



# UKRAINE MISSIONS NEWS

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## "I AM SENDING YOU GREETINGS ON BEHALF OF CHRISTIANS IN IVANO-FRANKIVSK AND MY FAMILY. WE NEVER STOP THANKING GOD FOR YOUR CONSTANT PRAYERS AND CARE FOR US."

The month of April was filled with actions that spanned the globe. There were amazing events that were reported and very encouraging developments for the progress of the Gospel. Many reading this newsletter were a part of the actions and your partnership was the catalyst for successes!

During April I was involved in the loading of four containers of benevolent supplies that were shipped into these locations in Ukraine: Ivano-Frankivsk, Odessa, and Zaporozhye. These containers were loaded out of Reston, Washington, Indianapolis, Indiana and Columbus, Mississippi. The totals of these containers is amazing:

- ✓ 76,526 pounds loaded and shipped!
- ✓ \$518,039.00 total value shipped
- ✓ \$23,810.00 the actual cost we paid for shipping
- ✓ Thus in April...for every dollar spent we were able to provide \$21.75 in return!

We received reports and photos of previously sent containers arriving in Ukraine and being cleared by Ukraine Customs and distributed by the Christians in Ukraine. On my upcoming trip to Ukraine I have been scheduled to visit a number of these locations and personally inspect the operations that have been completed.

In addition to the loading of these containers we were busy in a number of other areas. I was a part of the Wayne Furnace men's leadership training session during April. This event was so encouraging as brethren of like-minded faith gathered together and spent the day discussing how the Lord's Church must step up and meet the challenges of secularism and boldly holdfast to God's inspired Truth regarding His Church and worship.

I am sending out this newsletter from Montgomery, AL. I was invited by the Dalraida church of Christ to come and speak on their "Great Commission Sunday." It is always a joy to be with this good congregation and I have been blessed with a long partnership with them in spreading the gospel. The lessons took a focused look at the Lord's Church in Antioch, Syria—it is the most influential mission-minded congregation in all the Scriptures! The Church in Antioch has a number of practical and urgent lessons about missions that needs to be highlighted for the Lord's Church today.

—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

## A CONTAINER SHIPPED TO ODESSA WAS DISTRIBUTED!



*"Hello Dear John!  
The first container  
has arrived and now  
is the procedure of  
customs clearance!  
To this day,  
everything is going  
well and without  
delay! It is a  
real blessing!"*



## IVAN SKOLEBA REPORTS FROM IVANO-FRANKIVSK!

Dear church, dear brothers and sisters!

The month of April was very joyful for this congregation. Four souls made covenant with God through water baptism. They had attended all Bible classes and worship services regularly for a year. They had studied the Bible and had asked many serious questions.

Irina was invited to Bible classes three years ago when brother John Kachelman came for a visit. Ira listened to lessons and later on confessed that her conscience convicted her as she understood that the Lord was knocking at her heart but she was bashful and afraid of her colleagues at work and relatives and decided not to make haste to be baptized. And now she wishes so bad she had not had to live through trials and temptations within those three years. She repented sincerely and was immersed.

Stas, a 25-year old young man, came to Ivano-Frankivsk a year ago with his girlfriend Anya. They came from Eastern Ukraine when there was a lot of bad shelling in that part of Ukraine. They had never been to church or read the Bible until they came here.

Stas and Anya asked many questions and were surprised to find out that there was another way of life, which is with Christ, and that the Lord loves each one of them personally. For a year they had attended church services and we helped them as much as we could with a place to live, life essentials, jobs, etc. Stas is a chef and he found a job quickly. They saw our concern and support and decided to live with Christ. And as of today, they are members of the Church and are very thankful to the Church and want to grow spiritually.

Inna was also baptized. She also came from Eastern Ukraine with a five year old son, Svyatoslav. Her husband drank and did not help her with the son and when shelling started she took the son and came to Ivano-Frankivsk, having taken only essentials. For several months, she would cry and would have no desire to continue living. We met her when we set up a meeting with refugees and gave away clothes, food, presents for kids, medical aid and bucket put together by the Hillsboro brethren. Inna was among the first ones who came to classes after that meeting and little by little she turned from a depressed and reserved woman into a lively and active one. Her son comes to Church with her. The boy still suffers consequences of stress but in the course of time he has become more kind towards other children even though anger still gains control over him.

Inna confided that her mother was a member of Church in Donetsk and Inna had heard about God and Church but did not want to attend with her mother and now she wishes she had as she understands now that Christ is the only source of fullness of life. A young woman by the name of Lena comes with Inna to Church and brings her six year old daughter. Lena is also thinking about immersion. Now that we have new children at Church that need rehab and adjustment after what they went through living in areas that were shelled and bombed we play games with them and teach classes to help them fit in and make friends with other children. Our older children also play with them. We plan to take children to the mountains in summer to fellowship and have Bible classes with them. People are very reserved and filled with fears.

## THE KNOB CREEK CONGREGATION SENDS GARDEN SEEDS!

For many years (20+) the faithful brethren at the Knob Creek congregation in Fulton, KY has been sending garden seeds to Ukraine to help provide food for the cruel winter months. Just before packing for the spring mission trip I received a box of seeds in the mail with this note:

*Dear John, we are sending a few garden seeds. We are sorry we don't have more to send because I'm sure the people can really use them. We wanted to get them to you before you left on your trip. You and the people of Ukraine will be in our thoughts and prayers. Have a safe trip.*

*Everyone at Knob Creek*



We had visitors from the USA in April – Bill, Mike and Susan came to arrange Summer Bible Camp. Gary Jerkins and John Durham visited us as well. The congregation was very uplifted by their visit. Gary and John visited Roman whom they had helped with a wheelchair. Roman's family was very thankful for such help.

John taught classes to us and we asked him to do the baptisms.

We are always encouraged by our American brothers and sisters that come to visit us because your support is vital to us.

We would like to thank Dalraida, Hillsboro and other churches that help support our work here. We would have never done that much without your help, prayers, participation, concern and care.

We would like to thank Jerry Morgan for his help. Now we can purchase an overhead projector. The orphanage in Sniatyn is very thankful for the help with washing detergents.

We would like to thank Sister Debbie Brunk from Colorado for her help and prayers. We are also very thankful to all other brothers and sisters who help us here in Ukraine. Together we can do so much in the Kingdom of our Heavenly Father. 1 Corinthians 15:58.

Our request to the Church is to continue praying for our daughter-in-law Maria, for her sister Ivanka and brother Kolya. They consider baptism and Church. May the Lord help them make the right decision.

With love, Ivan and Svetlana  
С люб. Иван и Светлана

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

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ. I am sending you greetings on behalf of Christians in Ivano-Frankivsk and my family. We never stop thanking God for your constant prayers and care for us. I would like to share some events with you that took place in our lives in the month that we have already lived through.

First of all, I would like to share with you the news that caused great joy to all of us. Four souls were added to God's Kingdom this month. Inna, refugee from Donetsk, Ira and a young couple Stas and Anya made covenant with God. It is such a joy to watch God's Kingdom grow and to see fruits of the work that is being done in God vineyard. Now, brother Ivan teaches Bible classes to those baptized to help them grow strong and mature in the spirit. We pray and we would like to ask you to join with us praying to God for wisdom and strength to be given to these young Christians for them to grow spiritually and for us to be, in our turn, a good Christian example to them.

Stas and Anya came from Donetsk and having made covenant with God they decided to build up their relationship according to the Word of God. So they have been officially married and are a young family now. This is another joyful event that happened in our lives. We try to encourage and support this young family as much as we can now. All of their relatives are still in Donetsk and they are worried about them. Please, pray that God would protect them and if possible take them out of warzone.

I had a very good visit with the mayor of Stary Lysets Anatoly



## JERRY MORGAN'S VISIT BEARS FRUIT FOR THE LORD

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Romanovych. He has an older sister who is bedridden due to a spine trauma. Anatoly Romanovych had received aid for her from us. But this month, he suggested we should visit her together. We had good time there. Thank God, we have humanitarian aid which allows us to take care of people that cannot care for themselves and that opens doors for the gospel. Thank you for your great work.

I visited the Bear Valley School in Ternopil not long ago. They had a conference talking about "first love," that is Christian commitment and love to God. Brethren from Ternopil were also there and we had great time together. I was glad to see brothers and sisters whom I had not seen for a year since I graduated from the School. Thanks to God for granting us opportunities for fellowship in one Spirit.

Brother Jerry Morgan's visit was joyful and unexpected event. Even though his visit did not last as long as the previous one he was able to accomplish a lot of good for the glory of God in the Ivano-Frankivsk Region. He came to help children in need. We visited a boarding school that is not supplied with enough funds from the state. It was a very pleasant surprise to the Principal of the school and the local government. We were introduced to the school, learned about their schedules and classes. Brother Jerry decided to help that school and we bought lots of household detergents and school supplies and gave to the school. Local administration was amazed. They gave brother Jerry a book talking about their area. That trip was very satisfying since we were able to help children that cannot receive things they need from their parents or relatives. I would like to thank brother Jerry and those brethren that gave of their finances for these good deeds and to take care of orphaned children. God sure will bless you!

*Thank you for prayers and for all you do for us. May God bless you!*

With love, brother Volodya  
З любов'ю, брат Володя

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