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April 2016 has been a full month of activity! Upon my return from Ukraine I was scheduled to speak at the Wayne Furnace church of Christ area Leadership Meeting where brethren from Wayne County congregations gathered. I joined a wonderful group of brethren for that day's activities. The next day I was able to present a trip report to the Wayne Furnace congregation and then preach at the morning assembly. (Following those presentation some virus invaded my body and the next 48-72 hours are a blur!).

In April my most recent book was released. It was published by AMAZON and can be ordered from AMAZON, any bookstore, or from my web site. The book is titled *"Making God In OUR Image."* The basic thesis is that modern man has succumbed to idolatry by refusing to respect the Holy, Almighty God revealed in the Scriptures. Modern man likes the idea of a "manageable, doting god" who will approve any behavior and provide fulfillment of unlimited selfish desires. Gone is the call to crucify self, take up your cross and serve others! The consequent of this modern idolatry was accurately diagnosed by Isaiah, *You turn things around! Shall the potter be considered as equal with the clay, That what is made would say to its maker, "He did not make me"; Or what is formed say to him who formed it, "He has no understanding"?* (Isaiah 29:16).

Remember this divine indictment against a selfish, God-denying religion, *"You turn things around!"*

April 2016 was a FANTASTIC month for our operations in Ukraine. I was in-country April 1-28 and visited many places and traveled unimaginable kilometers. While I was there we had containers received and unloaded in Odessa, Zaporozhye, and Ivano-Frankivsk. I was able to visit many locations where distribution has occurred and talk with those who are involved.

The situation in Ukraine continues to be tragic. The invasion and occupation of Russian forces continues in parts of the eastern provinces of Lugansk and Donetsk. Russia still occupies Crimea and uses that as a launching base for its evil actions.

Deaths of civilians occur daily. Russian snipers continue to shoot Ukrainian targets. With the end of the harsh winter and the beginning of Spring the daily briefs received reveal the troubling data that Russian heavy armor and supplies are being moved toward the war zone.

Those displaced by Russian aggression continue to move from the east.

Preaching of the gospel to the unbelievers remains the main landmark in God's work for us. In this we always have the outcome of salvation by God's grace in mind.

For some time now the church of Christ of Shevchenko region in Kiev began to preach the Word of God more intensively. We continue to evangelize people in the streets every week. Brethren try to use personal contacts to lead people to Christ. This month there were three visitors in the congregation. One young man Yuri with whom I had been conducting Bible classes was baptized on March 13. He is very eager to study God's Word and be in Christian fellowship and he wants to participate in the Church work. The day after he was baptized he took Christian booklets and calendars and evangelized his co-workers.

Many want to leave but the Russian Separatists have made leaving the occupied areas much more difficult. In at least one situation the Russians directed artillery shelling on one of the check points through which people must leave the occupied areas. In this directed barrage five citizens were murdered and one was a pregnant woman.

And the unbelievable callousness of the Russian propaganda claimed the shelling was from the Ukrainian army! This was a deliberate effort to intimidate those seeking to leave the occupied areas and to further poison the minds of those deluded by Putin's Russia.

If you listen to Russia's propaganda you will hear that in the occupied areas everything is great and life is better than when they were free. But the truth is shocking...food is scarce and very expensive (the only brands available are inferior Russian products), the medical services are poor, utilities are inconsistent, anarchy rules, personal security is totally absent.

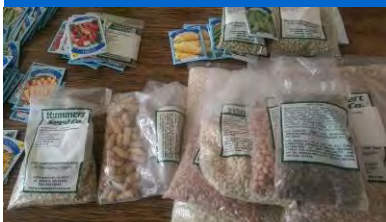
The religious freedom that was guaranteed under Ukraine's Constitution is removed in the occupied territories. The Russian Separatists have vowed to restore the absolute control of the Orthodox Church (Russian Patriarchy). Consequent to this objective has been an open persecution upon all other religious groups. Adherents refusing to recant and take a vow of loyalty to the Orthodox Church (Russian Patriarchy) have been imprisoned, beaten, and even murdered. Church buildings have been seized.

Many brothers and sisters gather in small home cells to avoid attention and continue worship quietly. Many of the congregations that existed prior to Russia's invasion have ceased meeting. (**Note:** As noted in prior newsletters...the supporting American congregations are unaware that the congregations they were supporting are no longer meeting but they continue sending US dollars. But these dollars are NOT being used to fund the Church's operations. The US congregations were told that they needed to redirect the delivery of the money to a safer venue but they were not told that the money is not going as it is intended. A sad reality is that some, associated with the Church, are using the war to make personal profit at the expense of well-intentioned American Christians. I have seen this and know it is a true fact!).

In 1996 we established a congregation in Khartsyzk, Ukraine. The congregation quickly did very well. Ray Stilwell and the Princeton, IN congregation took the lead in nurturing and encouraging the congregation. The work prospered and the Church grew. We secured a private home for the Church and remodeled it suitable for the congregation's needs. It was in a large industrial city of about 75,000 in Donetsk Oblast. It had a huge plant that produced pipes. For those who have been with us since that time you will recall our adventures in Khartsyzk and the way the principles of New Testament Christianity led to an explosion in numbers for the Lord.

I had tried to find out what has happened to the congregation and was recently told that it still has possession of the building but the numbers are almost gone. Only a few are willing to assemble. Surprised that they could still assemble I asked how that was possible. I was told that in the course of its ministry the congregation had converted some Orthodox Priests and they left the priesthood but continued to keep relationships. So now they have an Orthodox Priest who will come and open the church's house and the brethren can go in and quickly worship and then leave. But they are on constant alert and if the Priest tells them to leave them must leave instantly.

We tilled and planted church garden - 1,000.00 sq. meters. We planted some of the seeds that you sent us. We ask God to bless us with good crops.



What a contrast to previous times and the long hours spent in congregational singing, Bible study and fellowship!

The reports from this year's spring mission trip are posted online and you can read of the persons, events and happenings. The trip was full of activity. It was exhausting but it was profitable.

The comments at the top of this newsletter are very encouraging to me. In the midst of the darkness of satanic evil is the hope that Christ gives. How encouraging to know that even when beset with troubles and perplexity there is a peaceful calm that soothes the soul!

The gracious plan of our loving God is to provide His Church as a refuge of peace for those facing evil. Listen to the Psalmist, *He will redeem my soul in peace from the battle which is against me, For they are many who strive with me* (Psalm 55:18).

How wonderful it is to enter into a congregation of God's People and enjoy the freedom to worship without fear. What a great strength is available to those within a congregation faithfully following God's worship directives. How tragic that too many take these blessings for granted (Hebrews 10:25).

—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

IVAN SKOLEBA REPORTS FROM IVANO-FRANKIVSK!

Dear John, dear brethren!

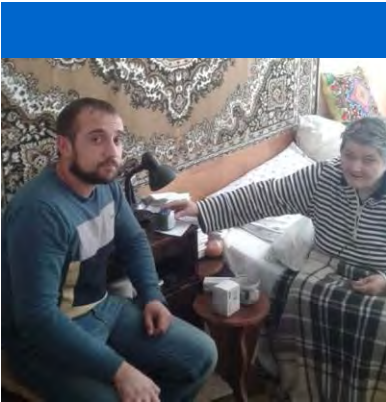
Our congregation was blessed with visiting brethren from the USA who had prepared wonderful classes for us. John Kachelman taught two series of classes. He taught from Proverbs and revealed great importance of God's wisdom to us. He also taught lessons on Types and Antitypes for more mature Christians. All members were active attending classes and invited their friends and family. We shared our thoughts after classes. Then John invited everybody to a café where Christians and guests continued discussing Christian topics at lunch. Doctors from military hospital attended classes. Doctor Olga says that when she is around us her soul and body are at peace. Luba asked many questions concerning water baptism.

Together with John and Tanya we visited hospitals that had received humanitarian aid earlier. One hospital that gives medical and psychological assistance to the wounded and victims of the ATO (i.e. "Anti-Terrorist Operations" where the fighting occurs) zone invited John to teach classes to their patients and staff. Patients and staff of all the departments we went to gave their heartfelt thanks to all those that take part in this important work.

After another Sunday's worship assembly the whole congregation went out to a picnic where we cooked shish-kebabs. Anya brought a group of young people and they were eager to join us to praise God with songs.

Our visitors thanked us and said it felt like one big loving family where everybody cares for one another. We have five Medical School students that came to Ukraine from Ghana (They were to attend in Donetsk but the war moved the Medical School students to our city). They fit in well and are very active. They are able to understand sermons and classes as those are translated to them.

The whole congregation prayed for the war to stop. We sent clothes, medical consumables and bandages to the military for wounded and



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displaced. We also met with the First Deputy Governor of the Region who asked us to help a military hospital. We gave hospital beds and three dental chairs to the hospital. They were very thankful.

Our men visit disabled families. Church gives funds to buy medicines and food for them.

John Durham came this month and brought us classes on Ephesians. We thank John Kachelman and John Durham for such profitable and edifying spiritual lessons.

We are thankful to Kathy Cadden for the container that we received this month. It was a great help to hospitals, children’s institutions and needy people of the Region. Lice treatment, mosquito/tick repellents are very welcome in the war zone as well. Peanut butter will be given to orphans.

We tilled and planted church garden – 1,000.00 sq. meters. We planted some of the seeds that you sent us. We ask God to bless us with good crops. We continue praying for the construction of the church building and for the Christian summer camp that will take place at the beginning of June.

Please, continue praying with us for the young family of Olexiy and Julia (they were baptized recently), for Iryna who has serious health problems. She needs kidney treatment, which is expensive. We continue praying for Galyna – her legs are in a bad shape. Sister Inna is thankful for her monthly support that she and her son receives. The rest of our displaced continue received monthly aid from Church.

Our daughter Anya is finishing her 10th grade. All children are getting ready for their exams. It is a very stressful time for them.

Please, pray with us for those that have not made covenant with God and are still contemplating, namely: Maria, Olga, Daria, Ivanka, Luba, Yaroslav, Valentin.

Church here is sending you, our dear US brethren, their heartfelt greetings and sincere thanks to all those who take part in this work with us, who give us prayer support, for humanitarian aid, for funds that you raise for Ukraine. May God bless you a hundredfold for all that you do.

We keep you in our prayers! In Christian love, Ivan and Svetlana
Молимся за вас! С любовью Иван и Светлана

VOLODYA DIDUKH SENDS NEWS OF HIS WORK FOR THE LORD!

Greetings, dear brothers and sisters in Christ. I am happy to greet you from the Ivano-Frankivsk Region. I am also sending you regards on behalf of the Ivano-Frankivsk congregation, my family, namely my brother, Mom and Dad. We pray and thank God for you and your work in His vineyard.

Another month has passed and it was very busy for the Christians in Ivano-Frankivsk. That is why I would like to share some of the events and news with you so that you could join in joys or concerns, thanks and prayers to God with us.

First of all I would like to talk about our brother John Kachelman’s visit and for wonderful times of fellowship and studies of the Word of God, which God



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blessed us with through John and your support that allows him to visit us. This time brother John taught two different topics at church – first one dealt with types and antitypes and the second one studied the book of wisdom, which is Solomon’s Proverbs.

Classes lasted two hours a day all through the week but unfortunately it was impossible to study everything within such a short period of time. Those lessons encouraged and inspired the Church. And now we look forward to our brother’s next visit to continue studying these topics.

While brother John Kachelman was here we had good quality time and wonderful fellowship after one Sunday assembly. Our men cooked delicious shish-kebab and the whole congregation went to have a picnic where we enjoyed very good fellowship and time outdoors. We thank God for such opportunity to have had great time and fellowship together because it is through such events that Church grows closer and builds up. Moreover, there were quite a few people present that were not members and attend Bible classes to look at who we are and how we act. Thus, we were given a wonderful opportunity to evangelize. If the Word of God was planted then it sure would bring forth fruit.

We thank God and all brethren who help John with his trips to Ukraine as he is such a great encouragement to us.

Visit of brother Dwayne and his son Adam from Piggott AR was another good event. Brother Dwayne supports work with children’s homes in Ukraine and it was his third trip to Ivano-Frankivsk and the area. Together with Dwayne and Adam we visited two children’s homes – in Snyatyn and Mykulychyn. We are thankful to God that our brethren show concern for problems that our society is facing and help us in this ministry.

I told you about Myroslava and Stepan’s family last month. They are elderly parents of the late disabled Andrew, whom we had helped and visited with. Pavel and I have visited that family and helped them with some groceries as Myroslava has serious health issues and needs medications constantly. She can hardly walk so all money is spent on medicines. This family is very open for fellowship and Word of God. Since Myroslava’s eyesight is very poor brother Pavel bought a recorder. We recorded the Word of God and now Myroslava can listen to the Gospel every day. We thank God for opportunities and energy to serve like this.

Indeed, preaching of the Gospel is what Church is called for. Myroslava was very happy to receive such a gift and thanked God for remembering her and Stepan.

Together with Pavel we plan to continue visiting this family and studying Scriptures with them. I thank God for such opportunities to preach for the sake of preaching.

I was able to move to Stary Lysets only at the end of the month. The house I moved to had been abandoned for five years so I had to make some repairs and a lot of cleaning. I thank God for brother Pavel who helped me with it. So now I live in Stary Lysets. I pray to God asking Him to help all that work bring forth fruit in His vineyard.

This month we had a lot of work with humanitarian shipments as well. We unloaded one container of hospital beds and distributed them to hospitals that needed such help. And then we received another container. We send

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our thanks to all that are involved in the collecting and shipping of humanitarian aid. It is a great work and God is sure to reward you for it. Such aid helps so many people to survive in this country at such difficult time. We thank God and you for this ministry.

My brother Mykola went to Poland again last week. Life in Ukraine is very complicated at this point and finding a job to provide for your family is a real challenge. That is why he is forced to go to Poland and be away from his family for a long time. The family does not benefit from it at all as it brings long separations so I pray to God asking Him to take care of this situation.

My Dad, thank God, has not been drinking since he got an official job. It is truly a relief, even a blessing, for our family. I thank God for His grace. My Mom has a job, too. She attends Sunday assemblies and grows spiritually. I thank God for this blessing and peace in the family, for opportunities and strength to work in His vineyard.

We thank God for your prayers, support and fellowship that we have in Christ.

We always think of you with thanksgiving for your help with the construction of our church building and pray for all that work to bring forth multiple fruit in God’s Kingdom.

With love, your brother Volody Didukh
З любов’ю, ваш брат Володя Дідух

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

I am happy to greet you with great love again, my dear brothers and sisters. I always thank our Lord for opening your hearts to support us and pray for us all the time with such love, sympathy and understanding. I am always mindful of you in my prayers to the Lord asking Him to bless you for your help to us and all churches of Christ in Ukraine. Indeed, it is thanks to your help, both financial and humanitarian, that churches of Christ can function and help others.

I would like to submit my report for the previous month to you as well. I spent that month in Ivano-Frankivsk working with the local congregation and gaining spiritual strength. It was so good to see and spend time with our American brethren. I enjoyed attending wonderful classes that they taught. We also had a great time at a picnic where we cooked shish-kebabs, sang praising hymns and enjoyed the beautiful nature that our Lord created so marvelously. I taught a few evening classes from the Scripture, took part conducting Sunday worship services to our Lord, helped unloading humanitarian aid containers, for which we are thankful to you beyond words.

I also help elderly members as much as I can and do it with great joy, of course, because our deeds should prove that we are God’s children.

Together with brother Volodymyr in Stary Lissets I visited one family that lost their disabled son recently, whom we had visited a lot. His mother can hardly walk herself, has impaired eyesight and receives treatments at hospital quite often. She enjoys spiritual conversations. Unfortunately, at this point she cannot read the Bible on her own. However, we were able to solve the problem by giving her portable speakers that play memory cards where

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we had recorded the Bible. She was very happy and thankful. We help her with both groceries and finances as much as we can because her life is filled with hardships. Please, pray for her spiritual and physical state.

As usual, I am asking you, my dear brothers and sisters, to pray with me and ask the Lord to add as many as possible to His Church. Please, pray for my family, for the growth of church of Christ in Kryvy Rig, Ivano-Frankivsk and throughout Ukraine. Especially we beg you to pray please where the war is still in place; for those people that have not embarked on the right path to follow Christ yet, and for peace in this country.

We pray for all of you and your families wishing you good health and God's love. We pray that your grace comes back to you with a hundredfold of God's blessings.

With great love to you, brother Pavel

С огромной любовью ваш брат во Христе Павел

ANDREW ZHURAVLYOV SENDS NEWS OF HIS WORK FOR THE LORD!

Hello, dear brothers and sisters, families.

Your brothers and sisters in Christ from Gorlovka, Bila Tserkva and Kyiv send you their cordial greetings.

We would like to share with you the news about our work, our plans and success in God's work.

Situation in Gorlovka, Ukraine:

At present time mass media spreads the information about the possibility of local elections on the occupied territories in accordance with the Ukrainian laws resulting in solving of the military conflict. We would love to believe this, even though now the military confrontation is in the acute stage.

Every day the exchange of fire from heavy arms is heard, the buildings are being shattered because of the explosions. The number of casualties among the civilians continues to increase each day, including the cases of attacks on the buses crossing the demarcation line.

I call my brothers and sisters who left Gorlovka as well as those who stay in the city, on the regular basis. Even though the Christians in Gorlovka have the opportunity to hear the worship assemblies via cell phone connection, they greatly miss those who left for other places.

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This month of April the number of battles between the Ukrainian army and the rebels from the so-called Donetsk People's Republic (DPR) increased. Now the two most critical places on the map of Ukraine are Avdeevka and Zaitsevo (to the southwest and north of Gorlovka respectively). And therefore the number of the casualties and wounded both among the soldiers and the civilians increased.

Every day many objects of the infrastructure are being destroyed. For the people who remain in Gorlovka the cannonade never ceases – they hear it from both sides of the conflict. All are very tired of the situation and eagerly await the desired peace.

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Our family is waiting for the end of the military conflict and the possibility to return to our home to continue our work in that region. But right now we are trying to comfort and encourage our Christians who are staying in Gorlovka as well as the ones who moved to other places because of the war.

The Christians in Gorlovka are looking forward to every Sunday when they can – even via cell phone connection – participate with us in Sunday worship to God.

Ministry in Kyiv region:

Preaching of the gospel to the unbelievers remains the main landmark in God's work for us. In this we always have the outcome of salvation by God's grace in mind.

We have a strong team in Bila Tserkva who is ready to put forth much effort to lead new souls to Christ. You have already read in many of my reports about the evangelism work in this city that we have conducted. Distribution of Christian literature, preaching of the gospel in the streets, and posting advertisements unfortunately did not result in new people joining the Church by obedience to God's plan of salvation. As Garth Hilton, one of the teachers of the Bear Valley Bible Institute said, "We need to look for new ways of reaching the hearts of sinners by the good news." And so, we started looking for new ways.

We asked the authorities of the local hospitals for permission to do God's work in their facilities. In the first hospital we received a firm refusal. In the second hospital the authorities were more loyal to our request, and we think we can work with the patients of this hospital. As we have seen so far, the patients are not in a hurry (contrary to the people in the streets), and are ready to listen, and the problems with their health make them more prone to listen to the Word of God.

We are also going to work with the people in wheelchairs in their homes. These people feel completely cut off from society and adequate communication, and they suffer because of this. We are ready to offer them attention, help, and most importantly, God's Word. We will soon get the addresses of such people in Bila Tserkva, and begin this ministry.

Further information on hospital ministry. We visit people in the hospitals. Special attention deserves our visits to the oncology hospital. Besides the New Testaments that we give to the patients there, we bring them fruits that we buy with the money given to us to help spread the gospel. The patients listen to our preaching of the Word with pleasure and express their gratitude for the attention to them and our prayers together with them for their healing. Many of these people got tired of their struggles with their disease and very carefully listen about salvation of the soul and eternal life in heaven. We constantly pray that these ministries will lead to the numerical growth of the Church in the city.

One of the brethren in Bila Tserkva is the director of the advertising agency. Now he is designing the layout of the billboard that will be yet another way of evangelism.

My wife Veronika joined in the work with kids in the Sunday School in Bila Tserkva. Together with Vera Sopelnik they conduct Bible classes each Sunday, do crafts and learn new songs with the kids. We hope that the knowledge of God's Word that the children receive during these Bible



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classes will help them make a decision in favor of Christ in the future.

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Because there is much work with visitors in Shevchenko congregation, this month I spent all Sundays in Kiev, and worked in Bila Tserkva during weekdays.

Institute:

From April 14 I was teaching the Letter to the Galatians in the Bear Valley Bible Institute. Dennis offered me to teach this class for the first time. Because we were given a week and a half to study this not very long epistle, we had the opportunity to study it in detail and use the Greek text a lot. Now I teach the Book of Revelation to the second year students. Though this book is much more complicated my task is easier because I has been teaching it for many years now. I consider the teaching in the Institute my very important service to the Lord, as many of the graduates are now working in many cities of Ukraine bearing fruit in God's work. I thank God that I taught seven Bible subjects this year. This is more than any time before.

Last week was the evangelism week for the Bear Valley students. Some of them went to Dnepropetrovsk, Kiev, Lviv and Skvira. Together with three students – Yuri Romanov, Sergei Pavlenkov and Sergei Kurinsky – for three days we had been preaching in the vicinity of the Shevchenko church building where many people were passing by. We had many contacts and interesting discussions as the result. We are very inspired by the fact that the members of this congregation also were involved in this activity. Some were evangelizing together with us, and some offered their homes so that people from other cities could spend a night.

I purchased two folding tables for the work of evangelism with the money donated. Previously we used plastic tables, but they were not convenient to carry and did not look nice. With the tents, these new tables are a great instrument for the preaching of the gospel.

We thank all brothers and sisters in Christ who read my reports, pray for us and encourage me with their letters. A special gratitude to those who support our work financially. I would be very grateful if someone shares with us the methods of evangelism that proved very effective in their congregations.

May God richly bless you in everything!
In Christ, Andrew.

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

Hello brothers and sisters,

Ukraine is such a blessed country, and perhaps these events which are still taking place in the east of the country are a reminder for all of us that God can punish nations for the unwillingness to learn about His will. We urge you to keep praying for the peace in Ukraine and for those Christians who are still on the territories controlled by the pro-Russian insurgents. Next year there might be several Christians from the occupied territories entering the BVBIU program.

In April we had a wonderful meeting with ministers of the church of Christ in Dnipropetrovsk. We have made it a good tradition to have such meetings once in every 2-3 months and discuss important Biblical matters. This time we discussed such topics: *The True church of Christ* and *Whom God Considers to Be Saved*. Such meetings give some food for thought, and I am sure they encourage many ministers and church leaders.

In April the first-year students studied Daniel, Ezekiel, and Luke; the second-year students studied Paul's Prison Epistles, Galatians and Revelation. We are grateful for all of the teachers who participate in training the ministers. This year there will be three students graduating from BVBIU. I am sure that you remember that this class was recruited in 2014 when the military actions in Ukraine have just started. It seemed then that the military opposition would cease soon and everything will be back to normal again. However, it has been two years since then. In a month we will have yet another graduation and will be thinking about how to recruit the new ones. Life goes on, and there are many people in need of sound doctrine and trained preachers. If you are willing and have an opportunity to support the institute, the future graduates and their ministry financially, please contact BVBIU coordinator, Denton Landon or me.

We are still actively recruiting students for the school year 2015-2016. Our worker Alexey Mitskutis made several important trips to Kremenchug and Lviv. He preached at those congregations and made presentations to invite men to enter the institute. There are several good additional contacts with young men who are interested in studying at the institute. Keep praying for us and for the successful work of the church and the institute in Ukraine.

Good weather has settled in Ukraine, and we have started preaching on the streets of our town more often. Almost every time when we go to the central part of the town and put our tables with literature and invitations many people come closer and get interested. Unfortunately, when they get literature and invitations they do not contact us again. We have given it much thought about how we can tell this town about God's Church and what way of inviting people to study God's word would be effective. Right now we have an opportunity to put the invitations to the Church on huge billboards across the town. I hope that in the near future we will start this project, and we will pray that this call would aid to God's word. Of course nothing can substitute the personal contact; therefore, we started playing soccer with students, Church members and non-Christians regularly. We pray before the game and have fellowship after it. At first some people did not understand our actions, but now they got used to it and what is more important our circle

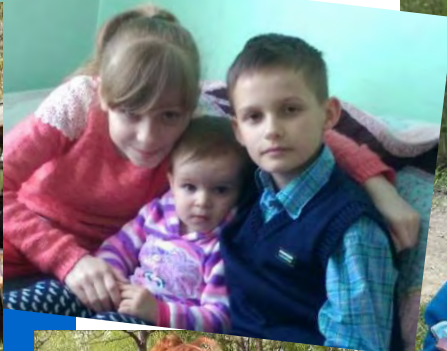


is getting bigger. Moreover, part of our students and teachers started visiting hospitals in the town to give out New Testaments to patients, to pray for the people, and what is more important to have personal Bible studies.

We thank everyone who participates in the process of training preachers in Ukraine. God's work requires self-sacrifice and responsibility. You are demonstrating it continually, supporting the institute, students and the teachers.

We pray for you, and we know that you always pray for us.

You brother and co-worker,
Dennis Sopolnik



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