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"WE HAD 2 BAPTISMS SATURDAY! ONE MORE YOUNG FAMILY WAS ADDED TO THIS CONGREGATION—ALEX AND JULIA AND THEIR TWO DAUGHTERS OF NINE YEARS OLD AND FIVE MONTHS OLD."

"Another month of our lives passed. It was the first month of the new year." And so Volodya begins his first report of 2016. "Incredible" is the only way I know how to attempt describing the way time has flown by during the first month of 2016.

January 2016 will be remembered for many things, one of which will be the winter storm that dumped up to 40+ inches of snow in some locations and paralyzed most of the eastern USA. Most reading this were caught up in the storm.

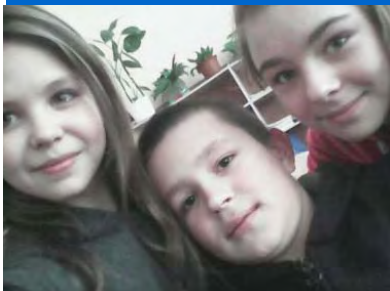
During January our brother Ivan Skoleba was scheduled to visit the USA and go to various locations and give a personal report on the work of the Lord's Church in Ivano-Frankivsk and the advancement of the gospel in that part of the world. He arrived in New York and was immediately stricken with a horrible stomach virus that almost caused his returned to Ukraine. Then he recovered sufficiently to begin his travels. But because of his illness he had to miss visiting Searcy, Montgomery, and Nashville. Thankfully he was able to visit a number of other locations. But then came the winter storm and he was unable to go to Cincinnati as planned—he was stuck about 45 miles west of New York city. He returned to Ivano-Frankivsk and was grateful to be back home!

January 2016 will also be remembered in Ukraine as the beginning of open repression and persecution of all churches in Donetsk that are not aligned with the Eastern Orthodox Church Moscow Patriarchy. This is a most tragic development. It is the direct result from Russia's invasion and occupation of portions of Lugansk and Donetsk. At the beginning of Russia's invasion we offered the analysis that some of the Russian backed terrorists (separatists) had proclaimed they were fighting a "holy war" to restore the supreme presence of the Eastern Orthodox Church Moscow Patriarchy. This rabid "jihad" was spurred on by Russian Orthodox Priests who blessed the Russian troops prior to their insertion into Ukraine.

This continues to illustrate how the Orthodox Church has worked hand-in-glove with Russia to oppress and manipulate the population. The Orthodox Church is truly the "arm" of Moscow's evil. It is true, as Marx noted, that a manipulated religion will become the opiate of the ordinary person—it is all ritual and superstition carefully woven to enrich the elite and oppress the commoner.

From the beginning of Russia's terrorism in Donbas there has been an open hostility toward any religious group that was not under the authority of the Moscow Patriarch. I know of a number of protestant preachers who have

FROM KRIVVY RIG



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been murdered or vanished from the Donetsk area. Until January these attacks were irregular but beginning in January there was an obvious orchestrated effort of repression, arrests, and intimidation. The below reports from Andrew and Dennis address this disturbing development.

We have been trying to urge Christians to realize the danger that is promised by the Russians in their "holy war" for the Moscow Patriarchy. Often we were dismissed as alarmists. Many brethren have left the terrorist occupied areas but a good number remain being assured by the Separatist government that they will be safe. Such assurances are now exposed as manipulative lies.

Prior to receiving communication from others about this repression I received an email that read: "John, Larisa, Leonid's wife, told me today that Igor Kozlovsky was arrested...for what he wrote in his correspondence...They monitor everything and it's frightening as it's getting more and more like Stalin's regime...I'm so thankful I got out of there in time..."

The arrest of Igor Kozlovsky is most significant. When we first started going to Donetsk, Igor was the Head of the Religious Department. He was on the State Commission that wrote the "freedom of conscience law" in the Constitution of Ukraine (this law basically gave legality to any registered group to practice religion as their conscience permitted). Igor carefully looked at the plea for New Testament Christianity and agreed that it was valid. He did all he could to encourage New Testament Christianity in Donetsk Oblast and registered many groups as "churches of Christ" if they said they were governed only by the Scriptures. Igor trusted in the constitution of Ukraine to preserve the "freedom of conscience" for religious practices. He remained in Donetsk when the Russia evil appeared and gained strength. Now he is arrested. This is just one more tragic development in eastern Ukraine during the past three years.

The conflict in Ukraine may have been silenced by the world's media outlets, but the evil of Putin's Russia continues. In the face of this continuing evil we are confident that God is working and in the future we will look backward and see how the divine actions are so clearly pronounced.

God is working through His Church as the devil's evil works through the murderous agents of the Separatists.

We continue to ship critically needed benevolent commodities into areas where the displaced citizens are fleeing. We continue to hear good reports of how fruitful the gospel's seed is as it is sown in the honest hearts of those listening. We continue to hear how the local congregations of God's People continue to assemble and gain encouragement and strengthen their faith and work tirelessly to honor God.

Read the reports below and rejoice in the steadfastness of your brothers and sisters in Ivano-Frankivsk, Kryvy Rig, Starry Lisets, Bila Tservka, Gorlovka, Skvyra, and Shevchenkivska!

—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

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NEW BABES IN CHRIST!



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IVAN SKOLEBA REPORTS FROM IVANO-FRANKIVSK!

Greetings, dear brothers and sisters! So far this year has not been easy for us. Ukraine has announced flu epidemic. Three million people are sick and 197 have died as of today. Food and utility prices have increased drastically. All of the Church is praying and asking the Lord for mercy.

Please allow me to say I always thank God for the life in Christ, for support that I have that results from the efforts of many brothers and sisters. I am sure that in Ukraine things are improving and this country is in need of churches of Christ and of sound Bible doctrine as well as faithful Christians.

Our faith in God and His Law is our source of strength. My wife and I can see the positive impact that our small congregation has with the people in Ivano-Frankivsk. We do not know what is going to happen in 20-30 years. That is why we began construction—to help Church gain good credibility, have more opportunities, and have our meeting place where we could put our sign without any fear.

Our sister Anna Danilovna passed away on December 20. She was going on 76. Her blood pressure went high up and she suffered hypertonic crisis and never recovered. Members are mourning with Andrew and his family. Andrew and Marina are very active in church work. Andrew’s sister is also a Christian. We are happy to have the hope that in eternity we will see our dear ones that passed onto eternity, which gives us strength.

Our sister Inna moved to Ivano-Frankivsk one year and eight months ago. Since her baptism she has been studying the Bible and attending all classes. Her son has adjusted to Church as well. Inna has written a letter to all brothers and sisters thanking them for their concern for her life. She is thankful that she has found salvation in Church. Inna is very thankful to brother Ernie for financial help given to her and her son Svyatoslav. That helps remind her that she is not alone and abandoned. There are many needy people today and we help as much as possible. But Church has decided to help her because she is very persistent and faithful in studying the Word of God.

There is a young family of Olexiy and Julia that attends our classes. We reported with more details on them in last newsletter. Their older daughter Nastya goes to school and the younger one is only five months old. From the funds sent we gave some amounts to Olexiy and Julia. Their situation is very complicated. They are displaced people and had a baby when they were already here. They were in need and we thank God that through American brothers and sisters we have money to assist. They are thinking about being baptized this coming Sunday. They have been attending Church for about half a year. Olexiy and Julia always ask questions and have studied biblical water baptism thoroughly. We try to help them as much as we can. They have disabled parents. Julia says that she has been looking for Truth and now she has found answers to many questions. It is because you brethren help send financial support that we have this opportunity to be present and available for such teaching opportunities.

We continue helping the displaced on a monthly basis. We put together food bags and help them with medicines.

I reported to the brothers on my trip to USA today and we outlined our work

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for the month. We plan to resume Bible School starting February 2. Our students will be: Andrew and Marina, Ruslan and Masha, Volodya (the taxi-driver), Julia and Olexiy.

I might not fully understand everything you and brothers want me to understand. Please, write straightforwardly calling a spade a spade. We want more communication with spiritually mature people, and we also want clear understanding.

Sister Galina needs a knee replacement surgery. She is having treatments now. We pray and ask the Lord to help her recover so that she would be able to move around without problem. Galina attends classes regularly and takes part in the life of the Church.

Sister Yaroslava has been with us for over a year. Her husband (Igor) did not have the heart to move here from Eastern Ukraine for a long time. Church had prayed for him and he finally overcame not only the trip to Western Ukraine but hesitation in attending Bible classes. When Igor first came during worship he stayed in the kitchen, then he moved to the hall and when last Sunday came he moved to the auditorium and sat by Yaroslava during worship (so little by little he is joining with us in study). We continue praying so that his soul would be saved.

Many people ask for benevolent help. They call, write and personally ask us when humanitarian aid containers are to arrive. People are in a desperate need today. Our garages are almost ready to be used as storage for shipments that you send in Lord’s Name.

Our family is thankful to the Lord for our support and for help that you provide for all Ukrainians. Within these years of partnership many people have learnt about Lord’s Church and the plan of salvation. My wife and I have enough and we are happy to have the ministry that God entrusted us with. We have survived here thanks to your help.

Being a father and grandfather, you understand my concern and worry for the future of my children. Sveta and I want our children and grandchildren to be faithful to God and to love His Church, to be educated and wise and to find fulfillment both in this world and Kingdom of our Heavenly Father and we pray for that. We want our children and grandchildren to use their talents to serve God and people in Ukraine, in Ivano-Frankivsk.

We thank Hillsboro and Dalraida churches of Christ and all other brothers and sisters (listed below) for prayers and financial support. We are so thankful for support and prayers. On my recent visit to US I was hindered from visiting some places because of illness and the winter storm. I wanted to go and thank churches for the work that is being done in Ukraine and tell results from help and support given by Americans; I wanted to have fellowship and personally tell them about the work and the construction of the church building. My VISA expires on June 11, 2016. It is more difficult for Ukrainians to get VISAs now and they require even more documents because of the war and economic problems. I wanted to use the opportunity to make another trip while my VISA was still valid. Some businessmen friends that work with computer programming promised me to pay my tickets if I represent them in the USA. But I got sick – ate either bad salad or yogurt on the plane and could not go out for three days. Then I went for visits and winter storms threw a wrench in our plans. I was able to visit with brethren in West Main church of Christ, Highway 69 church of Christ, Northport church of

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Christ, and Steens church of Christ. I had longed to visit with all others but it was impossible. I wanted to give a thank you to all brothers and sisters face-to-face and give personal greetings. I counted on trip to be helpful to you but unfortunately, everything turned the other way around.

We thank brothers John, Jerry, Joe, Kathy and all who take part in humanitarian work. We thank Debbie Brunk and her team. We thank all those that have visited the Ivano-Frankivsk church of Christ and have encouraged us with inspiring lessons.

Thanks for Tetiana Zozulina for professional translation not only in all the humanitarian aid shipments but when American brothers and sisters visit us and when I am blessed to visit with brothers and sisters in America.

We try to do our best so that Lord’s name would be glorified. Please pray that God gives us boldness to stand for His Truth.

I am very thankful to all brothers and sisters who read this report for their good example of God’s people, for their patience and understanding and for their willingness to be partners in gospel work. Our heartfelt greetings to all who love the Lord.

In Christian love, Ivan, Svetlana
С Христианской любовью Иван, Светлана.

VOLODYA DIDUKH SENDS NEWS OF HIS WORK FOR THE LORD!

Greetings, brothers and sisters in Christ. I am sending you regards from Ivano-Frankivsk on behalf of Ivano-Frankivsk church of Christ and on behalf on my family. In our prayers, we always thank God for your faithfulness, your prayers and help and we ask the Lord to bless your ministry and your families so that all of us would receive eternal rewards for our work.

Another month of our lives passed. It was the first month of the New Year. I would like to share with you some of the news and events that took place during that time. It was filled with different events both joyful and sad.

Practically all my efforts were focused on the work and ministry in the Ivano-Frankivsk Church. Since our brother and preacher Ivan was in the USA on a business trip I was the one responsible for Sunday services, Bible classes and needs of Church in Ivano-Frankivsk. It was a great responsibility and I am thankful to God for having given me wisdom and strength to cope with that ministry.

I wrote you about a young family of Olexy and Julia last month. They had started attending Sunday worship services and Bible studies. Then next month they wanted to have a series of lessons on baptism and make a covenant with God at the end. Lord blessed those plans and gave me opportunity to teach five lessons to them preparing them for baptism, talking about responsibility before God for their own deeds and about blessings that we received when in Christ. And now there is only one thing left for them to do, that is baptism.

They made up their minds to be baptized as soon as possible, that is why they are likely to make their covenant with God this coming Saturday, February 6. It is good news and we are glad to see how God works through

Update on the construction

“We took a group of those who could go to the construction site to have a joint prayer there. We prayed to God together thanking Him for our brothers and sisters who help us. It was a joyful event as everybody was excited to have our own property where we will assemble later on. Thank you, dear brothers and sisters, for helping us grow spiritually and gain good credibility in this part of Ukraine.”



us in this world. It is an overwhelming blessing to see God free souls from Satan's claws and add them to the Kingdom of His Beloved Son. We ask you to pray for this family as Satan is sure to put obstacles and temptations in their way.

I also helped to take care of the youngest soul in our Church who was sick. Eva, the baby of the displaced family of Kryzhanovsky Leonid, Larisa and their daughter Natalya got sick. She is 18 months old and she had problems with teeth, she had stomatitis to be more exact. They asked sister Svetlana for help. We found a good doctor for them and I took them to the doctor several times. Eva has recovered thank God, and both sisters Larisa and Natalya are able to come to worship services and Bible classes.

We continue studying the Book of Genesis in our Wednesday classes. We talked about the example of faithfulness and obedience that Noah is to us; and we also talked about the calling of Abraham. They teach great lessons of faith and obedience for Church to imitate. And most of all in our lessons we try to come to understanding that all heroes in Scriptures were people just like you and me. Such understanding gives strength to grow spiritually, to respond to God's calling and His will.

There was an event this month that shook all of us. Sister Anna, Andrew's mother, passed away. For Andrew and Marina's family it was a great shock because Anna's state of health did not indicate close death. Everything happened unexpectedly and spontaneously. Anna's funeral took place in the middle of the week on Thursday. And the next Sunday we dwelt on the topic "Overcoming Death through Christ." Everybody at Church tries to encourage Andrew and Marina to help them suffer through the pain of separation, and it is not a loss but temporary separation, and we sure will meet again in heaven.

As for the construction of the warehouse and meeting place, all work was suspended this month. We could not go on due to wintry weather and lack of funds. So for now it has been suspended. Workers that worked and lived there went home and left a young dog for us. Since I rent a flat not far from the construction site I go there twice a day to feed the dog that has become "our" dog now.

We distributed a large amount of humanitarian aid in January. This included a large amount of clothes, that was given to the Social Service Department in the town of Kalush. Helping people is a great blessing and we thank God who works through us and allows us to be part to this ministry.

Once again I met with Sergei, disabled Volodya's father (I wrote you about him last month). We helped them with diapers and some supplies for his son. He invited me to come see Volodya again. I ask God to bless our companionship and to give me an opportunity to plant the Word for this family.

And, as it is a tradition with me now, I would like to share some personal news with you at the end. I am facing a very difficult time in my relationship with Mariyka. And I am very concerned about it. Her actions and attitude make me realize that she is not ready to be a wife of a preacher even though she desires to have a family. I am stressed over it because I have made up my mind to be a preacher in Church and I need a wife willing to serve rather than demanding service. I pray to God asking Him to help me make the right decision and to open Mariyka's eyes to reality as she has even stopped

THE CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES...

“There is constant prayer of thanksgiving and petition to God to continue helping us secure funds for this construction.

Heartfelt thanks go onto everyone involved in fund-raising, praying and encouraging!”



attending Church. I also ask God to give me wisdom to understand the situation as it is. Please, pray for that purpose.

Thank you for your prayers and fellowship that we have with you. May God the Father bless you.

With love, your brother Volodya
З Любовю ваш брат Володя.

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

My dear brothers and sisters, I am glad to greet you with great love and joy in new 2016. I am thankful to our Lord for His love and mercy through which He abides among us and strengthens us both spiritually and physically more and more every year. I pray and ask the Lord to bless and strengthen us this year so that we could work more zealously and help as many people as possible to come to Christ and become children of God, to help them understand that God is our Father who will never abandon us if we trust Him in all life's situations.

Just like our earthly parents, our loving Heavenly Father gives us what we need, answers our requests that we bring to Him in our prayers, comforts us and helps us and gives us wisdom to do what's right in various situations. Lord also teaches and disciplines us so that we would be worthy of spreading His Word. I always thank our Lord for having opened your hearts to support us and pray with such love, understanding and sympathy towards us and other churches of Christ both in Ukraine and all over the world.

I would also like to report to you on the work done within this month. Unfortunately, the attendance of adult classes where we study and Holy Scripture was very low. Due to New Year's and Christmas holidays there were only a few people present since the majority were gone visiting with their dear and near ones. Please, pray with me that people would put God as their priority because no family or friendly relationship will last without His presence and obedience to His commandments. I try to keep in touch with them as much as I can so that they would not forget that heavenly things are more important than earthly matters. I pray to the Lord asking Him to strengthen me spiritually, to give me more wisdom to be able to share the truth with them without twisting it.

I am thankful to our Lord that children's classes go much better. We continue studying the Bible and various Biblical characters. We also study Bible verses for better understanding. We played different games, went sledding together, did some handcrafting, worked on their home assignments together, had tea and snacks where children learnt to make sandwiches. It was great to see them both enjoy themselves and study the most important book in their lives that is the Bible.

As usual, I would like to ask you, brothers and sisters, to pray for my family, for the growth of church of Christ in Kryvy Rig and in Ukraine as well as all over the world. Please, also pray for those that are not Christ's followers yet but would like to be, for God to add more people to His Church, for peace in this country, and for this nonsense of the war to be over because so many innocent people die.



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I pray asking the Lord to bless you in all you do, to strengthen your health and spiritual growth. I always keep you in my prayers and wish good health, God’s love and blessings to you and your families.

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

ANDREW ZHURAVLYOV SENDS NEWS OF HIS WORK FOR THE LORD!

Hello dear brothers, sisters and families.

This year has started for us both with active teamwork for the Lord and the bad news from the DNR (This is abbreviation of “Donetsk National Republic” which are Russian insurgent terrorists who invaded and occupied Ukraine areas in east) territories.

1. Situation in Gorlovka.

Despite the Minsk agreement about full cease-fire, insurgents want to enlarge their territories; therefore, they lead military actions along the divisive line. Outskirts of Gorlovka are under constant fire. Besides the unceasing sounds of explosions, there are often sounds of shootings in the downtown area. Local people can hardly know who is shooting at whom. Moreover, there is flu epidemic on the occupied territory. There have been hundreds deaths already, since people are malnourished, their immune system is not working well, and medications are very expensive so only very few people can afford it.

Recently DNR leaders started actively getting rid of all Christian denominations located on the territory under their control. For several weeks DNR web site has been announcing a rally against “sects” in Donetsk. It was noted that rally participants are going “against the influence of sects and cults on the population, their spreading and propaganda of extremist ideas.” On January 29, there was a rally in Donetsk. There were about 500 people with plaques “No sects in DNR,” “DNR is a territory with no sects,” “Stop persecution of Orthodox Christians,” etc. By using term “sects” they understand all who are not members of Eastern Orthodox Church Moscow Patriarchy. Here is a small quote from an article covering this event: “Government of the self-proclaimed DNR organized a rally against sects in occupied Donetsk. At the same time they started arresting leaders of ‘non-traditional’ churches. During the rally initiators of the event announced that they ‘don’t want to see sects in DNR’ because ‘sect members are aiming to undermine Donetsk National Republic from inside.’”

One of the leaders of the DNR declared, that “the activity of the sectaries in the occupied territory is sponsored by the CIA. We have studied this issue carefully; examined, how they attract the youth, how they work over them, and where the funds for the functioning of these cults come from. In all of this one can clearly discern the work of the CIA.”

In two days DNR insurgents managed to arrest many leaders of “other-minded” churches, which were functioning at the time on the occupied territory. There is no news about what happened to them as of right now.

Of course, all these events are really discouraging our brothers and sisters who stayed in Gorlovka. I support them; I encourage them to stay faithful in

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these incredibly complicated circumstances. I planned to visit Gorlovka for two weeks at the end of February. Yet in light of these events I had to postpone my visit temporarily, especially since my paperwork clearly shows that I am a preacher of the Central church of Christ in Gorlovka. I never thought that such thing would occur in the region with 70% of all churches of Christ in Ukraine. I believe there will be time when religious persecutions in Donetsk area stop; when Christians who left their hometown return to their homes; when we would worship and serve the Lord together again, and all troubles with war and persecutions stay in the past. Please pray for God to change the situation and this madness to stop finally.

On January 26, Vera Golovchanska, our sister in Christ from Gorlovka passed away. Until her very last day she loved the Lord and express faithfulness and obedience to Him. We sent money to her relatives to help with burial.

2. Ministry in Kyiv region.

During this month I went to preach to church of Christ in Skvyra. My family and I had been living for more than a year in the building of that congregation. Those Christians were happy to see us, and we had wonderful fellowship. They want my family and me to visit them more often.

One of the biggest problems for the Shevchenkivska church of Christ in Kyiv is the building they meet at. Services and meetings take place at the building of the agricultural institute that went bankrupt. Right now the building is not used by anyone, so there is no heating there. Despite the fact that we used electrical heater, it has been very cold at the service. For that reason we had to transfer to a different place that has central heating, which we rent for three hours on Sundays. Midweek meetings take place at homes of the Christians.

Every day I taught Bible classes to Yuriy Golyk who started visiting Sunday worship. I explained to him God’s plan of salvation and man’s responsibilities before God. I hope that he will make a decision to be baptized soon.

3. Institute.

I teach Romans to second-year students at BVBIU at the moment. During three weeks I have been working on the materials that I used in past years. Now I see that those corrections that I had made helped me to make it much easier for the students to understand the difficult aspects of this Epistle. On February 3 students take the final test, and on February 4 I will start teaching 1-2 Kings for the first-year students. It will be my first time to teach this course.

We thank God for you. Your support and prayers help us in times of trouble and tribulations to receive comfort and joy.

In service to Him, Andrew.

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

Hello dear brothers and sisters.

We had quite a cold weather in January. Unfortunately, military actions continue to take place in the eastern part of the country. It is due to the fact

Rivergate church of Christ filling "bags of blessings" and will load two containers in February!



that Russian invaders do not want to leave their positions. Persecutions of religious leaders continue in Donetsk. One of the heads of the governmental department of religion, Igor Kozlovskiy was arrested recently. There was time when he was working with the churches of Christ and wrote articles about the history of the church in modern Ukraine. As you can see the DNR society is strongly prejudiced against true Christianity. The so-called "Russian World" uses its tricky propaganda to promote Russian Orthodox Church of Moscow Patriarchy. These events make us think that any missionary work on the occupied territories is dangerous and threatens the life. I am asking you to pray with us for the future of God's Church in Eastern Ukraine.

In January we tried to invite as many Christians and their families to us as possible. It was indeed an amazing time. I am glad that despite all the troubles we can find time for joy and fellowship.

The classes at the institute started on January 11. First-year students had courses on Joshua, Judges, Ruth and 1-2 Samuel. Second-year students had Homiletics, World Religions and Romans. The teachers from Ukraine taught these classes. We are looking forward to Denton Landon's visit in the middle of February. Also Johnny Mack Young and his son-in-law Walter Rayburn had planned to come to Ukraine in March. Unfortunately, Johnny Mack Young, our faithful teacher and one of the best Christian examples passed away. We believe he is in a better place now. As far as I know Walter has not changed his plans, and we are looking forward to his and Garth Hilton's visit in March. It is a great blessing for us, when we can train ministers for God's work together.

Potential students contact me from time to time. Right now there are three men and one lady willing to start studying in September. With the help of our BVBIU co-worker Alex we try to be in touch with those people who got interested in the future studies. I am asking you to pray for student recruitment for the Bible institute.

We have launched an evangelizing program at the local congregation. We give announcements at online services about free Bibles and materials for children. People who are interested send us their contacts to receive literature. Then we contact them and send a short Bible course "How to get the forgiveness of one's sins and become a Christian." We have just started the process, and we will see how this method would work in future.

We are still publishing our Christian periodical "Sound Life." All workers of the institute participate in this work. Some teachers write articles, Oksana Heohdzhayeva edits the periodical and translates articles for it and sends it to me. Then we print it and send to all churches of Christ. Some local congregations try to order as many copies as possible.

I still preach from time to time and teach Bible classes at Bila Tserkva church of Christ. We have very good relationships with this congregation. The Lord has opened their hearts to us, and they have received well the presence of the school at their building. We are also trying to show a good attitude. I hope and pray that in due time the institute will have a building of its own, as it was the case in Gorlovka.

We thank all those who support the work of the institute, its staff and students. Thank you for your generosity and willingness to spread the gospel. We are making it possible due to your help and prayers.

Your brother and coworker, Dennis Sopelnik