedule that makes the most of every minute. Appointments have been scheduled. Visits are arranged. Transportation has been booked (hopefully NO overnight trains!). I will leave Monday and arrive Tuesday and as soon as I clear Ukrainian entry customs I have meetings scheduled.

BUT! Without the amazing partnership that is shared with an uncountable

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number of brothers and sisters in the Lord the plans beginning Tuesday would not be possible.

The macro movement of the gospel spreading throughout the world has always resulted from the wonderful partnership of brethren uniting and assisting the efforts (Study the development of the Church in Antioch of Syria—its worldwide impact (the macro level) was made possible only by the local efforts (the micro level). The Church in Antioch impacted the world because of the cooperation of faithful helpers who were committed to Christ (Acts 11:19-26).

Think of the Apostle Paul's macro level of worldwide mission efforts. We may think that it was solely Paul involved but he is quick to note that he is only a small part of the whole operation. Look at one reference Paul makes to the fact he is not the only one involved. Colossians 4:7 is only one of many references that reveals Paul's network. *"Tychicus is my dear brother in Christ. He is a faithful helper and he serves the Lord with me. He will tell you everything that is happening with me"* (English Revised Version). *"Tychicus will tell you how I am getting along. He is a much-loved brother and faithful helper. Both of us are owned by the Lord"* (New Life Version).

The fact is that without such "faithful helpers" Paul's amazing ministry would not have been possible. Paul was no more important than each of his helpers that are constantly cited throughout his epistles. It was not "Paul's work." It was the "Lord's work" and the success was because the Lord blessed the work that was offered by countless brothers and sisters! This partnership with one another and service to the Lord is our objective.

Read this month's newsletter and thank God for those mentioned and for many others who are joined in our efforts but space just does not allow us to make proper note of them (but the Lord's *Book of Life* has each duly registered!).

Look at our operations on the macro level and be amazed at the developments. But if you look at the operations on a micro level you will be thankful to God for those faithful partners who live and work as they do because they are "owned by the Lord."

Thank you for all who financially support the work. Without your financial support the actions and results reported in this newsletter each month would not be possible.

—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

JERRY MAX MORGAN ...



Jerry told me, "I average 52,000 miles each year traveling to Arkansas Missouri Kansas Illinois Mississippi Tennessee Alabama Texas. My grandson (Morgan Moore from Holly Springs, MS) is going to be my mission intern this summer. He is finishing his first year at Crowley's Ridge College."

In the last ten years our brother Jerry has travelled more than one-million by airplane and over 500,000 miles on the

MERIDIANVILLE'S ENERGETIC SERVICE



ground as he worked for the Lord!

In the above photo you see Jerry standing beside his truck and trailer. He has filled and emptied that trailer countless times as he bought family buckets, clothes, hospital items, etc to the Judsonia warehouse that was shipped overseas.

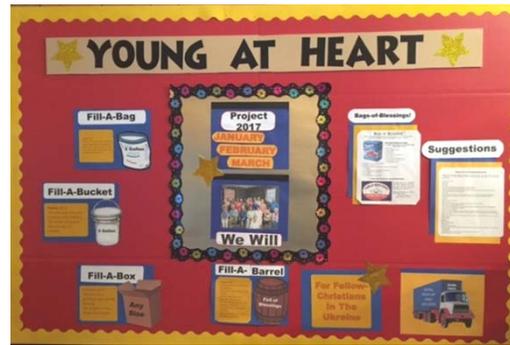
Jerry has been used by the Lord in Ukraine ever since the iron curtain fell and opportunities to present the gospel were made available. He has also served the Lord in Russia, India (where he almost died from food poisoning) and other locations.

It is a joy to work with brother Jerry!



Jerry & Morgan working
for the Lord

MERIDIANVILLE'S "YOUNG-AT-HEARTS"...



The Meridianville church of Christ made a concerted effort to collect family buckets, personal hygiene bags, shoes and clothing for the Ivano-Frankivsk congregation to distribute. I travelled to the congregation and preached at the morning assembly on 9 April and then met and reported on the mission efforts to the YAH on the following Tuesday. We packed up a

trailer with the collection and then the items were loaded on a container 18 April going to Ivano-Frankivsk.

When news of the efforts of the Meridianville congregation reached the congregation in Ivano-Frankivsk it was a cause for great joy and thanksgiving. Here is an email received from Emmo in Ivano-Frankivsk:

Wow! Thank you Dear Brethren and may the good Lord continue to bless you and the entire members of "Young at Heart" as well as all the Saints of Meridianville Church of Christ (Alabama) for their Love and support for us in Ivano-Frankivsk church of Christ. Your Christ-like work is having great impact worldwide and especially on me. Thank you for the great Exemplary life you're living to win Souls for The Lord and spread the Gospel and His Church worldwide, I have no doubt that you have turn many into Missionaries/Ambassadors for The Lord across the globe of which I will be one soon, Lord willing. Yours Brethren, Emmanuel

Here is a modern illustration of a similar experience by the Apostle Paul: "For the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God. Because of the proof given by this ministry, they will glorify God for your obedience to your confession of the gospel of Christ and for the liberality of your contribution to them and to all, while they also, by prayer on

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your behalf, yearn for you because of the surpassing grace of God in you" (2 Corinthians 9:12-14).

DON ENGLAND'S BIBLE CLASS...



Paval and chief nurse Olga in the ward being repaired.

Every Sunday morning in room 102 of the College church of Christ there is a wonderful group of saints that meet to discuss and learn from God's Word. This is the "Searchers' Class" and is taught by brother Don England.

For a number of years this class has been taking a collection on the first Sunday of each month. The collection has been used in a number of ways to assist a special needs orphanage replace its hot water heating system so they boys would have sanitary conditions, or

assisting with surprise costs in shipments, or purchasing hygiene items for displaced children's shelters. One of the projects that the Searchers' donations have been used is in repairing and refurbishing one of the wards in the Maternity Hospital in Ivano-Frankivsk. In recognition of this work a special plaque was posted in the room stating that churches of Christ made it possible, Bibles and study literature were made available. In April we began the repair and refurbishing on the second ward in the Maternity Hospital. In Pasha's and Volodya's reports you will read about this project.

The monthly collection from this Bible Class has been used by the Lord to accomplish amazing feats. This is a modern illustration of the Lord's Church in Sardis which was little but had amazing power, "I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have kept My word, and have not denied My name" (Revelation 3:8).

HARDING PLACE HELPS SORT CLOTHES...



The activities scheduled for the Harding Place retirement center in Searcy, AR have included morning trips to the warehouse in Judsonia, AR to sort clothes, toys and shoes. In April the group came on 24 April and spent the morning in our sorting room. They were a delightful and productive group. Many in the group have been previously involved in various aspects of our ministry. They are a wonderful en-

couragement to our efforts!

VOLODYA DIDUKH REPORTS ON HIS EFFORTS IN THE LORD'S WORK...

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I am happy to send you greetings from

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Western Ukraine, namely from Ivano-Frankivsk and the Region. I would like to share with you some of the things that have happened and to talk about our plans for the near future so that we could pray together and ask God to bless these plans.

I taught at our Bible Institute for two weeks upon the departure of our American brethren who came in March. All through those two weeks we studied the Mosaic Law with its sacrifices and ordinances. Such in-depth studies were helpful to me and all the students as they gave us understanding to appreciate the grace of God that we have in Christ and the simplicity of worship and service to God. Such understanding is vital to us here with the strong "traditional" churches that have ensnared the society with multiple traditions and rules. They have turned the simplicity of the Gospel into something of a law just as it was at the Old Testament time. Thus, the knowledge of the Old Testament history points out the simplicity that we have in Christ. We are blessed to understand this and being able to explain it to others as well – our families, friends and average people. We are sure that the knowledge of Scriptures that we gain in the Bible School will contribute tremendously to the growth of Church and it is so encouraging to our work and ministry. Thus, we appreciate all brothers and sisters who through their ministry make it possible for the School to function here. Please, continue praying for the School and all the students, who are enrolled in it and who will become ministers in God's vineyard in future.

Upon Brother Michael's visit and making mini-camp plans, I have been visiting Stry Lysets and seeing people there. I worked some in the warehouse last week where I put together some things to distribute there. I found some shoes, clothes and other things. I plan to distribute them on behalf of the Church next month. I have meditated on my ministry in Stry Lysets and have realized that I do not use all instruments that God has provided for me. So I am resolved to give more time and effort to my ministry. And I am thankful to all those who help me in this area, those who care and pray for God's Church to grow in Western Ukraine.

I spent a few days in the warehouse working with my girlfriend Julia. We put together some boxes for needy people. Your shipments enable us to provide clothes for them, which they need constantly, especially families with little children. We thank you for your help that allows us to assist others with their needs and to spread the Word of God.

We have received some literature, such as Bibles, children's Bibles that will be used for evangelistic outreach. I plan to use some of the literature in Stry Lysets to give out to children at school and will give some for the library. This is a great opportunity to spread the Word of God and to encourage children and adults to read it.

Our Brother Pavlo has started repairing another room in the Maternity Department this month. Containers with humanitarian aid allow us to help people that work there and the institution itself as it shows that Church teaches with both words and works. And now thanks to the funds that Brother John found and Pavlo has started repairing one more ward. One ward there has been fully repaired and equipped already, and that should become a convenient place for future mothers. My responsibility as for this project goes was to purchase and haul construction materials. It makes me happy to see the way things that have been neglected for years are being renovated and look so much better, and to realize that God's hand is in it.

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The month of April is in the middle of spring so many people have been busy working in their gardens and orchards. I have been to my parents' village to help them plant potatoes and vegetables. My parents have chickens, ducks, rabbits, and a she-goat, that is why we plant a lot of potatoes and vegetables to feed the livestock. I stayed in the village for a few days helping my parents with all that work. Thank God, my dad was able to stay away from the booze and all spring gardening went peacefully.

I am sending greetings to all those that have heard about this Church, me and my family. Thank to all those that care for Ukraine and help us spread the Word of God. Thank you for your prayers, support and fellowship that we have in Christ.

With love, Volodya Didukh, your brother in Christ
З любов'ю ваш брат у Христі Володя Дідух

PAVAL TUZNICHENKO REPORTS ON HIS EFFORTS...

My dear brothers and sisters, I am happy to greet you with great love once again. I pray for all of you and your families. I wish you good health and God's love. I pray that your mercy is rewarded with hundredfold blessings from God. I am sending you greetings on behalf of the Ivano-Frankivsk congregation as well. We appreciate your prayers and support. We indeed are called to demonstrate loving kindness and such, even being natural, is about giving willingly with joy. It makes one happy to share things that are valuable, rather than those that are unimportant, such as the heart, the thought and the life in the long run. Your care for others encourages us to work more showing greater love and zeal.

Big thanks for supporting our brethren who come to Ukraine to spread the Word of God and to labor in His vineyard. We are happy to have John Durham back with us (we think it is time for him to be granted Ukrainian citizenship so that he can stay with us for good). Bible lessons that he teaches are very good and informative for practical application in our lives. We are looking forward to having our beloved Brother John Kachelman with us as we have missed him very much. But even more than that do we long to see all of you and have face-to-face fellowship that no correspondence can compare with.

Besides, I would like to report on the work done within this month. I continue laboring in God's vineyard with great joy. I teach evening Bible classes, take part in the life of the congregation, which is crammed with activities. I visit with people to encourage them in spiritual matters and help those that need that encouragement. I help distribute humanitarian aid, for which people are so thankful to you and to God who opens up our hearts to do such works. I would like to let you know that we have already started repairing another ward at Maternity Department and things are coming along very well. Big thanks to you for supporting this project financially as our mothers to be have to have decent conditions when they go on bed rest. Unfortunately, our government doesn't care for others nearly as much as you do, showing your love to people all over the world. As for me, I try to do my best repairing the ward as the Apostle Paul urges us in his Epistle to the Colossians, "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord you shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for you serve the Lord Christ." And we have no choice but do that.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS!



As always, my dear brothers and sisters, please, pray with me asking the Lord to add to His Kingdom as many people as possible. Please, pray for my family, for growth of churches of Christ all over the world so that when He comes to take those who love Him there will be as many as possible to take. Please, pray for peace in this country so that this nonsense of the war would finally end.

I am always mindful of you and your families as I pray.

With great love and thanks, Pavel, your brother in Christ
с огромной любовью и благодарностью ваш брат во Христе Павел

CONSTRUCTION OF THE MEETINGHOUSE OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN IVANO-FRANKIVSK...



Hi John, Ivan has just stopped by and has given me some updates on the construction. He is going to send you some pics as well.

We have already gotten the reinforcement rod that you gave money for last year. Ivan says they've been able to save up to \$700.00 having paid for it last year.

The greater part of the foundation has already been poured. He met with Andrew and his engineer and they discussed access road troubles again (how to deal with the new restrictions). They figured out that having it behind the property would cost even more than having it in front of it. Andrew says we can construct the access/acceleration road by using heavy duty tile and special type of gravel for the acceleration lane. We are to have seven lampposts there but can do with just three at this point with the perspective of putting the rest in whenever we can. With gravel and tile we will get the permission for trucks to come in without problem.

Have a great day! Love and greetings to all! Tanya