

FRUITS OF THE GOSPEL IN UKRAINE!

In spite of the horrific upheavals caused by Russia's invasion and occupation in eastern Ukraine, the Lord's Church is remaining steadfast in its mission. Through its involvement in assisting those affected by the war and its evangelistic zeal to share the gospel, fruits are being harvested.

I receive many reports from various locations in Ukraine. These reports give encouraging information about the local Church being the "salt" and "light" of God's exclusive People. Teaching the sound Truth of the gospel is an on-going activity as our brethren show Christ's love with compassion that invites the good and honest hearts to ask questions.

Within the month of June there have been 16 immersions in locations in Ukraine where we are involved. Twelve were immersed in Mariupol, two immersed in Zaporozhye and two in Ivano-Frankivsk!

The gospel is the ONLY power for salvation! Rejoice with your brethren in Ukraine as they preach and teach the gospel.



Zaporozhye—Yuri writes, *"Good evening! We would like to share good news from Zaporizhzhya with you. We've had 2 baptisms in the Zaporizhzhya congregation in June. Two young girls, Zhenya and Nadya, were immersed. Both of them are natives from Zaporizhzhya. We continue feeding IDP's from the East and Crimea as well as helping them with clothes. Number of refugees to Zaporizhzhya has grown and church here would appreciate any help you can give these people."*



Ivano-Frankivsk—I have already sent reports on the immersions of Marika and Khrystya as they put on their Lord in baptism. A recent email from Ivan Skoleba has this message about the congregation's mission. *"All of these opportunities contribute to our credibility with the Western Ukrainian community where Catholicism is a domineering religion...Many have learned about us within these years and they have seen the difference between the dead Catholic Church and the living church of Christ. After all the trials that we have gone through, our brethren who still attend, present a consolidated and strong core of faithful Christians...Our congregation is growing and as we look into*



future we want to make sure that our children and grandchildren know what church of Christ is. Our strength is in the truth of the Lord..."



Mariupol—Vadim has been involved in distributing assistance to those who fled to Mariupol when Russian forces invaded Lugansk and Donetsk. In addition to that action Vadim has been going into marketplaces and talking with those interested in religious topics. Vadim graduated from Bear Valley Biblical Institute of Ukraine with his master's degree and has put into practice the evangelistic mission that BVBIU so well demonstrates as they go into markets and other locations distributing tracts and engaging in Bible studies. Resulting from the gospel's power TWELVE were immersed on Sunday 28 June!

