

The planted seeds continue to be nourished and grow!



Through the years our involvement in Ivano-Frankivsk has been furthered by assistance offered to the medical community. We have provided equipment and supplies and training without any obligation. I am especially thankful to Dr. Gary Jerkins and Dr. Ron Swang for their service to the Lord in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine.

We have received the below report regarding two immersions that occurred on June 8 in Ivano-Frankivsk. The supplies of equipment, supplies and personal involvement often sow seeds that later are nurtured and eventually bring forth fruit.

In Ivan Skoleba's May report these words are found: "We have a family of dentists that started attending thanks to your help. The father and son are dentists. Yaroslav Olexiovich is 90 and he was the one to set up dental clinics in cities and villages of the Region. He has a lot of experience to share. He talked to the Church and urged young people to have an active stand in life both at Church and in the society. He urged youth to brace themselves and work hard to serve people and gain knowledge. His son, Valentine, brought his wife and daughter for the first time to the worship assembly. His wife sings in a Catholic choir but she still came, attended our worship and said afterwards that she liked it very much."

Yaroslav and Luba have been consistently attending worship assemblies and Bible studies since last October. They were invited and attended the family retreat that took place in Ivano-Frankivsk last October. They have two granddaughters (Diana and Zoryana) whom they have been encouraging to attend with them. Yaroslav and Luba are a delightful couple and this is great news.

Yesterday I received emails from Tanya announcing that Yaroslav and his wife (Lubov) had decided to be immersed into the Lord! The situation was complicated because Yaroslav suffered a heart attack. Read Tanya's report about this wonderful event.

From: Tatyana Zozulina
Sent: Wednesday, June 8, 2016 4:47 AM
To: John L Kachelman, Jr.
Subject: RE: Denton Shipment to Lviv, UA

Yaroslav and Luba were planning to be immersed today! I'll get pics for sure. But this morning I heard that Yaroslav had a heart attack last night and won't be immersed today but Luba, his wife, hasn't changed her mind. So we will have only 1 immersion today.

Love and greetings to all,

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PS Just got phone call. Yaroslav is going to be immersed as well despite his heart attack last night. He says he wants to do it since tomorrow he might be dead. So 2 immersions! Please, pray...

Later in the day I received the following email from Tanya confirming that both Yaroslav and Lubov had been immersed. She also sent some photos of the joyful event. Brother Mike Lawson is visiting the Church in Ivano-Frankivsk and he was asked to do the immersing.

From: Tanya
Subject: Re: Immersions
Date: Wed, 8 Jun 2016 20:43:15 +0000

Hi John! Here are pics of the two immersed today. It was so wonderful to see Yaroslav and Luba being baptized together on the same day. We were worried about Yaroslav getting into the pool. But everything worked well and he did great climbing those treacherous steps.

Mike said a few words at the beginning and he did the baptizing as you can see from pics. Luba was the first one and then Yaroslav. You could see how serious and resolved they were. The mere fact that Yaroslav had had a heart attack the night before and didn't change his mind is self-evident. You could see their joy and relief afterwards. Yaroslav had his blood pressure checked and it was fine as well as his heart rate. So God worked out everything and Satan's plan fell through. I'm so proud of both Yaroslav and Luba!

We had a quick supper afterwards in a restaurant by the pool and then went to the class.

What a wonderful day!!!!

Love to all,
Tanya

