



# UKRAINE MISSIONS NEWS

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(Left to Right) Joseph (Sierra Leone), John (USA), Emmanuel (Ghana) at the Lord's assembly  
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### *“PROVIDENCE IS BEST VIEWED FROM THE REARVIEW MIRROR. PROVIDENCE IS BEST ACCLAIMED IN THE PAST TENSE AS THE HYMN SINGS, ‘THE LORD HAS BEEN MINDFUL OF ME’ .”*

“Providence” has always been perhaps the most intriguing doctrine of the Bible. Although it is an absolute fact, providence remains an elusive specific. Our inability to identify providential workings with confidence was admitted by the Apostle Paul as he noted “For perhaps” (Philemon 15).

Although elusive and unspecified providence provides a great comfort to God’s People as they struggle. As Habakkuk struggled with the geopolitical events and the political evils of his world that trouble godly people living in an ungodly civilization, he expressed the frustrating disconnect of his firm faith that Jehovah God is in control with the seeming invulnerability of ungodliness. The prophet’s perplexity received this assurance from the Almighty God (Habakkuk 1:5)...“I am doing something in your days.” The active providence of the Almighty in the world’s affairs is stated by the prophet in Daniel 2:20, 21: “Daniel said, ‘Let the name of God be blessed forever and ever, For wisdom and power belong to Him. ‘It is He who changes the times and the epochs; He removes kings and establishes kings; He gives wisdom to wise men and knowledge to men of understanding.’”

And think upon the poignancy of the personal touch that providence even has within each congregation as “(N)ow hath God set the members each one of them in the body, even as it pleased him” (1 Corinthians 12:18). Have you ever considered that God’s providence has placed you in the congregation to accomplish the divine will? A realization of this simple point will transform the energy and dynamics of the local congregation.

The message of inspiration is simple...you should never think that God is inactive, unaware, distant, or unconcerned!

Providence is best viewed from the rearview mirror. Providence is best acclaimed in the past tense as the hymn sings, “The Lord HAS been mindful of me.” Paul and Barnabas took a backward look at the providential happenings in the mission field and “when they had arrived and gathered the church together, they *began* to report all things that God had done with them and how He had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles (Acts 14:27).

Rejoice in the absolute assurance of God’s providential workings—**“I am doing something** in your days.”

No one can chart the whys, hows, and absolutes of providence. We believe it and we trust it. God does “guide, guard and protect us.” Even after the fact is assured, all we can say is what Paul said, “For perhaps.”

*At times I am awed and unable to grasp Lord's mercy that He blesses us with through your great help.*

*We never cease to prayerfully thank God for your hearts and care that you give us.*

*May God bless you and your families.*

*Thank you for our unity in Christ.*

*With love,  
your brother  
Volodymyr Didukh*

How sublime is providence as it is described by Aaron's benediction: "The Lord bless you, and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace." (Numbers 6:22-26)

How confident is David's prayer, "Then David the king went in and sat before the Lord, and he said, 'Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my house, that *You have brought me this far?*'" (2 Samuel 7:18)

Thank God for His divine providence!

How commanding the Christian's response to providence should be is evidenced by Paul's request to his Colossian brethren, "Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving; praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned; that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak." (Colossians 4:2-4).

Do you pray for God to open doors or do you resent the personal inconvenience of doors opening?

Every month I send out this newsletter and it is filled with selected reports of how providence...

- ...Has opened doors of opportunity for God's People to move to action...
- ...Has given the increase of that which was planted and watered by faithful servants...
- ...Has provided blessed assurance as we struggle through life's tribulations.

—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

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## THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD ILLUSTRATED BY OUR BROTHER EMMANUEL KWAKU NIMOH—FROM GHANA TO UKRAINE!

Illustrating the amazing providential working of God is the story of a beloved brother in Ivano-Frankivsk. He is from Ghana and had been in the medical university in Donetsk when Russia invaded. I and John McMeen asked Emmano to share his story and I wanted to share it with you.

I believe his story will encourage you and strengthen your faith in the active working of God's providence in our everyday lives and situations.

**From:** Emmanuel K.nimo  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 25, 2015 3:31 AM

Hello dear Brethren!

Thank you very much for that great lessons ("THE MODERN IDOLATRY") and your prayers for me and my family, we are most grateful.

May the good Lord continue to bless you with abundant of such great lessons and grant you long healthy life to continue the good work for The Lord's Church.

My mates from the medical school always talks about the one lecture they attended. It was very great, insightful and eye opener to some of the things we take for granted.

## THANK YOU'S FROM UKRAINE!

Our dearest brothers and sisters from America!

We are so thankful to you for the joint retreat that you conducted in western Ukraine from October 2 through October 4, 2015.

Visit to Ukraine's biggest village, Mykulychyn, gave a good opportunity for adults to deepen their knowledge of the Bible and for children to try their creativity. Trips to the Guk waterfall in Mykulychyn and one in the town of Yaremche allowed us to get a better knowledge of the nature of Carpathian Region.

We are also very thankful to brother John Kachelman for wonderful and powerful lectures which he conducted from Oct 5 through Oct 11, 2015 at the church meeting place in Ivano-Frankivsk.

Sincerely yours,

Inna with son Svyatoslav, IDP's from Donetsk

Yes, brother John McMeen wanted to know how I and my family came to know Christ's Church, so I shared briefly with him, he is very thoughtful brethren.

Your love and passion for The Lord's Church is very inspiring and motivating for me.

**Subject:** My family and how I came to know Jesus and His Church.

I come from a family of Ten (10): my parents and eight siblings. We were actually nine siblings but our elder brother died in 1999 through an accident on the sea.

So currently I am the male elderly son of my family. I have two elderly sisters and younger one. In all, I have three sisters and four younger brothers.

My parents have no formal education and my two elder sisters, only had up to junior high school. But my parents are my inspiration to pursue higher education especially my father has been always encouraging me because he did not had anyone to advice/support him on his education when he was growing up but as an adult he knows the importance of it. So he would do whatever humanly possible to support you once you choose to pursue education. At times they had to borrow to pay our fees. My parents are farmers.

Currently my younger sister is pursuing education in teacher training college on a distance program whiles my other four brothers, two had completed senior and junior high school respectively, the last born is in junior high. My brother after me could not complete his senior high and is currently at home due to his bad choice.

I am married to Mrs. Emma Nimoh with two kids (Emmanuel Jnr and Emmanuelle). Prior to coming to Ukraine to study Medicine, I had diploma in General Nursing and Nurse Anesthesia respectively. In all, I have work for seven years as a government employee.

My wife is ENT nurse and employee of government as well. We live in government bungalow in Koforidua (Eastern Regional capital of Ghana) with my two siblings (Diana and Paul). The rest of my family is in countryside of Kumasi, Ghana.

Since 2007, I established an organization by  
NAME: HELP MOTHERLAND GHANA  
MOTTO: YOUR HOLISTIC WELL-BEING, OUR CONCERN with the following objectives:

1. To institute programs and projects that would positively affect the society to adapt to a healthy lifestyle.
2. To provide/assist people or a group of people who may need a special health care both locally and internationally.
3. To affiliate with similar sister organization both locally and internationally.

Based on the first objective, I instituted the following programs;

1. Health Education and Screening
2. Ear, Nose & Throat (ENT)/Eye care



Greetings to you, kind,  
gracious and friendly  
Christians from America!

My name is Nadia and I'm  
sending you big thanks. It  
was my first time at  
church. A friend of mine,  
Maria, invited me. She  
had told me many a time  
about the church, friends  
and brethren from  
America, your love,  
kindness and help. And I  
had an opportunity to  
find out for myself how  
true her words were. I  
was astonished by  
everything I saw and  
heard. Thank you very  
much for that invaluable  
gift, which is the Bible,  
for interesting classes  
and good pastime.

Sincerely yours, Nadia  
Ivano-Frankivsk Region  
Galich District

3. Home Based Medical Assistance/Care
4. HGM Missionary/Preachers (Collaboration with Youth wing of Church, Old Estate Church of Christ, Koforidua, Ghana). To Organize Evangelism and Medical Outreaches to Rural Communities, Organizations and Institutions.
5. Career Counseling/ Guidance
6. HMG Basic Life/Advance Life Support
7. Aged Support Services

Upon operating the organization for almost a decade ago, I fully came to appreciate the essence of my existence and why I was called to Christ and His Church.

I came to know Christ and His Church through a one week missionary preaching program in my village organized by Offinso-New Town Church of Christ with its USA partners in 1997.

Upon reading the various materials they gave me and intermittent fellowship with them, in 2003 January 26th, I was finally baptized in Old Estate Church of Christ, Koforidua, Ghana.

Since then I have been a brethren and my absolute desire is to serve the Lord and humanity to the best of my capability. Is with this burning desire cause me to embark on medical education in Ukraine to enable me to obtain legal license to practice in my country to continue the work of the organization to offer health care to clients whom we get during our outreach programs as I received over a decade ago.

It was the most difficult and painful decision to leave my wife and kids behind but with mutual understanding and her full support, and the grace of God, I was able to set off from the shores of Ghana to Donetsk National Medical University, Eastern Ukraine in 2013 to study medicine starting from the third year of courses because they would accept four years based on my previous studies.

But due to the crisis in eastern Ukraine, we were moved to western Ukraine (Ivano-Frankivsk National Medical University) to continue my studies but the university authorities refused my transcript from Ghana and accepted me only into first year. I almost went back to Ghana because I never planned for it to take so many years.

My journey has been challenging but the grace of God has been so sufficient for me.

Since my childhood, you are the first person to ask me to know about my family and how I came to know Christ, honestly I am really touched and glad.

It has been a sober reflective exercise for me and help me to fully appreciate how much The Lord has done for me and my family.

Once again, Thank you very much Brethren (brother John McMeen) and may The Lord continue to bless you and your entire generation.

This is a short summary about me and please do not hesitate to make any further inquiry, I will be gladly to respond.

Yours sincere, brother Emmanuel Kwaku Nimoh

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

Greetings, dear brothers and sisters!

The month of October was very good and abundant in various events for us.

First of all, we rejoiced in good fellowship with other brothers and sisters from America (who visited from Arkansas, Tennessee, and Ohio). Thank you for the time we spent together in the mountains studying the Bible. Many brethren here could not possibly afford it without your financial support.

Bible classes were very good, on topics that are urgently needed for us and the entire congregation. We were astonished to see so many people come to Bible classes. Those were friends and relatives of our members. We expected 50 but the final total attending was 94 (and some counted over 100 with children)!

Such a large number attending complicated our work in terms of additional arrangements, such as rent of one more hotel and two shifts for meals. But despite all of these, everybody was pleased and happy because such fellowship strengthens our faith and encourages us.

Thank you, brothers and sisters, for good lessons and your talent of being orderly. This congregation would grow much faster both spiritually and in numbers if we could have such joint retreats with Bible classes at least once a year.

For some it was the first exposure to such an event and they told us, "We never expected American Christians to be so kind and so loving to people that they would come here sacrificing their time and money."

Due to our poor economy many people have to restrict themselves in terms of food let alone going somewhere for such a retreat, which they simply cannot afford. It was nice to see that everybody appreciated your sacrifice and did not take it for granted. Women were especially thankful for classes and time spent together. Teens were happy to have that fellowship as well. We are very thankful to brothers Gary and Ron for their work to set up this trip. We are also thankful to them for helping our medical workers and thanks to that help many doctors are willing to help Christians with a priority. All medical institutions of the Ivano-Frankivsk Region think highly of the church of Christ thanks to humanitarian aid that we have been providing for many years.

John Kachelman taught great classes on Modern Spiritual Idolatry (titled "Making God in OUR Image"). Thanks to those classes many Christians re-conceptualized their attitudes because previously they did not understand those truths that brother John revealed to us through his lessons. Thanks also to brother John Durham for his classes on Philippians which contributed much to spiritual buildup of our congregation.

We are enjoying some good opportunities to spread the Gospel in Ukraine nowadays. Many people lost everything to the war and are discouraged by the government and have no hope because they did not trust in God. And many of them experience for the first time such love and care of Heavenly Father and Lord Christ with which the church of Christ treats them. And their hearts are opening to us. People were not so accepting before war. We try

I am very thankful to Brother John for the series of lessons on modern idolatry.

The information I received in classes enabled me to look at customary things from a different perspective and to meditate on my relationship with God.

I truly hope that brother John will continue coming and teaching us many more series of his good lessons.

Mariyka

Dear Brother John, thank you for your missionary work that you have done for many years all over Ukraine! We're thankful for your support of this congregation at such difficult time, for studies of the Word of God.

Special thanks to all those who took part in the retreat.

With love, Sister Anna

Dear brother in Christ  
John!

We thank you for the work that you do. We're thankful that the Lord helps you, protects you and makes it possible for you to come here. Thank you for wonderful lessons that you taught during the week you stayed with us. Your visits are always joyful to us. We thank you for the support and time that you give to help our congregation.

The Kryzhanovsky family,  
Leonid, Larisa, Natalya  
and Eva



Dear John! We are thankful that you came to visit us again. We are thankful for this trip to the mountains. We enjoyed classes for children and for adults very much.

I did not attend classes for adults but I was in children's classes and I liked them very much. I would like to ask you to give thanks to those people that taught our classes.

Thank you for everything!  
From Sofia

to preach and give away Bibles with the Church address and phone numbers.

We continue assembling on Sunday, Wednesday and Friday for worship and Bible classes. We have received another container shipment for hospitals and it is under Customs' clearance currently. We hope to begin distribution within a week. Thank you to those who help donate money so John and Jerry can ship these containers in Lord's Name!

I am to complete my Master's program in the Bible from November 2 through November 12. Brothers Volodymyr and Pavel continue their ministry in Stary Lysets and Kryvy Rig. Volodymyr helps me with church work as well.

Thanks to sister Debbie for her prayers and support.

Big thanks to all of you, dear brothers and sisters, for your material and spiritual support.

Please, pray for our family and our work in our Father's Kingdom.

With love and gratitude, Ivan and Svetlana

С любовью и благодарностью во Христе Иван и Светлана

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

My beloved brethren in Christ,

I am sending you greetings from Ivano-Frankivsk and on behalf of my family. I thank God for your prayers and care.

Another month of our life has passed. That month was full of different events. And I would like to share them with you.

The visit of our brethren in Christ from America was one of the most remarkable events of the month. That event was filled with joy because it gave us wonderful opportunities to be in Bible classes and have fellowship that is always so uplifting. I would like to thank those brothers and sisters that came to the Ivano-Frankivsk area and prepared those lessons for us and for their fellowship. As a result, our members grew closer to each other and many people opened up and became more outgoing. This trip allowed us to invite many of those who are not Christians but are open and close to the Lord's Church in different ways to attend classes and enjoy fellowship. That is why we are very thankful to all those who took part in this ministry. We are sure that it will bring forth good fruit for the Kingdom of our Father.

While our brothers and sisters from America were with us in Ivano-Frankivsk, brother Ron Swang and I visited Stary Lysets. We enjoyed wonderful time with the village Mayor, Anatoly. We visited the village outpatient clinic and dental office, which were equipped with your help through humanitarian aid shipments. Local people appreciate this help very much. And especially are people surprised and thankful that our brethren from America are mindful of the village and continue coming to help and be of benefit to the village. I hope that people will open their hearts to accept the Gospel as a result of such good works. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

Dear church in America,  
dear brothers and sisters!

There are no words to  
express how thankful I  
am to you for those  
wonderful days that  
you provided for us  
in Mykulychyn.

I thank God and all of  
you who took part in this  
work; thank you for love  
and care for us and our  
friends for whom you  
made it possible to  
attend the retreat.

With love, hugs and  
kisses, Maria,  
Ivano-Frankivsk



Greetings dear brothers  
and sisters in Christ. I am  
sending you my heartfelt  
thanks for the work that  
you did in Ukraine,  
namely, the retreat  
where we studied the  
Word of God. I thank God  
and brethren that took  
part in those activities.

It is such a great blessing  
and encouragement to  
have such unity in Christ.

Thank you for having  
sacrificed your  
time for us.

May the Lord bless you,  
your works and ministry.

With love,  
Volodya Didukh,  
your brother in Christ

Brother Ron helped me furnish my room in Stary Lysets where the Church will assemble at some point. Brother Ron gave funds to replace flooring in one of the rooms. As of today, I have bought and delivered all necessary materials there. Lord willing, I will put new flooring there next month. Big thanks to brother Ron and sister Susan (his wife) for having opened their hearts to help in this way.

The month was abundant in Scripture studies as well. All members were very active and zealous in attending Bible classes. Brother John Kachelman prepared wonderful lessons on idolatry. All members from spiritual adults to babes in Christ had an opportunity to not only receive great spiritual food but to find things pertaining to their lives to ponder on. After brother John Kachelman's classes, brother John Durham started teaching from Philipians. We thank brothers for their great ministry. May God bless your work and families.

Together with sister Svitlana we distributed Bibles to our City Hospital. Everything worked out in a wonderful way as our sister was having treatments in that hospital and preached Christ there. She befriended the Head Doctor of the Cardiology Department. The Head Doctor was very happy and delighted to receive Bibles. The whole Cardiology Department of the City Hospital has a supply of Bibles now which allows people to study the Scriptures. And the Head Doctor is open to study the Truth and we hope that she will come to the true faith.

We received another humanitarian shipment from you but it has been under Customs clearance and we cannot distribute it to the needy at this point. But we sure will do it very soon. And since now we have our own truck we plan to deliver help personally avoiding mediators who do not always show integrity. Thank you for caring for us, for humanitarian aid shipments and for the truck. At times I am awed and unable to grasp Lord's mercy that He blesses us with through your great help. We never cease to prayerfully thank God for your hearts and care that you give us.

May God bless you and your families. Thank you for our unity in Christ.

With love, your brother Volodymyr Didukh  
З любов'ю ваш брат Володимир Дідух

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## ***PAVAL TUZNICHENKO REPORTS ON THE LORD'S WORK IN KRYVY RIG!***

My dear brothers and sisters, I am happy to greet you again. May peace, love and grace be with you always. I thank the Lord for bringing His children together and thanks to Him we can have fellowship with you. As always, I pray and ask the Lord to continually bless you for your love and help that you provide for us and for all churches of Christ in Ukraine. Our congregations in Ukraine can function and grow thanks to your humanitarian and financial help.

Thank you for your support of those brothers and sisters from America that came here and conducted such a wonderful retreat in Yaremche, which gave us opportunity to attend wonderful classes that they had prepared for us. Thank you for supporting John Kachelman and for his latest visit to Ukraine to teach us such excellent lessons.

Dear brother in Christ  
John! We are very  
thankful to you for your  
wonderful classes that  
you taught. We would  
also like to thank all  
brothers and sisters that  
took part in the retreat.

Big thanks to sister  
Teresa for great  
children's classes.

We are looking forward  
to your next trip.

With love,  
Andrew and Marina

Dear brothers and sisters  
in Christ!

We would like to thank  
you for your mission work  
in Ukraine and especially  
for the retreat that you  
conducted in the  
mountains.

My cousin Matthew is  
sending his big thanks for  
wonderful classes that  
sister Teresa taught. He  
is looking forward for  
future classes because he  
was so overwhelmed  
with joy.

May the Lord God  
bless you!

With love,  
brother Volodymyr and  
sister Olya

I would like to report to you on the work done within this month. We continue studying the Word of God. We have discussed such topics as "Worship that we are to have in Church" (teaching, prayer, singing and Lord's Supper).

We also discuss questions that arise when studying the Bible.

I continue teaching Children's Bible class where we talk about Bible characters as well as learn Bible verses and psalms by heart so that children would understand the importance of words written in the Bible.

We have been to the river and park on picnics several times to spend more time together and have more fellowship with one another. I pray and ask the Lord to spiritually strengthen all of those who have made their minds to follow Him. Even more fervently do I pray and ask Him to give me wisdom and love so I will be a better servant in His vineyard.

Brethren, please, pray with me asking the Lord to add more and more saved souls to His Church. And as usual, I would like to ask you to pray for my family, for the growth of Church in Kryvy Rig and all over Ukraine, for those people that have not chosen the right path and have not become Christ's followers yet. Pray for peace in this country. Please, pray for my family and especially for my children.

I keep all of you in my prayers; I thank you for your help, love, and support. I wish you good health, God's love and blessings!

With love, your brother Pavel  
с любовью ваш брат Павел.

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## **SEVTLANA SKOLEBA SENDS YOU GREETINGS**

Dear brothers and sisters!

The Lord blessed us with wonderful retreat in the mountains. Weather was great and all participants were uplifted by the fellowship and Bible classes. For comparison, I would like to mention that weather changed drastically in a week and it snowed in the mountains up to 15 cm. In this way God shows His great power and mercy towards His children.

This retreat gave us new contacts because people became more open to the Church and God's Word.

Big thanks to all brothers and sisters for the help and involvement in this retreat.

All members are very thankful to our American brothers and sisters who help us in our work and life here.

All brethren here send big thank you for John's classes. They were very good as usual and helped us think about a serious danger to our spirituality—idolatry. John's classes and teachings are always an inspiration to the families of the congregation here.

We continue our classes. John Durham has been with us for a solid month. We have been delighted to be present in his classes on Philippians.

Ivan is completing his Master's program at the Bear Valley School. This will be his final examination session. He has all A's. Our family is thankful to the Lord that He's given you, our dear American brothers and sisters, an



## CONSTRUCTION PROGRESSES!



Foundation laid for the storage and church's meeting place



opportunity to come here and provide an opportunity for us to study and teach others the Word of God.

The Church is growing and we need your prayers on our behalf and on behalf of our children.

Andrew, who was at the retreat for the first time, started attending classes even though he is a coach in a gym and works in the evenings (heavyweight). But he always asks what we studied in our classes. Ivan works with him personally and at times our families get together. His wife represents the local government and is strongly opposed to the Word of God. We pray for this family because difference in religious affiliations causes family problems.

I had to spend some time in the hospital at the Cardiology Department. People there responded to the Word of God and we distributed Bibles to those who wanted them.

Olga, my doctor, is very serious about studying God's Word. She welcomed our studies with patients and we distributed literature with her consent. Olga stays behind her working hours and we often had lengthy conversations. She would ask many questions related to the Word of God. She once said, "I have observed through my long-term experience that patients rejecting God's Word recover badly and those believing in God and reading His Word recover faster and respond to treatments much better." Please, pray for Olga. She would like to come to Bible classes but she works late hours and lives in a suburb, not in the city itself.

We continue helping the displaced—those who have made up their minds to settle down in Ivano-Frankivsk.

Thank you for humanitarian aid shipments. We are especially thankful to John, Jerry, Mike and all who work in warehouse for sacrifice of time and health as this shows Christian love and concern. They greatly help both the local and the displaced from other parts of Ukraine. Prices on utilities and food have increased by several times and it is now an even greater challenge for people to survive. Your shipments are even more urgent now, especially winter clothes, shoes, hygiene supplies and household detergents.

People from all over Ukraine ask us for help. All of our members are willing to work and help. And even though it is hard to survive nowadays the church members here give for construction of the church building. We are happy to say construction is in its active phase. We will attach a few pictures for you to see it for yourselves.

With love,

Svetlana

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## ***NEWS FROM DENNIS SOPELNIK—THE BEAR VALLEY BIBLICAL INSTITUTE TRAINING PREACHERS!***

Hello dear brothers, families and churches.

Yet again I am grateful for your prayers. It is a great blessing to be a part of God's team and do ministry for Him on earth. October was full of interesting events.

**BIBLE STUDY WITH  
THE  
IVANO-FRANKIVSK  
CHURCH**



### Trip to Gorlovka

After shootings in the unrecognized republic ceased, I decided to travel to the occupied town and encourage Christians there. The trip was safe; however, I have experienced some constant internal tension. Christians met me with joy and love and did not want to let me go. I was the first one to visit them after the long period. During my stay in Gorlovka I visited 9 Christians (i.e. all of those who stayed in Gorlovka). They send their greetings and thanks for your help and prayers.

### Situation at the institute

During this month, we have had Victor Semikoz, Albert Bagdasaryan, Vitaliy Rodichev, Terry Harmon and me teaching at the institute. We are thankful for all of the teachers who make sacrifices of their personal time and comfort of home and come to teach at the institute. They do a great job, because together we train future preachers for God's Kingdom. Students are getting a lot of homework. Their schedule is intense. I hope that the knowledge they receive here they will use at the local congregations of their future ministry.

Right now we have an evangelizing week at the institute. This time we divided the students into two groups. One of them participates in a campaign in Bila Tserkva. Alexey Mitskutis is guiding their efforts. He is BVBIU graduate of 2014, and I have recently invited him to be my assistant at the institute. Alexey will also be responsible for recruitment at the institute. The other group of students went to Dnepropetrovsk. They will help to start a new congregation there.

During the evangelizing campaign, we have a goal to invite people to come to Bible classes. During the week of campaign we have Bible classes every evening and try to provide the most important information, telling people about Christ and His plan of salvation. We do not have any new visitors yet. We continue praying for the souls of those who are not yet saved.

Last Sunday we continued the process of recruiting new students for the next semester. Alexey, Bogdan and I visited the Vinogradar church of Christ in Kyiv. It is a nice cozy church. I preached there, and we also did a short presentation about the institute. I hope that our search for the new students will be successful, and we will find people willing to study Holy Scriptures. Please pray for that.

We finally reached the long awaited moment when we can send a team of evangelists to the western part of Ukraine, to the city of Lviv. Three of BVBIU graduates Bogdan Chigvintsev, Stanislav Kuropiatnikov and Dmitriy Kuropiatnikov decided to plant a new church at the biggest city of western Ukraine. They are very determined. Their wives will support them. Thus the church there would already have 6 members. And if they evangelize persistently, then the church would have a growth prospects. Please pray for this young team that is willing to sacrifice their comfort to spread the kingdom of God.

This week we have our Masters program starting their last course for the students. This year we have three students graduating from this program: Stanislav Kuropiatnikov, Ivan Skoleba and Vadym Tymchenko. Unfortunately, they had to study longer than it was planned. As a result of military actions, we had to cancel classes for Masters program last year.

## THE LORD'S CHURCH AT WORK!



Ukrainian language Bibles  
given away in a hospital

And the students had to wait for another year. I hope that some of them will be teaching at the Bachelors program.

The church in Bila Tserkva starts growing. Some Christians who lost interest in church now are gradually coming back. The church schedule is getting full of events. There are classes almost every day. On Wednesdays we have Bible classes; on Thursdays there are classes of learning English through the Bible; on Fridays there are youth group meetings and classes for ladies; on Saturdays there is Bible school for kids, and of course there is Sunday worship.

We thank those who pray for us and support our work financially. I am grateful for my family for supporting me in ministry to the Lord.

If you have any comments or questions, please write to me. I will be happy to answer. God's blessings!

Your brother and coworker,  
Dennis Sopelnik.

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*"I keep all of you in my prayers; I thank you for your help, love, and support. I wish you good health, God's love and blessings!" (Paval)*