



# UKRAINE MISSIONS NEWS

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**"PLEASE, FORGIVE ME FOR THE DELAY. WE ALL HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED AS WE'VE HAD A LOT OF WORK WITH REFUGEES. WE'VE HEARD A LOT OF HORRIBLE AND INCREDIBLE STORIES AND I HAD HARD TIME TRYING TO SET MY MIND ON WRITING REPORT DUE TO ALL THOSE PROBLEMS. "**

January 2015 began and continued as one blur of activity focused upon our brethren and their efforts in Ukraine's crisis. Throughout the month I was in constant communication with a number of organizations, individuals, government agencies, government officials and fellow Christians. We were all focused on exactly how to get the critically needed relief items transported into Ukraine. There is consensus that once the relief items arrive in Ukraine then our distribution network has the integrity and ability to get the commodities into the most urgent locations.

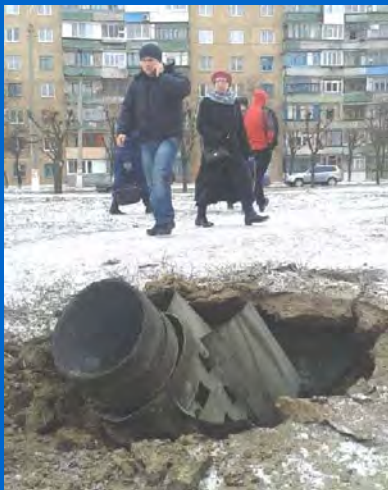
Receiving communications and then continuing those communications with various contacts is mentally and emotionally exhausting. At times it is anger that arises because what we anticipated as happening actually did happen and the powers-that-be had ignored our analysis. Too often it is not a satisfying situation to say "I told you what was going to happen because of the *anarchy* that you refuse to acknowledge!" I really hate being right about some things. A historical failing with mankind...he refuses to look to the historical past to frame the actions and the situations of the present reality! This is tragically true in the secular sense but a greater tragedy in the spiritual sense. Christians should never allow anarchy to run the Lord's Church. Christians have the knowledge of the Old and New Testaments revealing the damnation of anarchy and the inevitable ruin that comes to a congregation where God's Rule of Law is not the sole governing standard.

Illustrating the communications is this frantic email message: "Good day, dear Tetiana and John! According to an article on the link below - there is also a need for items that are needed in the situation when people have to snatch in bomb shelters! They flee to such without anything in hands. Children are terrorized. Russian bombs tear women and children into pieces. We can distribute these emergency sets!" (From Юрий из Одессы!)

The constant exposure I have had to anarchy in January 2015 caused me to turn to the Scriptures and examine that evil governing. Consequent to this study I have developed two parts of a paper on "anarchy." I will soon mail these out to the blog mail list and post them in the blog. At this point there are only two parts (one examining the 2 Thessalonian letter and the other examining 2 John 9-11) but I may add more parts later. The conclusion of the study is a fact that is known but oft ignored—the must be an absolute governing structure with absolute boundaries or else the entire community

## KRAMATORSK & RUSSIAN MISSILE STRIKES!

"The picture and message following came from a friend today. This is the city of Kramatorsk in eastern Ukraine which has been targeted by pro-Russian separatists. Members of the church there are in constant danger. They need our constant prayers.  
Jon Gary Williams"



"Sasha Rodichev, preacher in Dnepropetrovsk, says this unexploded missile is 150 meters from his parents' apartment building in Kramatorsk. His parents are Vitaly and Elena Rodichev. Vitaly is co-preacher with the downtown church of Christ. If it is that close to them, it is also extremely close to many of the Christians we know. Missiles (from the pro-Russian separatists) killed several and wounded many more in Kramatorsk. Kramatorsk and Slavyansk are just inside the Donetsk Region and have been free for several months since separatists were drive out and are now seeking to retake the areas they lost."

collapses into anarchy! This is tragically seen in the secular world with the Russians and their pro-Russian rebels in eastern Ukraine. This is an even greater tragedy when elderships are bullied by anarchists in the local congregations and eventually push their rejection of God's absolute laws for their self-willed anarchy. We are currently seeing this process of anarchy occur before our eyes as the homosexual agenda is being rammed down our throats in spite of established civil laws. Once one established civil law can be blithely cast aside, why cannot ALL civil laws be treated with the same contempt? If one law of morality that is set to govern civility with peace and harmony can be discarded simply because "you do not like that law," then why cannot ALL civil laws be thrown into the trash? This is the world in which we find ourselves today—it is a lawless world ruled by anarchy.

The Christian has a great challenge—In the midst of this lawlessness...

- James 1:27: Pure religion and undefiled before our God and Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.
- Romans 12:1, 2: I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service. And be not fashioned according to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, and ye may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Confronted by a culture and chaos that presents us with constant anarchy, Christians have made an absolute vow to submit to the will of God as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. This commitment to loyalty provides security and comfort regardless of what others around us choose.

Let all recall the commitment of Joshua and his family as they faced a society tempted by anarchy: *"Now, therefore, fear the LORD and serve Him in sincerity and truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD"* (Joshua 24:14, 15).

Note the emphasis that stresses loyalty and commitment to the vow that you made to God when you became a Christian... *"but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."* The proper meaning of "serve" translates a term that means "to submit to authority." This is the opposite of today's spirit of anarchy—we WILL submit to the governing of God's Rule of Law regardless of what others surrounding us choose to do. Our choice of being governed by Self or God was made at conversion as we denied "self" (Matthew 16:24).

—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

Greetings Tanya! Yesterday, a man came to Ivano-Frankivsk from the East and blew himself and his wife up with a grenade in a hospital. We have a friend working there and she said that some people waiting to have their ultrasound exam done were injured by the explosion. Several PrivatBank offices have been blown up. Angry people come here from the East. Something bad is building up in the society here. Militia and military are everywhere. Please, pray for us. Ivan

Кормление беженцев!!!  
05.01.2015  
Feeding Refugees!!!  
January 5, 2015



## ***IVAN SKOLEBA REPORTS FROM IVANO-FRANKIVSK!***

Greetings, dear brothers and sisters!

We have much news this month, both good and bad.

Good news is that the Lord protects His children, and we can see it even more now that Ukraine is facing such difficult times. These problems have opened eyes of so many people to reality.

Bad news is that hundreds of people lost their homes; many of them came to West from East, which caused a lot of problems in the Western Ukraine. Our congregation has been helping refugees for three months now. Some of them started attending services, while others are scared to even be taken pictures of because their relatives fight for separatists and they are scared of revenge.

There are those supporting separatists are even among preachers who used to go to Sunset with me but now they have taken up weapons to support those who are trying to destroy Church and Ukraine.

Thus, division exists not only among unbelievers but Christians are divided as well, which is very sad as innocent people die.

People are hardened and scared. Catholic/Greek Orthodox Church and some fanatics threaten us again, especially after me and brothers convicted them of stealing humanitarian aid that you sent us. According to the law, we are to include two social institutions into our distribution plan. We gave some buckets to those institutions to give away to the needy and a few days later, people who received those buckets complained that buckets they had were half empty and contents differed greatly from those of the buckets that Church gave away. So we decided to do it ourselves and it consumed a lot of time. But we were pleased to see people being so happy and thankful for aid.

Two more refugees, Ira and Lena, have joined us. Ira taught history at Donetsk National University. She is a single mother with a 5-year old son. She is very poor because she could not take anything with her when she fled. We collected all we could for her. She is very thankful to those who collected bed linens and children's clothes. You can see her in one of the pictures picking out clothes. Lord brings people to Church through such tribulations at times. But we, people, often harden our hearts to His calling.

Volodya preaches at Stary Lisets and is busy repairing the meeting place that Anatoly gave him. There are two Orthodox Churches in that village, and priests look at Volodya with resentment. As for other people, they are very thankful for help and come for Bibles. They are surprised that church of Christ allows people to read the Bible. They always compare "our" Bible with "their" Bible to see if there are any differences.

Our brothers gave away Bibles, both to children and adult, to libraries and Christian Ethics teachers; we also gave away literature/tracts with our contact information. People are open to Lord's Church but Orthodox priests intimidate them telling them we brain-wash people making them like zombies. They set people against us through different TV programs and during holidays when there is a large turnout for religious activities. This is why some are scared of persecution and do not come to Church. Instead, they invite me to their homes to talk about faith and to learn more about us.

## THE CHURCH AT WORK

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But in spite of all that, the Lord keeps bringing people to Church through the Gospel. Those seeking Him always have opportunities to come and listen because everybody knows where we assemble in public building and with registration.

We continue assembling at 11:00 a.m. through 1:00 p.m. on Sundays. I preach about Church from Acts and Ephesians. Volodya teaches Wednesday class from Acts as well. Sunday attendance is 25-28 people; Wednesday attendance is 10-12 people. Also, Krivoy Rog, Belarus and Poland join us on Skype for Sunday worship. We have a prayer meeting on Friday. Anya started teaching children’s class every Sunday. She prepares for classes and tries to do her best.

Dear brothers and sisters, thank you for your prayers and support. We love you very much. Special thanks to women for letters of support that you sent us. It was very nice of you and we were touched. Our women were filled with tears of joy and thankfulness to you for your heartfelt words and for being one family in Christ with all of you.

In Christian love, Ivan, Svetlana, Anya  
С любовью, во Христе Иван, Светлана и Аня

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## *ANDREW FROM SKVYRA SENDS NEWS OF HIS WORK FOR THE LORD!*

Hello dear brothers!

This month was full of different events, both joyful and encouraging as well as sad and even tragic.

### **Situation in Gorlovka**

Unfortunately, the situation in Gorlovka became extremely difficult at the end of this month. Starting with January 20, explosions have been shaking the town; their strength and intensity greatly exceed everything that happened before. Breaks between the shootings are 1-2 hours at most, and after that, it all repeats. Previously the outskirts of town were shelled but now there is no part of town that would not suffer major destruction. Only the previous Sunday, the shelling lasted 14 hours without any breaks. There was much damage done to 13 schools, hospitals, apartment blocks and houses. Many peaceful citizens were killed and injured.

The building where my parents live and where I spent my childhood was hit several times. Fortunately, my parents were at my apartment at the time of shelling, so they did not get hurt. Later, after several explosions next to the building it was left basically without windows.

The school my son Ilya used to attend suffered as well. A rocket hit the bus stop next to it. Two people died because of the explosion, and the explosion wave caused much damage, breaking glass in the windows of the school and the nearby houses. In addition, another rocket hit one of the buildings next to seized building of Bear Valley Biblical Institute of Ukraine and the Church. By visual estimation, our building is still intact.

I have described just several instances, but similar things happen all over the town. It seems that the hatred of the pro-Russian insurgents has no limits, since they are systematically destroying our hometown.

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I talk much with the brothers and sisters who stayed in town. They are extremely nervous. They spend most of their time at bomb shelters. Even a visit to the store to get some bread is very risky. Shootings may start at any time and any place in town. Every time in past months when I had conversations with those Christians, I offered them help to leave the town and find temporal housing in safer areas of Ukraine. However, then it seemed that the situation in Gorlovka was more or less bearable. Now some of the Christian ladies are ready to leave the town, but there is one problem. The town is closed. It is impossible to enter or leave the town. One has to receive one-time pass to cross the front-line. It takes 10 days to receive a pass. However, nobody does that since the situation got extremely worse. Gorlovka's supplies suffered considerably. There is no water, gas or electricity in most parts of the town. Our brothers and sisters there are in desperate situation. Please keep them in your prayers.

Last week insurgents put much effort into breaking through the defense line on Ukrainian army. Unfortunately, we see the following picture: the territory under their control is gradually growing. We hope that the Lord will stop the evil aggression that rules over our once peaceful land.

### **Ministry in Kiev and Skvyra**

As I have done previously, I continue visiting Kiev, preaching and teaching Bible classes at the Shevchenkivska church of Christ there. Since most of the Christians speak Ukrainian, I use Ukrainian Bible at the services and try to preach in Ukrainian. It is not easy for me; I need more time to prepare, but I see that my efforts are not in vain. I was able to become closer to brothers and sisters in Christ of that congregation.

After my return to Gorlovka, I would like to see that a preacher who is sound and faithful continues the work in this congregation in Kiev. I have had many conversations with Yuriy Romanov, a zealous and faithful brother in Christ from that congregation, trying to encourage him to study at BVBIU. He finally made a decision to enter the program. Yuriy had several conversations with Dennis Sopelnik, the director of BVBIU. I suppose he will move to Ternopil soon with his wife and 1-year-old son, Matvey.

I continue helping Andrey Pomaz, a preacher at the church of Christ in Skvyra. Having finished studying 2 Corinthians, local Christians suggested studying the book of Revelation. On last Wednesday, I taught the first class on this book there.

Military actions in Eastern Ukraine lead to tension and discouragement among the population in Skvyra as well. My family and I try to encourage local Christians both at the Church and while visiting them at homes.

### **Institute**

Together with brothers and a sister from Shevchenkivska church of Christ, we spent several hours at the storage place picking literature that would be a good help in teaching BVBIU students. We gathered three boxes of books and sent them via courier to Ternopil. Dennis Sopelnik received them last week.

Starting with Monday, I will be teaching Romans to the second-year students. I have prepared most of the materials on this course. I still have to finish some work over two chapters of this epistle. I am looking forward to the beginning of these classes.

Thank God, everything is well with our family. We are grateful to the Bear

**IVAN SKOLEBA  
FAMILY  
IVANO-FRANKIVSK,  
UKRAINE  
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Valley congregation, which supports us both financially and spiritually. We are also grateful to those brothers and sisters in Christ who send me letters, willing to support us in this difficult time for us. We are extremely grateful for your word filled with love and for your prayers.

## ***DENNIS SOPELNIK REVIEWS THE PREACHER TRAINING EFFORTS IN TERNOPIL, UKRAINE!***

Hello dear brothers and sisters,

The war in Donbas and in the minds of people

As you know, the military actions in Eastern Ukraine are getting more intensive each day. Military opposition goes all along the frontline, and it seems that this war is not going to end anytime soon. Russian army takes down their insignia and by thousands enters through the border, which is not under Ukrainian control anymore. They stand to protect the illegal republics. Many towns in Lugansk and Donetsk are destroyed. People leave these dead places, looking for an opportunity to move to peaceful areas. Ukrainian government cannot provide housing and cover living expenses for all refugees. Generally speaking, Ukraine is going through a very difficult period.

It is a month now that Gorlovka has been under daily shelling. Many people forgot the sight of the daylight. Being afraid for their lives, people do not leave the cellars. We ask you to pray for our country, for the long awaited peace, for the governments of Ukraine and Russia and for the preachers who continue serving the Lord on the occupied territories.

### **Bear Valley Bible Institute in Ukraine (BVBIU)**

On January 12, the classes resumed after the winter break. The first-year students had such courses: 1-2 Samuel (taught by Eugene Tebel) and Joshua, Judges and Ruth (taught by Alexander Rodnayev). The second-year students had Homiletics II (taught by Alexander Rodichev), World Religions (taught by Albert Bagdasaryan) and Romans (taught by Andrew Zhuravlyov). We have received some books from Shevchenkivska Church of Christ in Kiev. We are gradually expanding our library.

At the end of January, a new student (Yuriy) joined our program. He is from Boyarka, Kiev Region. He has already started attending our classes. His wife Katya and his 1-year-old son Matvey (Matthew) will join him in the middle of February. Yuriy seems to be a nice, good Christian, husband and father. He is very interested in studying God's Word and wishes to serve the Lord together with his family in the future. Now we are busy looking for an apartment for his family to rent. It is not easy to find a good one, since there are very few options in real estate market in winter. However, we have some options to consider.

Now Denton Landon and I teach the classes. We are grateful to Denton Landon for his ministry in Ukraine and willingness to help BVBIU. We are also expecting the arrival of Ralf Williams and his wife. God bless them on their way here.

### **The Institute church of Christ**

We continue having youth group meetings on Tuesdays, Bible classes on Thursdays and services on Sundays. Also we have added to our schedule

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home groups Bible classes on Mondays. Many people start liking this idea of meeting at homes and studying Bible together. These classes also aim for inviting the unbelievers. We try to plan ahead all our ministries and all who are responsible for them, and Bogdan Chigvintsev helps me.

Occasionally people come in and inquire about the Church and Bible classes for kids. Some are curious. They are used to perceive the Church as a building with steeples and crosses. And when you try to explain the true meaning of the word, it creates a culture shock for them.

We plan to have another event for the kids on Saturday. Usually we watch an animated movie with Christian idea in it, and then we have Bible class and games. We understand that we can make contacts with parents through their kids. We have some experience of such events and have made some contacts.

We are urging you again to pray for Ukraine, for peace in our country and for the people stricken with this grief.

Thank you for supporting the Bible institute and my family. All BVBIU students and staff send you their greetings and thank for your care for us.

Your brother and co-worker, Dennis Sopelnik, Director BVBIU

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## ***PAVAL IN KRIVOY ROG, UKRAINE!***

Dear brothers and sisters, I greet you with great love and thankfulness. I pray to the Lord asking Him to bless all of us so that this year we could bear more fruit working in God's vineyard and could bring more people to church of Christ. I also ask the Lord to bless you for the help that you offer us and all churches of Christ in Ukraine.

I am very thankful to you for your love and prayers. We need your prayers as they encourage us especially at this time of tribulations that our country is facing now.

I would like to ask you to pray with me for a meeting place where we could have classes and worship services.

I would also like to report to you on classes that I taught in January. We studied such topics as "True Ministry at Church," "Godhead," "Prayer," and "Change in Conduct." We continue detailed Bible studies as well, and study the Book of Exodus now. I was able to spend more time with children this month. We had more opportunities to spend time together due to winter school break. We studied children's Bible stories, played different games, did some handcrafting, and had tea parties. Children enjoyed spending their vacations that way together with their friends.

I met Michael in January. He receives humanitarian aid in Krivoy Rog that churches of Christ in the USA through brother John sends here. Thanks to that humanitarian aid I met with doctors and district administration. They thanked Lord's Church for sheets and medical equipment. I think that these contacts will be helpful to my ministry of preaching the Gospel. I gave Bibles to the doctors on behalf of the Church. I would appreciate it very much if you sent us a few boxes with children's clothes and tablets for fever. We catch colds often and are in need of vitamins. Prices in drugstores have gone up so much. Children that come to classes often do not wear good warm clothes. I picked out some from the clothes that Michael still had in his

## **DISTRIBUTING FOOD & BUCKETS TO DISPLACED PEOPLE'S LOCATIONS**



warehouse and gave to some of the kids. They were so happy and their parents were very thankful for help.

I would also like to ask you to pray with me for those people that made their minds to be baptized! This includes my mother, Galina, and young girl Katya. They believe in New Testament gospel but the Orthodox tradition still keeps hold of them. Orthodoxy teaches that baptism of children is enough.

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Once again I would like to ask you to pray for the growth of the Church in Krivoy Rog and for the Lord to give me strength in this phase of our development.

With love, brother Pavel (Tuznichenko)  
с любовью ваш брат Павел

## **VOLODYA SENDS NEWS OF HIS WORK FOR THE LORD!**

Greetings, dear brothers and sisters in Christ. I would like to greet you on behalf of Ivano-Frankivsk church of Christ and my family. We are very thankful to God and you for your constant prayers and support that you give us at this extremely difficult time of tribulations.

Another month of our life has passed and now we are even closer to meeting God. With everything that has been developing lately, such thoughts constantly come to our minds. And our hope to be in heaven with God in eternity is the only thing that helps us keep our assurance alive in spite of all the panic and discouragement around us. Christ is our power and hope. And that is a hope that will not make us feel ashamed and disappointed.

This month of our life was quite filled with events. Our country lives by Orthodox traditions, and this month we celebrated Christmas and some more religious holidays. And even though such holidays take up a lot of time and are far from being biblical, nevertheless it is a good opportunity to get together with family and friends and talk to them about God. All people go to traditional churches at this time; some really want to serve the Lord, some just to keep company, but all those people are open to hear the story of Jesus and Gospel.

The Village of Viktoriv where I come from and where my parents live has a tradition to go to the cemetery on January 6 and light candles on tombstones remembering those who passed away. I had not done that for a long time and tried to convince my father that it was not the right thing to do. But this year, I understood that it could be a great opportunity to explain to him why we live and what awaits us after we die. Because, walking among tombstones a person cannot but think that sooner or later his/ her life would end and it is a horrible realization for those that do not have hope. And for the first time, my father did not clang dishes showing his anger while we were praying together before supper. I pray to God and ask Him to work with



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my Dad and to give me strength to be a good example for him and to talk to him wisely about God.

I also visited with my brother Mikola and his wife Nadiya who also live in Viktoriv and had a good opportunity to talk to their family about Christ. My brother is married and has his own family. From time to time they face bad times and disagreement so I would like to ask you to pray for them asking the Lord to open their eyes to understanding how impossible it is to build a strong and happy family without Him.

Mikola and his family live together with his in-laws. His mother-in-law, Natalya, works in the village as social worker and works with elderly and disabled. For some reason, I overlooked that fact before but now I try to combine her work with our opportunities. I gave her walkers and a few packages of diapers this month and they were given away to those that really needed them. This gives a good opportunity to get to know each other better and help her open to God. Work together is a powerful way to bring people together. Such work and helping people opens up doors and hearts because we need to do good deeds in the first place and then teach them how they should live. We are sincerely thankful to you for collecting and sending humanitarian aid all the time. I hope that my future work with Natalya will give me opportunity to do more good and to glorify the Lord through it.

This month, I was able to do some good things in Stary Lisets with support from brothers. This helped me to become a little closer to the community in the village.

The Mayor of the village asked me to help with public utilities. Financing of public utilities in Stary Lisets leaves much to be desired, just like many other State services. People have worn out uniforms and torn gloves to work in. We helped those people as much as we could and gave them a few boxes of gloves, some working uniforms and jeans. Thus, helping those people we do good works and people praise God. Those good works are the basis of my ministry, on which I will build my preaching of the Gospel with God’s help and your support. That is why I would like to ask you to pray for this ministry so that it would build up the Kingdom of God.

As for the meeting place, which we were given in Stary Lisets, I was able to save some money and to have door replaced, which was the main problem since the door was broken and everybody could open it. Thanks to God who opened my brother’s heart and he helped me to put new door in. Now we need to finish door slopes and then gradually we will bring in all necessary equipment/ furniture. I hope to have this done in the near future.

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Also, thanks to your humanitarian aid we were able to help many hospitals and medical institutions of this Region. We give away help and talk with people almost every day. We thank God for this work and opportunities to

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do good deeds. We hope that He will continue blessing us in this.

I had some stressful times this month. Thanks to God it is all in the past now. My grandmother, who recently started visiting Church, was diagnosed with a tumor on one of her kidneys. We had to take her to Kyiv for the surgery because there are neither technologies nor equipment necessary for this in Ivano-Frankivsk and our doctors would have taken out the whole kidney. It was not acceptable for my grandmother because she is diabetic and has bad blood clot problems. That is why she went to Kyiv with my uncle. She is home now; surgery went well. But since the tumor was malignant she is facing some treatments. It will not be chemotherapy but still a long-term and unpleasant treatment this is why I would like to ask you to pray with me for her health and especially for her conversion and baptism.

Thank you for your prayers and support, thank you for caring for our country. I hope my work is beneficial for God's Kingdom and glorifies His name. May God bless and support you in everything.

With love,  
Your brother, Volodya (Didukh)  
з любов'ю ваш брат Володя

## NEWS ON THE CONTAINERS FROM NORWAY!



Greetings, Tatiana Vasilievna! I am sending you pics of medical equipment that we loaded (beds, bedside tables, mattresses, sheets, etc.) from the Norway shipment that churches of Christ made possible and that was sent to the hospital in the town of Olevsk. There are also other pics of things that we have given to that hospital. All hospitals are being expanded now because there are a lot of wounded civilians.

We are facing another great wave of migration from Donetsk and Lugansk towards central part of Ukraine. We try to get children out in the first place. All cities and towns are being shelled. Semen Semenchenko was badly wounded yesterday but he is alive, in intensive care unit. John remembers him.

As for the container from Germany, it will be put together only next week and I will send you the list then. Germans called me yesterday.

I might ask John for more help if I decide to take 100 more children to Korosten. I will let you know.

I am going to Zhytomyr and Korosten tomorrow morning. We send two truck loads of food to various locations every week but we are about to run out of canned meat and other food. The situation is horrible but we hold out trusting God.

Greetings to John. And thanks to children of God in America for thinking of Ukraine and trying to help her! May God be praised and may He be merciful!

