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“BIG THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS ON BEHALF OF MY COUNTRY. EVEN THOUGH THERE IS NO VISIBLE END TO THE WAR YOUR PRAYERS HELP US TO STAND THROUGH AND REFRESH OUR HOPE FOR BETTER AND TRUST THAT EVERYTHING IS IN GOD’S HANDS.”

November is the month of “thanksgiving.” It is a wonderful time of the year as the nation pauses to focus on the blessings and benefits that are so bountiful. As Christians we do not reserve just one day out of the year for thanksgiving but offer thanksgiving constantly to the gracious Almighty God.

Among the things for which I am thankful for this year are those brethren who refuse to change beliefs and compromise convictions because they want to be politically correct and display the damnable tolerance that has corrupted the present culture in which we live. I cannot begin to describe my feelings toward those who compromise their mission for conveniences and personal anarchy. In the military we say that members on mission who lose sight of their mission bring back body bags—forgetting mission as priority number one is unacceptable conduct. In the Lord’s Army the consequences are not body bags but eternally damned souls and spiritless churches whose lampstands have been removed. The Lord’s judgment on such ought to sober elderships today, *“I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and thou art dead”* (Revelation 3:1).

The examples and life stories of those who remain stalwart in their faith and bold in their loyalty to New Testament Christianity offer comfort and encouragement to me. This is why the Hebrew writer urged his readers, *“Therefore let us also, seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us”* (Hebrews 12:1).

Consider how often the Holy Scriptures counsel Christians to remain firm in their convictions and bold in their Christianity. Inspiration’s counsel is summed up with this wise advice, *“My son, fear thou Jehovah...and company not with them that are given to change”* (Proverbs 24:21). Here are a few references illustrating this point (you are welcome to continue this list):

- ✓ Joshua was commanded to be mission directed by being strong and courageous in obeying the Lord and not turning either to the right or the left (Joshua 1:7).
- ✓ Daniel is forever held in the highest honor because when confronted with options to compromise his convictions or hush his boldness, he “continued” in his mission focus (Daniel 1:21; 6:10).
- ✓ David’s error reveals that compromise and change comes from Satan’s power and thus characterizes those who are enemies of God, *“And Satan stood up against Israel, and moved David to number Israel”* (I

THE IVANO-FRANKIVSK CHURCH OF CHRIST PREPARES FOOD BAGS FOR THOSE DISPLACED BY RUSSIA'S WAR.



"YOUNG LADY BY THE NAME OF KATE CAME TO IVANO-FRANKIVSK WITH HER 10-YEAR OLD DAUGHTER FROM EASTERN UKRAINE. A FRIEND OF HERS CAME ALONG WITH HER TWO SONS, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AGE. SVETA MET KATE AND THEY HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH EACH OTHER FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH. KATE WOULD LIKE TO COME AND BRING HER DAUGHTER TO THE CHURCH SO SEE WHAT CHURCH OF CHRIST WORSHIP LOOKS LIKE. PLEASE, PRAY FOR THESE SOULS."

Chronicles 21:1).

- ✓ Paul's inspired writings often urged Christian to be "steadfast, unmovable" (1 Corinthians 15:58) and be not moved away from the hope directed by the Scriptures (Colossians 1:23).
- ✓ Worldly Christians, suffer mission failure as the tragedy of compromised convictions and cultural tolerance is sought and congregations become guilty of the evil described by Paul, *"For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ, whose end is destruction, whose god is their appetite, and whose glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things"* (Philippians 3:18-20).

November has quickly passed and in its blurry wake there was much to report concerning the progress of the gospel. We are still receiving positive reports from the October mission trip (as evidence in Tanya's comments below). Supporters should have received the full mission trip report that was mailed to them. This report included the written copies of the thank you letters and a DVD of all photographs, thank you certificates from governing officials, letters from your beloved brethren in Ivano-Frankivsk, and the combined trip reports.

The construction on the property gifted to the Church in Ivano-Frankivsk continues. The preliminary actions have been completed and now the foundation for the storage building and meeting place is being laid. It is hoped that most of the storage and assembly room will be finished by the first of 2016. We are still seeking donors to help pay construction costs. We had to begin construction on the property or lose the land to the Greek Catholic Church. Once the first phase of construction is completed then the property will be securely in the possession of the Ivano-Frankivsk church of Christ. If you would like to help donate toward this construction please contact me.

This month's newsletter contains a number of very encouraging reports from our beloved brethren in Ukraine. Among the reports is news that Ivan Skoleba has been awarded his Master's Degree by the Bear Valley Biblical Institute of Ukraine. Ivan has worked hard to earn this degree. He was to have been presented with the degree last year but Russia's invasion prevented that from happening.

Read the following reports and rejoice in the great good that occurred for the Lord during November 2015!

Continue praying for our brethren throughout the world (and especially in the USA) that all will turn a deaf ear to those urging change in beliefs and compromise in convictions and treason in their loyalty to the Almighty God!

—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

TETIANA ZOZULINA REFLECTIONS ON THE MISSION TRIP OCTOBER 2015

My dearest brethren!

I am sending you love and greetings from the city of Ivano-Frankivsk, which has become my hometown since I first moved here in April. Big thanks to all of you for your prayers on behalf of my country. Even though

THE IMPACT UPON THE CHILDREN...

"FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, I HAD A MEETING WITH SOME 10TH-GRADERS, MY DAUGHTER ANYA'S SCHOOLMATES.

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there is no visible end to the war your prayers help us to stand through and refresh our hope for better and trust that everything is in God's hands. The fact that brethren overseas are praying for us is a source of strength and encouragement. And we do need and ask you to continue praying for peace and for us to have the right understanding of what is going on. We need to understand that such things happen not only because there are evil forces but also because something is wrong with us as a nation and we do not serve God as we should. There are vital lessons for us to learn and if we do we will survive; if we do not great will be our fall. But no matter what happens God has promised to take care of those who love and seek Him and that provides a great comfort to the soul.

I cannot say that people here are atheists – you would be amazed at the amount of cathedrals, churches and little chapels. But the question is whether all those great buildings are used to worship the true God?

Do not many people just make God a convenience preaching Him as they understand Him thus creating a new god that is not the Great God of the Bible? We can see it clearly here since there are so many religious people that believe but what they believe in is a twisted image of God. And many do not realize it.

That is why the classes that John Kachelman taught during his recent visit to Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine were more than welcome and urgent. The topic was "Making God in Our Own Image." Classes were very well received and helped many of us realize that there are so many things in life that become our priority and consequently we are guilty of worshipping the god of our understanding, the god of our cause, wealth, country, you name it. We think we worship God but in reality we practice idolatry worshipping modern day gods.

Some of the things that take us away from the true God are so subtle that we do not realize that we gradually "drift" away from Him (Hebrews 2:1).

We all are so thankful for John's classes because they opened our eyes to those subtle things and motivated us to reconceptualize our priorities in life, our understanding of God, the image of God we have—whether it is the true God of the Bible or some idol that we conveniently call "god."

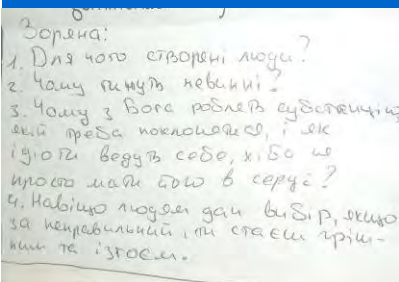
So I would like to thank John and all of those who have been helping him with his missionary efforts enabling him to come here, fellowship with us and teach such good classes from the Word of God. Those classes are always practical and timely. John is a blessing to us and our beloved brother in Christ. We thank God and you for being supportive of his mission work. May God bless you beyond measure for your generous hearts and for being such a strong encouragement to us.

As usual, John's trip was crammed with activities and visits. Besides teaching and preaching in Ivano-Frankivsk, John visited some places that received humanitarian aid and those were great visits as everybody expressed their gratitude. One doctor came to John's class to thank him personally. She usually works late hours but was willing to come after a full day in the hospital to personally shake his hand and express heartfelt thanks for aid.

Besides visiting distribution sites in Ivano-Frankivsk John visited Kherson, Zaporizhzhya and Kramatorsk—places that received and distributed some of the recent shipments of humanitarian aid. It was wonderful to recognize

THE CHILDREN'S QUESTIONS

Ivan had a meeting with some of Anya's friends from school and here are some of the questions they asked:



1. Why were people created?
2. Why innocent die?
3. Why they make God as someone we have to worship? Some people who claim to follow God act like idiots. Is it not enough to have God in the heart?
4. Why people are given a choice if a wrong choice makes you a sinner and an outcast?

“our” hospital beds, wheelchairs, gurneys, mattresses and other supplies that, on one hand, help medical personnel to be more effective in giving medical assistance and, on the other hand, improve conditions of patients.

The trip was blessed with meeting new people and more doors were opened for us to labor for the Lord. One of those was a meeting with the “*Luganske Zemlyatstvo*” and its Director Vadym Goran. Vadym was referred to John by MOSP (Ukraine’s Ministry of Social Policy), which means that our humanitarian work is recognized on the Ukraine national state department level. This is a very valuable recognition that provides more opportunities to serve the Lord through humanitarian aid. Because everywhere humanitarian aid is distributed through our consignees Church of the Lord is mentioned.

I keep saying every time that all these successes would not be possible had it not been for YOU—your prayers, your support, your encouragement, your hard work at the warehouse and I mean it every time I say because you are really a vital part of this work! Thank you and may the Lord bless you beyond anything that you can dream.

John also visited the construction site where we are building our assembly place. It was amazing to see the progress and all the work that had been done in such a short period of time. Again, I send the biggest and most heartfelt thanks to those who have donated and will donate funds towards this project. I am proud of this congregation in Ivano-Frankivsk for the desire to have part in fund-raising as well—we have a special collection box for construction funds where members can give specifically for this project in addition to their Sunday contributions. And even though we are not wealthy people and many cannot afford a lot of things in life we rejoice and thank God every time we can put something in that collection box.

Another great visit on the mission trip was one with the Church in Kramatorsk. Both John and I had not been there for several years. It was exciting but at the same time a little scary because Kramatorsk is only 1,5 hours away from Donetsk. It was very brave of John to go there and his bravery was rewarded as we stayed in a hotel guarded by the military. I enjoyed seeing and greeting our troopers every day. John was a welcome guest at Church in Kramatorsk and was involved in several classes there.

First one was a Children’s Bible class where they study English through the Bible. John taught a very good class on “Responsibility from the Book of Joshua.” Children were so excited to have him as their teacher that they asked him to sign their notebooks, notepads; some even asked him to sign their arms and foreheads! It was fun!

The next class discussed Christians being the salt and the light of the world from Matthew 7. John also preached on Sunday from Habakkuk. I personally love the book of Habakkuk and was glad that John decided to preach from it. Plus all we Ukrainians need to learn (or be reminded) from Habakkuk as we all struggle with “why’s” and “how long’s” facing the current situation and all the problems and hardships it has brought about. Many thanked John for such a good and timely sermon. After sermon John was given time to speak about humanitarian aid.

It was wonderful time of fellowship with our brethren. Seeing Vlad, Oksana, their children, Valya, Vitalik and Lena as well as others was so encouraging. Terry Harmon showed up unexpectedly and it was another highlight of the day. So you may say that visit to Kramatorsk that was so

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(IVAN SKOLEBA)

uncertain at the beginning turned out to be rewarding in every aspect.

And I cannot but mention the retreat that was facilitated by brethren from churches of Christ from Nashville TN and Cincinnati, OH. A group of ten came for the retreat to teach classes, fellowship and encourage brethren in Ivano-Frankivsk. Members, their families, friends, and colleagues were invited to participate. *The turnout was much more than we expected—100+ people instead of 50!* Retreat took place in the mountains and everybody had great time.

So, I would like to thank all of you, my dearest and beloved brethren, for your love, concern, for your hard work, for your commitment and perseverance in the Lord. *You are our encouragement, cherished blessing, and a great example and incentive to us that are just little children in Christ still learning to walk in Him.*

I cannot but think of these verses of Holy Scripture that explain how you bless the lives of brothers and sisters in Ukraine. It is well explained by the word "refreshed."

- 1 Corinthians 16:18: For they have refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore acknowledge such men.
- 2 Corinthians 7:13: For this reason we have been comforted. And besides our comfort, we rejoiced even much more for the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by you all.
- 2 Timothy 1:16: The Lord grant mercy to the house of Onesiphorus, for he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains;
- Philemon 7: For I have come to have much joy and comfort in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, brother.

My dearest brothers and sisters! These verses explain just how much you are loved and needed. Because of YOU we have hope and we have faith that becomes stronger. THANK YOU!

And I cannot help but quote the Apostle Paul here, *"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy... being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ"* (Philippians 1:3-4, 6).

May God be your stronghold and "unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen" (Ephesians 3:21).

In Christian love, Tatyana Zozulina
христианской любовью Татьяна Зозулина

IVAN SKOLEBA REPORTS FROM IVANO-FRANKIVSK!

Greetings dear brothers and sisters!

We thank God for another month that we have lived through enjoying good health, preaching the Gospel, and helping people so that they would see good deeds and glorify God.

Due to the war in Ukraine many people have become angry; especially it is true with young people.

ONE FAMILY...

I have met new people in Stary Lysets this month. We probably can call them a family consisting of three orphan girls and their grandmother who takes care of them. Their mother died three years ago giving birth to the youngest daughter. Last summer their father went to the war, successfully came back home but his woman that he had lived with left him and he committed suicide (hanged himself) without thinking of his daughters. The children live with their grandmother now and she tries hard to give them adequate care and provide decent life for them. I offered them some help to buy groceries and clothes. The grandmother did not know what to think at first as she was not used to someone helping her selflessly. I bought some groceries and helped to buy winter clothes for the oldest girl. We talked about God and about His love to children.



THE GRANDMOTHER AND TWO OF THE THREE CHILDREN.

Friday, November 20, I had a meeting with some 10th-graders, my daughter Anya's schoolmates. Children asked questions and the majority of them were nothing less but rebukes to God: why all those bad things are happening in this country? Why doesn't God intervene and punish? We talked about two hours and from our conversation I understood that those children are brought up in religious families but to them God is some scary Being or substance which created the world and left people to their own devices.

Children are scared and upset with God and these feelings result from ignorance concerning the true God. It is a cry from those little souls addressed to us grownup parents, preachers and Christian parents.

The world wants to see God in us besides hearing about Him from us.

My wife and I are thankful to God that we have not only learned the Truth in the church of Christ but have seen God in our brothers and sisters from America.

Thank you for your prayers and support that you provide for us Ukrainians; for humanitarian aid, which enables us to help people.

Often time people would ask, "Why do you do this?" I heard the same question from the teenagers at the end of our conversation. Zoryana said, "Our priest chews out people every Sunday for poor collections. He has a list of those who 'owe' and demands that they pay back their 'debt' to him threatening them that otherwise he would maledict them and their whole kin." The children ask, "And your church helps people and the school. Why are Christians so different? Why are there so many churches?"

These are questions that our young people are concerned with until certain age and then disappointment and indifference come into their hearts.

There is so much work for the Church!

We have been able to help School #23 in Ivano-Frankivsk for five years already thanks to humanitarian aid that brother John Kachelman ships here on behalf of churches of Christ in America. Gospel preaching has become more effective not only in Western Ukraine but in other regions as well. Work is going on in Stary Lysets in the Ivano-Frankivsk Region and in Kryvy Ryg, which is in the Central part of Ukraine.

We continue communicating with new contacts.

Dr Olga reads the Bible and comes up with more and more serious questions. Olga works a lot and asks us to let her know when there is another evangelizing campaign. She reads Christian literature and Svetlana communicates with her every week. We pray for that soul.

Lyosha and Julia would like to attend our Bible classes now that their baby daughter has grown some. Lyosha come to classes but Julia and the baby were too weak. And now they plan to be with us at Church. We try to help this young family with baby clothes, groceries, detergents and transportation money when they need to come to services.

Our sister Galina's daughter-in-law would like to come to services. She has recovered from delivering her baby and will attend our Bible classes.

Svetlana and I spend a lot of time with the family of Oleg and Lily. Their daughter Marina and her husband temporarily live with them now. And this

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young family also takes part in our discussions and listens to Bible stories with great interest. Oleg and Lily come to classes from time to time.

Young lady by the name of Kate came to Lily's office. Kate came to Ivano-Frankivsk with her 10-year old daughter from Eastern Ukraine. A friend of hers came along with her two sons, elementary school age. Sveta met Kate at Lily's office and they have been in contact with each other for about one month. Kate would like to come and bring her daughter to the church so see what church of Christ worship looks like. Please, pray for these souls.

I have received my Master's Degree at the Bear Valley Bible Institute this month. My wife and I went to classes together.

I started studying English seriously and, Lord willing, I would like to get my PhD in theology in the USA.

We have gained new valuable knowledge, had good spiritual fellowship, and studied such subjects in classes:

- How Church is Set Up
- Methods of Studies and Teaching in the Church

Brother Jim Akridge from the USA has visited us this month. I went to Mariupol, Western Ukraine, with him to help him take his things out of the zone that is very close to the front line. We had to go through five checkpoints where we talked with soldiers. Everybody hopes that war will be over soon. We pray about it.

During this Thanksgiving holiday season in USA we also join with you in prayers thanking the Lord for being long-suffering towards people and for blessings that He gives to His Church. We are thankful that we are part of His spiritual family.

We thank you for your help, dear brothers and sisters, for our joint work to glorify our Heavenly Father.

Sincerely Yours in Christ, Ivan and Svetlana
С искренней христианской любовью Иван и Светлана

VOLODYA DIDUKH SENDS NEWS OF HIS WORK FOR THE LORD!

Greetings to all Christians in the name of Jesus Christ. I am glad to greet you from Ivano-Frankivsk area once again. I am sending you greetings on behalf of my family and the Church in Ivano-Frankivsk. We always thank God for the possibility to be in His Kingdom and have the unity and brotherhood that we enjoy.

Another month of our lives has passed and the day when we are to meet our Father has drawn closer, so I would like to share with you some news and events that have taken place during this time.

I would like to begin with things that worry us all the time, namely, the situation at the East of Ukraine, this armed confrontation, which brings about nothing but grief. The situation has not changed a bit within this period of time. Everything is still as tense as it was in the past. We have this alleged ceasefire but people perish, some trip mines, and shelling takes place. We have a visiting preacher in Ivano-Frankivsk right now. He preaches in Mariupol and he tells us about fear and depression that the majority of

BRETHREN IN UKRAINE



Ivan & Sveta Skoleba



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Volodya Didukh

people there feel. It is horrible and we ask God all the time to ease the situation and to bring this situation to its culmination. Nobody wants to fight but some leaders and officials might profit from this war and use this situation to make money. I would like to ask you to continue praying for the situation in the East of Ukraine, for people there who seek God or worship Him in truth. May He keep them safe and give wisdom and fear to all those responsible for what's going on, and may He punish those who caused that, which would be even better, as everything is in His hands.

I have met new people in Stary Lysets this month. We probably can call them a family consisting of three orphan girls and their grandmother who takes care of them. They differ in age – the oldest one is 16, middle one – 10 and the youngest is 3 years old. Their mother died three years ago giving birth to the youngest daughter. Their father did not live with them and I do not know why, but I do know that when girls' mother died he already had another woman. Last summer their father went to the war, successfully came back home but his woman that he had lived with left him and he committed suicide (hanged himself) without thinking of his daughters. The children live with their grandmother now and she tries hard to give them adequate care and provide decent life for them. I learned about this family from Anatoly Romanovich, the Mayor of the village. I met them this month for the first time. I offered them some help to buy groceries and clothes. The grandmother did not know what to think at first as she was not used to someone helping her selflessly. However, she did agree at the end and I helped them get things they needed most of all. I gave some groceries, dishes (their dishes break sooner since there are two little girls in the family), and helped to buy winter clothes for the oldest girl. We had good time together and the grandmother shared some of her story with me. We talked about God and about His love to children. On one hand, the situation is tragic and people are beaten down by grief, but on the other hand, those are such people that try to understand purpose of life, thus, they need God. I pray and ask God to help this family to learn about Him and to give me wisdom and strength to continue working and fellowshiping with them.

This month, I have started putting new floor in the place given by the Mayor of the village. Brother Ron gave money to do it last time he came to Ukraine. I bought all necessary materials last month, hauled them there and have started replacing the floor this month. So soon we will have new floor. Thanks to brethren for support and care. Of course, there is still a great amount to do until Lord's Church can assemble there but I know that Lord sure is going to take care of everything that is not contrary to His will. May His will be done in everything.

Our brother Ivan has been to Master's Program this month at the Bear Valley Bible Institute. I thank God who has helped our brother complete this education, who has granted him safe travels and brought him back home safe and sound. I preached twice in Sunday assemblies while he was gone. We continue studying the Bible on Wednesdays. This month, we have studied Church and what she is in the eyes of God. We have a few Christians that have recently come to God and each of them has his own understanding of what Church is but we need to know what Church is to God. That is why our lesson dealt with the topic of Church as ordained by God and Church being His Family.

One more event is not joyful but I cannot help mentioning it here. Many of you know Andrew, a disabled man whom we helped for a long time. We

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESSES!



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would bring him to worship many a time. And he was so happy to be with us. Just one or two months ago I wrote you that brother Ivan and I went to see Andrew. We brought him a new tea kettle and few other things (I sent you pics). November 22 Andrew passed away. He spent a few days in the hospital having hepatic coma (he suffered from hepatitis) but since his kidneys also failed doctors could not do anything. He never made the right choice to submit to the Gospel. It is not very good news but God is the only one to know why things happen as they do. God could be using this situation to turn his parents to Him, we do not know but God does.

I visited with Andrew's parents, Stepan and Miroslava, as they were preparing for the funeral. We helped them with money some since his parents are retired and do not enjoy health good enough to work. Thus, brethren decided to help them as much as we could. I ask God to give me wisdom and strength to encourage this family and to preach the Gospel to them so that they would make that right decision. Please, pray for this family asking God to give wisdom to them as well as wisdom and strength to me so that I could preach His Word.

We have started distributing the latest shipment of humanitarian aid that you sent here. Several hospitals, village clinics, nursing homes have been to the warehouse already. All members that need help have come to the warehouse to get some clothes, hygiene supplies and other essentials. People are thankful for the things you have collected for us because there are not many people nowadays that can afford winter clothes and all necessary hygiene supplies. *Thank you for your support and the work that you do. May God bless you and take care of you and your families always. Thank you.*

Finally, I would like to share some personal news with you. Mariyka, my fiancée, has made up her mind to go to the Bible Institute. She is struggling with some health issues currently and is having treatments. But Lord willing, she will start her studies at the Bear Valley Bible Institute next academic year. Please, pray for her so that Satan would not push her to change her mind. She and I talk a lot about our lives and serving God. I ask God to help her understand responsibility and importance of serving God and I pray that her desire to go to the Bible Institute is not based on emotions but is firm and well-considered. Please, join with me in prayers as this is very important to me. I have decided to serve God with my life and I would like to have someone by my side that would share my opinions and commitment to serve the Father with assurance and wisdom.

Thank you for our unity and prayers that we always see and sense. Thank you for those blessings that you share with us, for humanitarian aid that you ship here. We thank the Lord who fills your hearts with love and kindness.

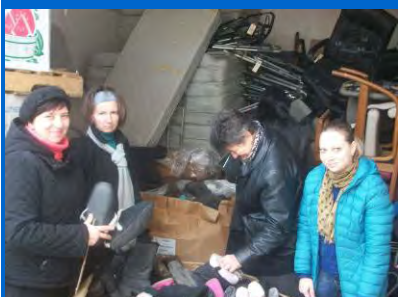
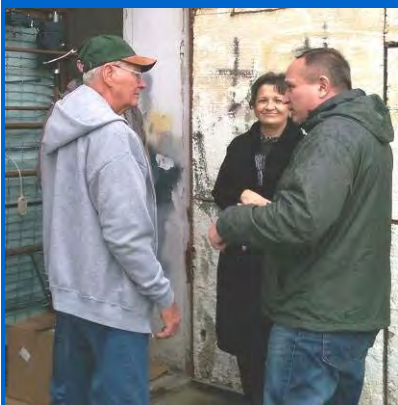
May our Heavenly Father take care of you and your families.

With love, your brother Volodya Didukh
З любов'ю ваш брат Володя Дідух

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

Dear brothers and sisters from America! I am happy to greet you again with great love and gratitude. I always thank God in my prayers for opening

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your hearts to support and to pray for us all the time with such love, understanding and sympathy. You know about the situation that this country is facing – war in the East and economic problems associated with it and devaluation of Ukraine’s currency which causes increase of prices. But nobody is willing to increase salaries, which causes many people to lose their heart. That is why I am asking you to pray with us for the peace in our country. I would like to thank you for financial support, thanks to which preachers in Ukraine work in God’s vineyard and spread the truth. Thank you for your humanitarian shipments for they let needy people enjoy the support and see how children of God act and how they should act as well. Many people are thankful to you for having such a great sympathy towards Ukrainians and for supporting us. May peace, love and God’s grace be with you at all times.

I would like to report to you on the work done in November. With great joy and delight we continue studying the Word of God, which is so vital to our lives and salvation. I rejoice and feel so happy when I see and hear that people keep in mind and practice lessons that we study. Even more delightful it is to see such in children’s behavior, mine in particular. I thank the Lord as He opens people’s hearts to accept His Word and receive salvation. We had an evangelistic campaign earlier this month. Our brethren from Ivano-Frankivsk, Mariupol and America came to Kryvy Rig. We had a lot of good fellowship highly beneficial to my work. We had a joint worship one Sunday. Each brother served in the worship of our Heavenly Father. Guests and members liked our worshipping the Lord. We had good spiritual fellowship afterwards. I was pleased to see that guests enjoyed it and said they would come again. I am thankful that brothers found time and could visit Kryvy Rig. I wish we could have more campaigns like that. Please, join with me in prayers for their health.

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 who have not chosen the right path yet and have not become followers of Christ. Please, pray asking the Lord to add more and more people to His Church.

Please, pray for peace in this country so that this madness of a war would end soon.

We ask the Lord to bless you in everything you do; to strengthen your health and spiritual growth.

I always pray for all of you. I wish good health, God’s love and blessings for all of you.

With love, Pavel, your brother in Christ
с любовью ваш брат Павел

**WORLD BIBLE INSTITUTE’S TRAINED PREACHERS
IMMERSE OVER 3,000 IN 2015!**

World Bible Institute is a work of the McDonough GA church of Christ. The web site is www.worldbibleinstitute.com. WBI has a single purpose of preparing God’s people with the Gospel of Christ to reach the whole world one graduate at a time! I can without any reservations recommend this work as I know the faithful men involved and their commitment to the New Testament Truth (among these are Pat McIntosh, David W. Hamrick and J.J. Turner).

THE LORD'S CHURCH AT WORK!



Their objective is simple—train men in the sound doctrine of Christ with the emphasis upon fulfilling the Great Commission. Read the latest newsletter that is posted on my web site.

ANDREW ZHURAVLYOV SENDS NEWS OF HIS WORK FOR THE LORD!

Hello dear brothers, sisters and families.

1. Ministry in Gorlovka

It has been a month after my return to Bila Tserkva from Gorlovka. Since then the situation in eastern Ukraine became worse again. There are shootings in town every day. Citizens of Gorlovka got used to quietness for the past two months, and now they are painfully reacting on the renewal of military actions.

The Tyutyunnik family lives on the outskirts of town, and they are right in the center of military actions. They could not endure that tension any longer. So they were forced to leave their home and move to a safer part of Gorlovka. When leaving, their car was shot at, but thanks to God they are all alive.

Another sister in Christ, Vera Golovchanska lives on the other end of town. After hearing yet another shooting she had a massive stroke. Right now she is unable to talk or to get up from her bed. I thank God that for the past few weeks, before this horrible thing happened to Vera, she was worshiping God together with other brothers and sisters in Christ during my visit to Gorlovka.

I dedicated my time to find with the help of community organization of Bila Tserkva a wheelchair for our sister in Christ, Raisa Smalyuga who is also in Gorlovka now. In the next few days I will try to find a person who would transport this wheelchair to Gorlovka.

In my last report I wrote you about the difficulties I had to face to leave Gorlovka. Unfortunately, since then entering and especially leaving the occupied territories became way more difficult. The lines on the check points are considerably longer now, and they let fewer people pass. Earlier people could get to the territory that is under Ukrainian control and get back in one day, now this procedure would require in the best case several days. There were incidents when people who were willing to leave Gorlovka were shot at by heavy artillery.

I teach Bible classes for Christians in Gorlovka via cell-phone connection. I wish I could see them again and worship our Lord together with them. As soon as transport connection gets better, I plan to make another trip to Gorlovka. Together with my family I try to do maximum work at for the Lord at any place we are at. I am sure that brothers and sister from Gorlovka who are barely surviving are in the greatest need of my ministry and support.

2. Ministry in Kyiv region.

Evangelizing has always been and will always be at the center of our work. As an additional asset to preaching the gospel, I was working on design and printing small calendars for 2016 with the verse from the Bible and contacts of Bila Tserkva church of Christ and Shevchekivska church of Christ in Kyiv. People use such calendar during the whole year. In this way they will always have access to church address, church schedule and phone

KYIV, UKRAINE EVANGELIZING

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When we evangelize, people often look cautious at us, thinking we are Jehovah’s Witnesses. So we have to spend some time trying to explain them that we are members of the church of Christ. Together with a designer we developed the look for our evangelization tents. They will have “Church of Christ” sign on them and verses from the New Testament: Matthew 11:28 and John 3:16. These tents and words on them will be seen from afar. Besides the tents are made from a good quality waterproof material, and they will protect from wind, allowing us to evangelize no matter the weather. One tent is intended for the Shevchekivska church of Christ in Kyiv and the other for the congregation in Bila Tserkva. They will be ready next week.

I teach Bible classes and preach on Sundays in Kyiv. I help teaching Bible classes on Mark in Bila Tserkva. I have been speaking at chapels for the BVBIU students. I have also taught Bible classes via Skype for the rehab center in Dnipropetrovsk region.

In this month we have been inviting member of the Church and their families for Christian fellowship and discussion of various Biblical topics. Such meetings help us and those Christians get close together and get answers to the most interesting questions from the Holy Scriptures.

3. Bear Valley Bible Institute in Ukraine

November 4-7, together with the BVBIU students we participated in evangelizing campaign. We were spreading Christian literature and invitations to the Church services every day. We were also putting posters with an invitation to come to daily evening classes with the theme “The Main Choice Of A Man.” People were mostly positive in their reception of the preaching. There were many of those who promised to come. At first we were somewhat disappointed that there were no people for the evening classes. But there were two ladies who came to the worship service on Sunday. One of them got so interested in classes that BVBIU offers that she comes to audit them every day.

We try to do God’s work, using the most effective methods. After the evangelizing campaign, we started using a different approach. We do a sort of poll, asking people on the streets different questions. Some people are willing to take time to discuss Biblical topics. This approach allows having a more prolonged contact with people.

At the beginning of the month, Dennis offered me to teach a new for me course “Godhead, Satan and Angels” for the first-year students during November 16-25. Since I had only 10 days to get ready, I had to work intensely. Students were very successful in writing their daily tests and memory verses, and they did well on the final exam.

We are extremely grateful for your prayers, support and participation in our ministry for the Lord. We appreciate you and value your attitude towards us.

In service to Him, Andrew

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

Hello brothers, families and churches.

In my report, I want to share with you some news about events and activities at the institute and some local congregations.



In November, I managed to travel to Russia and to visit annual lectureship for church of Christ preachers and leaders. The theme was “Waiting For the Coming of the Lord.” It happened that I was one of the main speakers for the lectureship. It was a great blessing to participate in such event. There were about 20 preachers from all over Russia attending the lectureship. There were representatives from churches in Moscow, Saint Petersburg and many other major cities. There are no Bible schools in Russia that would train preachers with in-class program. Russian brothers and I discussed different ways to open a new school on the territory of Russia. Some of them were interested in this idea. I ask you to pray for God to open door for us where we need them.



Also last month we had festive event at the building of Bila Tserkva church of Christ. On November 12 we had a graduation ceremony for Masters Program. This year we had three graduates. Ivan Skoleba is a preacher in Ivano-Frankivsk. Stanislav Kuropiatnikov is preaching in Lviv. Vadym Tymchenko is a preacher in Mariupol. Thus we have an addition to our teaching staff and faithful brothers who are willing to help the work of the institute.

We are still actively looking for the future students for the new school year. There are five men who are willing to study in our program. Last month we visited another congregation in Kyiv, and we plan to visit another two congregations in December. Also while being in Russia, I tried to encourage those who are willing to study Bible to come to Ukraine and study at our institute. However, due to the military conflict, it does not seem possible right now.



At the end of November, we had a youth conference with the theme “Moses’ Line.” It was a first youth conference at the new place. We tried to encourage local congregations and their young people to serve the Lord. The attendance was rather low. Yet it was just the beginning, and we will be working in this area. Also we plan to have a one-day meeting for the preachers. There are about 15 preachers and leaders of the churches who signed up to attend this event. The theme will be “The Unity Based on the Word of God.” The speakers will be teachers of the institute and preachers with a big experience in ministry. The institute has been in this part of Ukraine for a short time, and we want to meet with local preachers and leaders of the churches. We are trying to cover all congregations in Central Ukraine. I hope this event goes well, and it will help us have a good standing among local congregations.

Life is stable in Bila Tserkva church of Christ. I preach and teach Bible classes occasionally. We also evangelize on the streets of the town. It is a good opportunity for both students and members of the Church to get a practical experience of serving the Lord. An elderly lady started coming to Bible classes after another evangelizing effort we made.

Thank you for your help and constant prayers. We still believe in the power of the gospel and its action. Thank you for your patience and financial support of our ministry. Students and staff of the institute send you their greetings.

Your brother and coworker, Dennis Sopelnik

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From: John L Kachelman, Jr [[mailto: john@kachelman.com](mailto:john@kachelman.com)]

Subject: In the name of the Lord and His Church...

On June 11 we loaded a container in Judsonia, AR. This container was shipped to our Consignee in Odessa, Ukraine. Distribution was made. Here is one of the photos taken during distribution to a group of internally displaced people (IDPs). The expressions of the mother with her infant and the elderly ladies in the background communicate just how valued YOUR service is. Thank you for helping with the loads!

John



“To John Kachelman and Churches of Christ! We would like to express our profound gratitude for your dedication as regards your kind assistance and help provided for the Sanatorium during these challenging times. Currently, our personnel take care of the internally displaced people from Luhansk and Donetsk who are legally incapable and physically challenged. All these vulnerable persons need special help. Thank you for helping our citizens, especially through these hard times, when Ukraine needs humanitarian assistance the most.”

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The greatest trees stand today because some "nut" held its ground!

*****Please note: My email address has changed to john@kachelman.com...please change it in your address book so you will receive my emails.**