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“HOPE YOU HAD A GREAT WORSHIP SERVICE THIS MORNING. THE PICTURES AND NEWS OF THE DENTAL EQUIPMENT WERE VERY ENCOURAGING. MAY GOD BLESS YOU IN YOUR ENDEAVORS.” (FROM AL)

“SO GLAD YOU ARE SAFELY HOME. WHAT A SUCCESSFUL TRIP TO UKRAINE! THANK YOU FOR ALL THE SUPERIOR REPORTS YOU SENT BACK... AMAZING REPORTS WITH INCREDIBLE ENERGY AND SERVICE TO THE LORD THAT IS APPRECIATED AND ADMIRERD.” (FROM AR)

The fall mission trip to Ukraine is history and was another trip with a crammed schedule and exhausting actions BUT it was rewarding in many ways! The trip took me to these large cities plus a number of surrounding smaller towns and villages...Ivano-Frankivsk, Kherson, Zaporozhye, Kramatorsk, Kyiv, Vinnytsia, and Zhitomir.

I sent back reports and photos as often as possible on the activities of the trip but at times the schedule was so tight I did not have opportunity to report on some wonderful events. If you did not receive the reports please go online to my website and read them. I am in the process of compiling a report for supporters and the dvd will have all photos, videos and reports on it. I hope to have this mailed from the Dalraida church of Christ in Montgomery, AL very soon.

I arrived a few days early because of the wedding of Volodya and Julia. This was an exciting day for them and they are now living in Starry Lysets and working to plant the Lord's Church in Lysets as well as continue their efforts to evangelize in Starry Lysets (actions that we have previously reported).

The wedding was festive and being in western Ukraine there were many dressed in the Ukrainian shirts and dresses that are so common in that area. Among the Americans visiting besides me were John Durham (Nashville, TN), George Spurlock (Mobile, AL), and Bill and Luba Wharton (Gainesville, FL). Julia is from Kramatorsk/Konstantinovka but had been among those displaced by Russia's invasion and had moved to Dniper. So also counted among the guests were Vald & Oksana Pazyi and their children Rita and Dima (FANTASTIC children and a true DELIGHT!).

DISTRIBUTION OF BENEVOLENT ITEMS



Wheelchairs are a treasured gift!

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Volodya had promised me this would not be the “typical” western Ukrainian wedding lasting for days and days and he was true to his word. There was the public ceremony where the bride and groom are charged by State officials to maintain the marriage and respect its seriousness, the signing in the official registry of the new husband and wife, and then the blessing of the parents. It is a solemn and impressive ceremony and I am always amazed at how the State regulations emphasize to those being wed that marriage is to be honored and each spouse is to respect and care for the other and not be selfish. Following the official ceremony, we went to share in the wedding meal and then the wedding was complete.

During this visit I taught the Book of Revelation in the World Bible Institute. This was a very enjoyable experience and Revelation is one of my favorite books to teach. Its message is encouraging and its thesis is practical to the Lord’s Church wherever it assembles and whatever language is spoke. The truths of Revelation are eternally relevant regardless of the century in which one lives or the cultural philosophy dominating the civilization. As the class concluded and the final exam was administered I was pleased with the high marks each student received. If you want to see the questions on the final exam please go to the web site and download the PDF. Take the exam and see how well you score!

As you read Ivan’s report you will read him mentioning how the congregation in Ivano-Frankivsk hosted a number of visiting Americans who are partnering with their brethren in Ukraine to further the gospel’s impact.

Bill & Luba Wharton (Gainesville, FL) arrived in Ivano-Frankivsk prior to my arrival and were involved in efforts designed to strengthen families and marriages. Bill had just taught the first class on a Friday night and there was a good number present. Among those present were several visitors from the community and that was encouraging. From what I know these visitors continued attending Bill’s class and met with him and Luba privately a number of times. Bill’s visit was a great event to the congregation and his lessons were well received.

John Durham (Nashville, TN) arrived one week prior to my arrival and returned to Nashville one week before I left Ukraine. He was involved in teaching English in two Law Institutes and conducting private Bible studies as well as teaching the Epistle to the Ephesians in the congregation. John’s continual visits and presence in the Law Institutes helps the Lord’s Church very much.

Our brother *Jerry Morgan* (Piggott, AR) immediately followed me in visiting Ivano-Frankivsk as he was making a number of visits in his labors for the Lord in Ukraine. As I was reentering the USA he was on the departing flight to Ukraine. Prior to his trip to Ukraine he had been hard at work putting together a container that was loaded out of Neelyville, MO. That container was loaded the day Jerry’s arrival in Ukraine occurred!

Jim Akridge (Clarkson, KY) is currently in Ivano-Frankivsk. Jim is one of the elders of the Church in Clarkson, KY. The congregation shipped a container into Lysets where Jim is working with Volodya and planting the Church. The container arrived and cleared and is being distributed. Jim and Volodya are working with the hospital in Lysets to distribute this container. Earlier this year Jim visited Ivano-Frankivsk and was scouting sites to plant the Lord’s Church. He was taken to Lysets and found out the hospital needed a number of items. He decided that would be a good opportunity to

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plant the Church in a suitable location. Jim returned and with the help of our warehouse in Searcy put together a container load with requested items. We loaded and shipped that container on 29 August.

Ray Stilwell (Princeton, IN) joined Jim in Ivano-Frankivsk as he was visiting the Lord’s Church in other Regions of Ukraine.

One of the most encouraging events on the trip, and one which I simply did not have time to include in a trip report, was the worship with the Church in Kramatorsk, Ukraine. This congregation is thriving after being displaced by Russia’s invasion. After Ukrainian military freed Kramatorsk from Russian occupation there has been a steady progress and development. In the Lord’s Day assembly there were 60+ present and a wonderful spirit of loving fellowship. Vlad and Oksana are doing a great work for the Lord there.

A happy event during my visit in Kramatorsk was the arrival of Terry Harmon in Kramatorsk for a brief visit. Terry had lived in Kramatorsk and served as the Director of the Bible Institute but had to return to the USA because his youngest son developed a critical health issue that could only be treated in the USA. It was great to visit with Terry and his wife Marina and two sons Timothy and Andrew.

The list of trip highlights could continue indefinitely. Thankfully I was able to make a number of meetings and establish contacts that portend phenomenal opportunities for future actions.

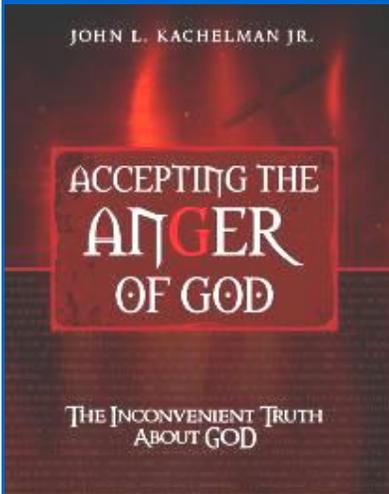
Thank you for your prayers and words of encouragement during and after this mission trip. Thank you especially to those who financially support these efforts. Without your financial support the events recorded in the trip reports and the ability to seize the amazing opportunities presented would not be possible.

It is the time of year when the budgets for 2018 are being finalized. I would like to ask that you consider UKRAINE MISSIONS in your 2018 budget. We are so thankful for our current donors and their generosity but as is the nature of economics and life, some will be unable to continue their financial support. So, I am seeking financial support for 2018. The exact amount needed is not finalized as I am waiting for current donors to indicate how much they are able to purpose for 2018. But I do know that the amount purposed will be less. If I can come and discuss the mission work with you or your congregation please contact me (contact information is on the front page).

*An important announcement...*In January the Dalraida church of Christ (Montgomery, AL) will assume oversight of my mission work. The Dalraida congregation has long supported me financially and the elders and mission committee have enthusiastically encouraged me in my preaching, teaching and writing efforts. The congregation is the overseeing congregation of the Ivano-Frankivsk work and has personally made trips to eyeball the work that is reported. An added bonus is that Johnny is a Deacon at Dalraida and this move puts us three doors down from him, Monica, Marley and Tenley and only about 3-4 hours away from the families of Rachel and Bekah! There is no staff position being offered so I will continue to need the financial support that is now received and replace any that is lost. The Dalraida Elders are eager to discuss this move and invite any questions. Brother Bob McKee is the contact elder for this at Dalraida. If you have any questions you are asked to contact Bob. The Dalraida elders have issued a letter regarding

A NEW BOOK IS
NOW AVAILABLE!

ACCEPTING THE ANGER OF GOD



This is a study examining WHY modern religious people do not believe God becomes angry at sin. It outlines the HOW of the transition from a God-fearing society to a God-less society. The individual chapters explore the biblical aspects of God's anger and challenges Christians to be bold in upholding the biblical doctrine that God is NOT all loving and permissive regarding sin.

You can order a copy:
http://kachelmanpublications.com/index.php?route=product/product&product_id=124

this move and it is posted on my web site where you can download and read it. I have also posted my announcement regarding this transition (<http://www.kachelman.com/ukraine/blog/>).

Even though I will change locations the mission work, shipping of humanitarian aid, developing and writing Bible materials will not change. All will continue as it has in the last 15 years except I will be operating out of Montgomery, AL instead of Searcy, AR.

Thank you for your support, encouragement and fidelity to the Lord!

—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

A BRIEF REPORT FROM JIM AKRIDGE

Hello John:

Been wanting to write to you for some time but have been very busy as always. Some more interesting things have happened on this trip. I told you I was the first American to preach in the new warehouse facility, well some more firsts have taken place this time. I was the first to preach a sermon at the first worship service of the new facility and the first American to do so!

Ray came to Ivano-Frankivsk yesterday and was having trouble with swelling in his legs and ankles. We went to the hospital here and had a EKG done and other things. After a lengthy ordeal, and getting the EKG and the results was one lengthy ordeal for sure, it was decided to increase his water pills.

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Tomorrow I will see the principal of the school and talk to him about starting the children's school by teaching English with use of the Bible. A member of the Church in Clarkson, for the second year in a row, has made 176 toboggans for me to give away. Last year I gave these to the Ivano-Frankivsk Church and this year plan to give to the children and staff of school this time. A lot more has happened but enough for now.

Your Fellow Servant in Christ, Jim Akridge

CHURCH MOVES MEETING PLACES...

Greetings! Here is quick update on questions about our new meeting place. There will be more in monthly report.

In finding new place we did not go beyond our budget of \$850.00 a month. We made our choice with this budget in view.

Looking for a place to meet was a challenge because nobody wanted to rent out for an assembly of more than 5-7 people and our Sunday attendance at church is 40-50 people, Wednesday class attendance is 15-24, plus Bible classes at WBI. That means a constant stream of people in and out every day. We had only two weeks to look for a new location. It was October 20 that we were told to move out till the end of the month.

CONFUSION...

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Then I saw your phone number in the Bible and decided to call your church.” We talked about God and His Church for over two hours. Andrew left pondering on what he had heard. We pray hoping that God will give him desire to accept the Gospel. From our conversation I realized just how challenging it is for people living here to submit to the truth if they have grown up in pagan Orthodoxy. People are confused in their minds by rituals and traditions and are afraid to accept the simplicity of the Holy Scriptures from their hearts.

“The god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ”
(2 Corinthians 4:4)

Our church is young and growing, thanks to God and your help and advice. We did not want this moving to a new place to have a negative effect on the congregation. We also had to consider a lot of factors both external and internal, such as religious thinking and fanaticism of local people. Some owners would turn us down only because we are not Orthodox. Deputies and other men of authority did not want to be associated with us even though many of them have their businesses and places that they rent out. They would tell us, “We know you but you should realize that might lose our voters, which we do not want to happen.” Brother, we were so stressed out plus we were short of time. We looked and considered different options every day but could not find anything that would meet our needs. It was just two days before we had to move out that I received a phone call with an option to rent this place. We checked it out and it turned out to be a good option but we also realized that utilities would be a greater burden for the Church. We want our members to understand that and to take part meeting our needs.

In Christian love, Brothers in Christ

PAVAL TUZNICHENKO REPORTS ON HIS EFFORTS...

Love and greetings to you, my dear brothers and sisters! May you always enjoy peace, love and grace. As I pray to God, I thank Him for you, your love, your support, your prayers that all of us and churches of Christ around the world need. Your consideration and care are so refreshing to us. They give us power to labor with optimism and assurance in God’s vineyard. I am thankful to God for bringing His children together to our country because that enables our wonderful fellowship and a wonderful partnership. Big thanks to you for the support you provide so that brethren can come to Ukraine and preach the Word of God.

I also ask the Lord to bless all of us with wisdom, love, understanding and more ways to take care of our neighbors so that we could work harder in God’s vineyard, so that we could gather more heavenly treasures and save many souls that are in desperate need of God, His grace and love.

Special thanks to brother John Durham. I thank the Lord who blesses him with such enthusiasm and strength to be so active in the mission field. Big thanks for supporting our brother John Kachelman, who also works hard in God’s vineyard and finds time to teach at our Bible Institute.

I would like to report to you on the activities that took place in months of September and October. In summary my active work at Church goes on and I enjoy it beyond words. I try to help all members here as much as I can. I have helped Christians with repairing their domestic problems as much as I can. When you hear their words of thanks it is so wonderful to realize that you can use your God given talents to serve others.

We continue our benevolent work distributing humanitarian aid to people. We give away clothes and food that you ship here. Many people thank you and the Lord, but there are also some that do not appreciate what we do for them.

As I wrote you in my previous report, I continue home Bible studies with those that want to learn more but cannot go to the Bible School for different reasons. I continue helping with Bible classes and Sunday worship services. I take part in life of the Church which is filled with various activities. I enjoy

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planning fellowship and try to encourage people both in the spirit and in physical matters through Bible teaching. I am in charge of our correspondence Bible School. Soon, we will have our first tests and I hope that the grades will be up to the mark. Please, join with me praying for those that do not reject the Word of God and are willing to study it with an open heart. We started this school from last spring when brother Gennady from Russia visited with us. We have a good number enrolled and this is a good way for us to help teach the Bible.

You cannot read the Bible just once. Anyone who has ever read the Bible will go back to the book again and again. Bible has the power of God to change people’s lives, to give them moral strength and patience, to encourage them and to help them be stronger. It tells us about God and how we can know Him. It reveals the true purpose on the human life and unveils all sides of our existence. It is the Bible that teaches us to love God and others, and to demonstrate this love in our everyday life. It is the Bible that tells us about the Lord protecting the needy, thus benevolence is an inseparable part of the life of a Christian. To my mind, the Bible is the most wonderful book in the world, through which God tells us what to do to be saved. I pray to the Lord in hope that these Bible studies will bring forth plentiful fruit.

In closing, Please, pray for my family, too, for the health of my children, for me to be a worthy father and spiritual instructor for them, for our Bible Institute and its progress, for the correspondence school that I am in charge of hoping that it will bring forth good fruit, and for churches of Christ to grow in the spirit both in Ukraine and all over the world. Please, pray for those that have not chosen to follow Christ yet but are close to it for the Lord to add as many people to His Kingdom as possible, for our Bible School, for the Bible program that I’m in charge of, for peace in this country so that this nonsense of a war would finally end and would not take any more lives.

I ask the Lord to give a strong spirit to all those that have made their mind to follow Him. And even more fervently do I pray asking Him to fill me with wisdom and love so that I could be a better minister in His vineyard.

I pray to God asking Him to bless you in your work, to give you good health and to help you grow in the spirit. I keep you in my prayers all the time. Thank you for your help and love, and for your support. I wish you good health, God’s love and blessings.

In Christian love, your brother in Christ Pavel

IVAN SKOLEBA REPORTS FROM IVANO-FRANKIVSK, UKRAINE...

Greetings, dear brothers and sisters!

I would like to apologize for being tardy with my reports. These last two months, September and October, have been very stressful. A lot of things have happened.

We rejoice in saying we have had many guests from American churches of Christ and brothers and sisters from Ukrainian churches of Christ have come to visit and fellowship. The Lord helps His Church grow in the Spirit through the visits of our brothers and sisters who are more mature in Christ

A GRANDMOTHER'S URGING...

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and who share with us their understanding.

We thank brother John Durham for the Bible classes he has taught to the Church as well as English lessons that he has taught at the Law School. His work is valuable as it helps many to learn about church of Christ in Ivano-Frankivsk. We also thank our brother Gary and brother Ron from the Hillsboro church. Their visit was refreshing to us and to our young Africans who are enrolled in the Medical School and come to church regularly. Brother Emmanuel does great evangelizing his fellow-students and is always open to our advice. Our congregation is known to all medical workers and medical institutions through humanitarian aid that John Kachelman ships here. Many institutions have opened up their doors to us. We help with hospital beds and equipment. Thanks to sister Kathy Cadden's hard work we have also distributed many dry food mixes with rice that help sustain people at such difficult times that we are facing with the war. Brother John Kachelman taught classes on the Book of Revelation at WBI. Thank you, dear brothers and sisters, for giving of your time and efforts.

Our congregation is growing in the spirit and number to the number that we were crowded and did not know what to do. But God Himself has worked it out so that we had to move to another location.

Yuriy, the owner of the apartment where we used to assemble, told me, "It has been good to have you here because you always paid rent on time. You are true believers, I know it from the way you have taken such a good care of the assembly place. But most importantly, I see that God has blessed my business, and we have to expand. This is the only reason we have to ask you to leave." God has blessed him and his business – these are wonderful words of recognition spoken of us, the Lord's church.

We could not find anything suitable for our assembly for almost two weeks. We looked at over fourteen places and five large apartments. People backed off and refused to rent out to us as soon as they found out that we at times would have up to 50 people in assembly. We were very discouraged because some religious fanatics called us a "sect" threatening us that nobody would want to rent to us because that would be a curse for them. An Orthodox priest told us these very words. Two days before we had to move out, Yuriy, the owner of our former assembly place on Lepkogo Street asked how things were going and whether we had found a place yet. I told him that we had not. An hour later Yuriy called and said he had found a place for us and told us to go and check it out. This place was very good and would fit us well. In this way we moved within a day and a half onto a new place, which is larger than the one before, very convenient as it is downtown and close to the White House. God shows us in amazing ways that we should always trust him and remember that all things are possible for God even those that are impossible for men because everything is under His control. How wonderful it is to know that our Father is God the Creator of the world.

We had our first worship assembly in the new place today. Everybody was happy and thankful to God. We prayed for our American brethren that support our mission work. Our unity in Christian faith is very great!

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was so grateful to our American brethren that had shipped the wheelchair. Thank you, dear brothers and sisters. Your aid helps open up hearts to the Gospel. Igor is in great distress now. Please, pray for him.

John has sent us photographs of the brethren that load containers for Ukraine out of the Searcy, AR warehouse. We pray for all of you and thank God for your hard work. We understand how much it exhausts you but in the final photograph you are always smiling and hugging each other. We are amazed with such aged men loading a container so quickly and so full! It is great example for us and we share this news. Thank you for going out of your way to help Ukraine at this extremely difficult time.

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Besides, we would like to visit some villages that have already received aid from us. We will need over 1,000 Bibles and 500-600 children's Bibles for our evangelistic efforts.

We, men, are planning out our work for the next year based on what we can do. We would like to improve our work, training teachers and evangelists. We stay in touch with children's homes and schools. Children's homes and orphanages need bed linens. Our sisters are willing to make them to save money paying only for fabric. We would like to get cold medicines, lice treatment and detergents for orphans. Brother John shipped a container of shoes to us and we have already set aside shoes for children. But we lack smaller sizes.

PHOTOS OF THE STUDENTS



Inna is a single mother. She is a University graduate and has an 8-year old son Svyatoslav.



Volodymyr was born in a village. He is an orphan and was baptized into church of Christ in 2014.

Brothers and sisters, we need support for our Bible Institute students until they complete their studies, which is one and a half years more. We want these students to become trained evangelists for the Church. Please, help them complete their studies at Bible School. We cannot provide support for them. Since January we have received some donations but they need a minimum of \$200.00 each to help them complete studies and we do not have that money any more. They do want to study and thank God for the enlightenment He has given them through Christ and they are eager to share the Gospel with others. Please, help them.

These are pictures of the students and their stories in brief. Volodymyr was born in a village. He is an orphan and was baptized into church of Christ in 2014. He wants to preach the Gospel but admits his lack of Bible knowledge. Thus, he has entered our Bible School. Volodymyr is enrolled in School in the morning and works as a taxi-driver in the evening to survive. As a result, learning does not always go smoothly for him. He does not earn enough to live on and to pay utilities. Inna is a single mother. She is a University graduate and has an 8-year old son Svyatoslav. They are displaced from Donetsk where they left all their belongings. Inna rents a flat in Ivano-Frankivsk and the money she gets is not enough to buy food and pay utilities. Inna passed out a few times due to low hemoglobin. Doctors diagnosed her with malnutrition. She is intelligent and is always willing to share the Good News with teachers and scientists. She writes articles on history and tries hard to study the Bible diligently to be able to talk about God in a reasonable and biblically correct way. Please, help these brethren study the Bible and complete the School. We pray that God will open up some hearts to do that.

Our first and foremost need for the rest of this year is to purchase construction materials for the church building, such as bricks, wood and rebars, which will allow us to resume building at the end of March 2018. Dear brothers and sisters, please, help us to see through what we started. We plea with all those whose hearts God will open up to our need. Thank you for your help and your labor in our Father's Kingdom.

In Christian love, Ivan and Svetlana

VOLODYA DIDUKH REPORTS ON HIS EFFORTS IN LYSETS, WESTERN UKRAINE...

Hello dear brothers and sisters in Christ!

I am sending greetings from western Ukraine, Ivano-Frankivsk. One more month of our lives has already passed, and I would like to share some news and events which have happened in my life and ministry.

I will start from the most important event in my life. I got married to a wonderful young girl on September 16th. She is a Christian and her name is Julia. In previous letters I wrote about this plan and this has happened. We are very happy that God gives us to each other.

Almost all September we were busy preparing for the wedding and after we had honeymoon which lasted seven days!

In November we start work with humanitarian work. Brother Jim and the Clarkson church of Christ worked with John Kachelman and shipped a

THE GOSPEL'S PROGRESS!



"We had evangelical activities pre-planned for our students. They joined a few local congregations to help them in evangelizing. The first team went to Lviv to help a congregation established two years ago. The second team works in Kiyv. The third team went to Pokrovsk, the fourth to Konstantinovka and some students remained in Bila Tserkva. We always try to encourage the local congregations and support their evangelical efforts. Our main goal has always been the salvation of the souls."

container with medical equipment from Searcy, Arkansas. This container arrived and was unloaded directly at the hospital in Lysets (This is a town situated eight miles from Ivano-Frankivsk). This container's shipping was paid by the Clarkson church of Christ. We would like to thank all Christians which was participate in this.

In Lysets is planned the foundation the church of Christ, and all this help will be useful for evangelization and making contacts with the citizens of this town. This is a great blessing for this area, because such local hospitals like in Lysets almost have no financial support. That is why they are very glad to get such help.

Also, I and Julia were looking for a place where we could live. The apartment in which we are living now belongs to my parents and that is why it is inconvenient. We have found a good house and started to rent. The house is in the village Starry Lysets. This will be good for our ministry and planting the church there. Also the prices for renting are lower than in Ivano-Frankivsk. Now almost everything is ready for moving there. We have some problems with the furniture (we do not have a bed, wardrobe, and working desk) that is why we are collecting now what is necessary. And we will be glad if someone can help us with it. But any way we will move the next week.

Now we have our brother James Akridge, he is an elder of church of Christ in Clarkson. Together we are planning our work of planting the Church in Lysets. Today we almost finished customs clearance of the humanitarian help which we unloaded in Lysets. And in a few days, we will be able to distribute this help and evangelize there. We ask you to pray about this work.

We are almost ready to start the work with children in Starry Lysets. This will be a children's' school of Bible and English. Julia will work with these children and through this we plan to get acquainted and communicate with parents. This is planned to make our doors wider for the evangelization.

Thank you for your prayers and support.

With love in Christ, Volodya and Julia

DENNIS SOPELNIK'S GOOD NEWS...

This year October was very fruitful. We've marked a major milestone by celebrating the 20th anniversary of BVBI work in Ukraine. The history commenced in 1997 when the American missionaries first came and established the Bible learning program. During these 20 years about 200 people were trained to teach the Truth. More than 10 new congregations were established. We had evangelical activities pre-planned for our students. They joined a few local congregations to help them in evangelizing. The first team went to Lviv to help a congregation established two years ago. The second team works in Kiyv. The third team went to Pokrovsk, the fourth to Konstantinovka and some students remained in Bila Tserkva. We always try to encourage the local congregations and support their evangelical efforts. Our main goal has always been the salvation of the souls.

Thank you again for your prayers and your aid to the Ukrainian churches. We praise God for our cooperation and ability to train preachers.

Your brother and co-worker, Dennis Sopolnik