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"IT GIVES ME SUCH GREAT JOY TO WITNESS GOD'S KINGDOM SPREAD AND TO SEE ANOTHER SOUL ADDED TO HIS DOMINION. WE THANK GOD FOR LETTING US BE A PART OF THIS MINISTRY. "

Job's lament is all too true, *"Man born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble"* (Job 14:1). Regardless of one's situation in life he will find troubles surrounding him. The pressing question of your life's security simply asks, "Upon what do you trust when troubles come?"

There is a constant conflict in earthly life. This is especially true if one strives to live according to God's Word. *"Yea, and all that would live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution"* (2 Timothy 3:12)

So in what do you trust to provide assurance in an uncertain world; stability when all around you is unstable and falling apart. Upon what do you find confidence when the foundations of society crumble and the structure of civility, that you have known all of your life, collapses?

The turbulent years of the mid-1800s in the United States share a number of similarities with the turbulent years of the early 2000's in the United States. Think back to the historical context of the mid-1800s.

In those tumultuous years our nation had a faith founded upon the unquestioned sovereignty of Jehovah God. It was this faith that provided hope that troubles would be resolved by God's Justice.

This "foundation" for the knowledge of the Almighty's justice is illustrated in a number of ways but one of the best is the "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." This is also known as "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory" outside of the United States. It is a song authored by the American Julia Ward Howe in November 1861, and first published in *The Atlantic Monthly* in February 1862 (when the War Between the States was in full progress and the North's situation looked the bleakest).

The song links the judgment of the wicked at the end of time with the war (using the strong metaphors in Isaiah 63 and Revelation 19). This was used as a recruiting song for the north especially among the black population. Since that time, it has become an extremely popular and well-known American patriotic song.

"Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord; He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword: His truth is marching on...He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat; He is sifting out the hearts of men before His judgment-seat; Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! Be jubilant, my feet! Our God is marching on."

The song expresses the fact that God's Truth will not be hindered—it will

**THE FOLLOWING
PHOTOS SHOW THE
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"We give thanks to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, having heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have toward all the saints, because of the hope which is laid up for you in the heavens, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, which is come unto you; even as it is also in all the world bearing fruit and increasing, as it doth in you also, since the day ye heard and knew the grace of God in truth" (Colossians 1:3-6)



march on as a conquering army. Nothing will stymie God's Truth. No one is superior to God's Truth. Absolute control and universal sovereignty are held in the hands of the Almighty God.

In the dark days of the "War Between the States" citizens needed assurance that God was in control. The nation faced a number of terrors that threatened its soul—the bitterness of a national divide, the loss of personal freedoms because "big government" was trying to dictate, the horrors of the battlefield's aftermath, the carnage and devastation of heritage and homes.

A resolute faith in the Almighty's control provided the foundation to persevere.

The traumas of life's injustices and the upheavals of those living godly were experienced by the Apostle Paul. He was unjustly arrested, faced the inhumanity of a criminal being transported for trial, and found himself locked in prison even though he was innocent. He was the victim of evil schemes and devilish intrigues.

In the midst of his unsettling trials he penned the Epistle to the Philippians. The opening chapter has these words, *"Now I would have you know, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the progress of the gospel; Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will: the one do it of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel"* (Philippians 1:12-17).

From this text please highlight these points that offer us stability in the midst of turmoil:

- ✓ First, there is confidence—Note the terms "know," "understand." These indicate that there is a comforting confidence that regardless of what turmoil exists there is an understanding that God's way is the best way.
- ✓ Second, there is providence—Note the term "fallen out." This indicates that life's situation is governed by a protective providence for those who trust in God. Not all things will be good but God will use all things to bring the best for His purpose and thus to His children.
- ✓ Third, there is success—Note the terms "progress," "advancement." Regardless of how things appear there is the reality that God's gospel is making progress. It may appear that there has been "loss" but that is a devilish deception seeking to discourage. The Christian can rest assured that the gospel progresses *even when* turmoil overwhelms.
- ✓ Fourth, there is God—Note the phrase "knowing I am set." I have held fast to this phrase many times. "Set" refers to a deliberate act. Paul is saying his presence in Rome had been "set" by God's providence. When chaos, injustice, and evil run rampant and it seems that God is not doing anything, remember this phrase. God's presence can be found in the midst of horrors.

Brethren God has long advised His People not to put their confidence in "the arm of flesh." Regardless of how strong the enemy, our God is stronger. Regardless of how technically advanced the enemies weapons, our God is superior. Regardless of how bleak the future appears, our God is in control.

Understanding the progress of the gospel is critical for the Christian because it is the Word of God that gives hope and confidence. Without the simply gospel there is neither hope nor confidence. Historically many have

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refused God's simple message by these actions:

- ✓ *Taking away the application of God's Truth...* Like Jehoiakim (Jeremiah 36:23) many have carved God's Word and removed portions they did not want to hear.
- ✓ *Fabricating another gospel and thus changing God's Truth...* Others follow the devilish scheming of Satan in Genesis 3 and "redefine" terms in God's Law so that a "double speak" occurs similar to Satan changing the meaning of the word "die" in his conversation with Eve saying, "You will not die."
- ✓ *Worldly wisdom that diminishes God's Truth...* Many today are redefining long understood biblical terms and utilizing double speak to creep unawares into the Lord's People and lure them away. Others follow the tragic example of the Corinthians who became "puffed up" with knowledge" (Literally they have "big heads" 1 Corinthians 8:1, 2). They have "educated themselves into ignorance." They dream up "new" discoveries in doctrine and practice and congratulate themselves on their superior knowledge.

In spite of Satan's modern efforts to delude and deceive and impede the gospel's progress, "His truth is marching on"!

How happy is the one who loves and trusts and follows in full loyalty the gospel's simplicity!

Psalm 119:160-167 *"The sum of Your word is truth, And every one of Your righteous ordinances is everlasting. Princes persecute me without cause, but my heart stands in awe of Your words...I hate and despise falsehood, but I love Your law...Those who love Your law have great peace, and nothing causes them to stumble. I hope for Your salvation, O Lord, and do Your commandments. My soul keeps Your testimonies, and I love them exceedingly."*

This month's newsletter brings reports from your brothers and sisters in Ukraine. Their words offer encouraging confirmation that the gospel progresses even in the midst of great turmoil!

Thank you for your encouragement in your prayers and financial support of our mission efforts!

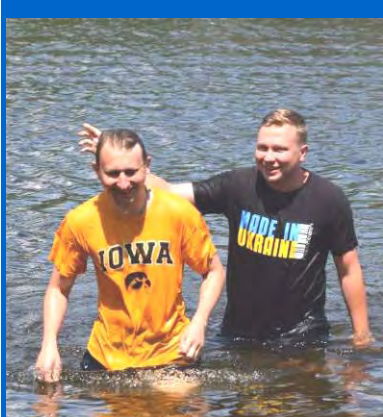
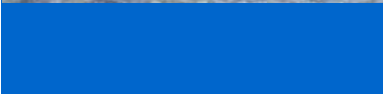
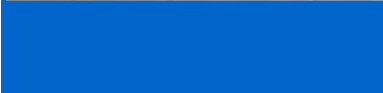
—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

IVAN SKOLEBA REPORTS FROM IVANO-FRANKIVSK!

Greetings, dear brothers and sisters!

We continue preaching and helping needy people in Ivano-Frankivsk and the Region. July has been very hot this year and many people have suffered heart attacks due to the heat. It was during this heat wave that we received two containers with humanitarian aid and we had to unload them under that sweltering sun. It was 35°C (95F) outside and containers inside were like ovens at 47°C (116.6F!). We took turns to unload because we could not endure it for more than 10 minutes. We had some help as people understood how much our displaced people that fled the warzone needed that aid. Thank you, dear brethren, for this help.

Thanks to this shipment we have been able to provide shoes for our



brethren and displaced people. Everybody is happy about shoes as they are new and very comfortable. It is next to impossible for our brothers and sisters to buy shoes like that here. And now our brethren have good shoes for fall and winter.

This coming winter is expected to be very cold. Prices for natural gas have become twice as much and are expected to go up even more. People are drawn to Church – some seek the Lord and some seek help to survive.

We try to preach the Gospel so people will see the difference between the true Church of the Lord and “religious counterfeits” that call themselves “church” but which follow worldly goals. There is a strong opposition between Greek Catholic and Russian Orthodox churches now. It has become so much more evident and bitter that even villages split into two camps. This enmity penetrates even schools and administration.

Some people are very upset with church and priests. They come and complain to us. But we try to direct them to study the Bible so that they could see with their own eyes the difference between things that are of God and those that are of people. We do not take sides and people marvel at that. We have to help both sides of this religious confrontation. We always take part in humanitarian work and this ministry causes Lord's Church to have good credibility with people, while, on the other hand, it makes some priests and religious fanatics hateful and envious of us.

We assemble for our Bible classes on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. We study the Book of Exodus and are in chapter 3 now.

Our Sunday assembly takes place from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Sermons that have been preached this month are: “Faith,” “Trusting God,” “What is the Foundation of Christian Faith” using Old and New Testament heroes as examples.

We have our prayer ministry on Friday. We call Christians on the phone and pray for the needs that we have at Church; we thank God for our salvation and for our American brethren; for our joint ministry and the upcoming fall visits to Ukraine; we ask God to put an end to this war and bloodshed.

Volodya continues his work in Starry Lysets. He also helps with humanitarian aid and visits members and elderly. He continues working on his Master's Degree at Bible School.

Pasha is in Kryvy Rig now helping with humanitarian aid distribution, conducting evangelistic work, meeting new people and making contacts with children's homes, hospitals and other institutions through humanitarian aid.

Construction of the meeting place has been suspended since April and the contractor has been waiting for us to pay him up for the work done. Now that we have paid him \$104,000.00 he will resume work beginning August 15. He will finish interior works, run electricity, put in lights, build the driveway and put in tile (cobbled stone). He will also make a separate room for a temporary meeting place that we will use till the main building is built. At the end of the first phase we will owe the contractor \$23,000.00 more, which we will have to pay then. At this point, we guard the property, mow grass, collect funds to continue building and pray to God asking Him to help us move to OUR place as soon as possible.

Please, pray for us. With love, Ivan and Svetlana

Молитесь пожалуйста за нас. С люб. Иван и Светлана.

VOLODYA DIDUKH SENDS NEWS OF HIS WORK FOR THE LORD!

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I am sending you greetings from Ivano-Frankivsk Region on behalf of church of Christ in Ivano-Frankivsk and on behalf of my family - my mom and dad. We pray to our Creator and thank Him for unity we have with you and all Christians in Christ Jesus.

Another whole month of our lives has flown by just like one week and I would like to share some news and events with you that have taken place this month as well as let you know about some plans for future.

The month of July started in a very joyful way and many of you probably know why. We had another baptism. One more soul was added to the Kingdom of God. Our Brother Nana from Ghana, Africa who is enrolled in studies here made up his mind to be baptized.

It was quite a challenge for him to make that decision because he had been in the Pentecostal Church since his childhood and had considered himself saved.

However, once he began studying Scriptures more thoroughly and attending Bible classes he realized that he had not fully fulfilled God's will in regard to salvation. And, thank God, our brother was baptized at the beginning of July.

It gives me such great joy to witness God's Kingdom spread and to see another soul added to His dominion. We thank God for letting us be a part of this ministry. Nana is having his medical training at the hospital now; he attends our Bible classes and worship services on a regular basis. We continue praying for his spiritual growth and would like to ask you to join us in this prayer.

We thank God and give glory to Him for everything.

In July I spent a week at a Christian camp that was held by Dnipropetrovsk church of Christ (Note from JLK, see reports of this camp elsewhere in this newsletter). I had great time because there were Christians from all over Ukraine at the camp. We had time for Christian fellowship, wonderful Bible classes and were built up spiritually. I met many Christians from all over Ukraine and it strengthened my faith greatly. I thank God and all those that facilitated the camp.

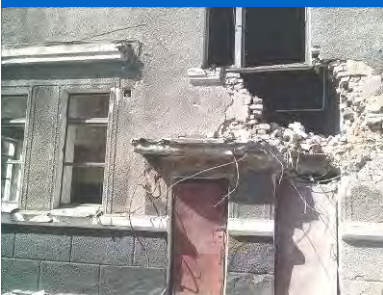
Humanitarian shipments have required a lot of time this month as we have received two relief containers from you. It has been a difficult period of time for us but a good one at the same time. We are thankful to God and you for being mindful of us and this country. Those containers have become a great asset for the members of the Church in the first place because all of us have found good shoes, clothes and household items.

So many people cannot afford buying good quality shoes as they are very costly in this country. So this aid has become a great asset. It has caused much joy and prayers of thanksgiving to God. We thank all who are involved in this work and all those who take part in the shipping of relief goods to Ukraine.

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THE WAR AND GORLOVKA

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Church thus providing wonderful opportunities to evangelize.

We received another container in July and I had a lot of paperwork to do associated with Customs clearance. But God has helped and I thank Him for it as the shipment is cleared and is stored in our warehouse. Once again, I would like to thank you for supporting this country. We always pray and give thanks to God for your kind hearts.

I have visited the family of Miroslav and Stepan this month as well. They are an elderly couple with whom we keep in contact and preach the Gospel at every opportunity. They have been depressed badly ever since their son passed away and need both companionship and aid. I hope that this work is not a waste of time and they will obey the Gospel.

I have visited my village several times this month to help my parents. My dad is in good shape now and stays away from alcohol. He helped us to unload both containers we received this month.

I thank God who helps my Dad keep his addiction under control. While being in the village I met with my friends. They are not Christians and have many questions about life for which they are seeking answers. I thank God who gives me wisdom that is evident to my friends as I talk with them about how Bible answers life's questions. I pray and hope that such meetings will result in positive changes and they will take God's side in their lives.

We thank God for our fellowship and unity that He has provided for us.

Please, pray for us and this country and most of all do we ask you to pray for peace and stability in the East. Thank you for your support, your efforts and the encouragement you're to us. May God bless you and your families.

With love, brother Volodymyr Didukh
З любов'ю ваш барат Володя Дідух.

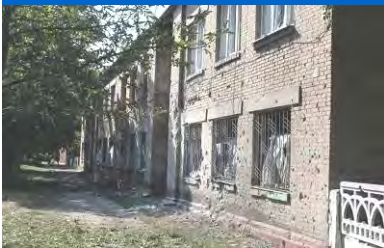
PAVAL TUZNICHENKO REPORTS ON THE LORD'S WORK IN KRYVY RIG!

I am greeting you with great love, my dear brothers and sisters. I am always mindful of you in my prayers to the Lord asking Him to bless you always for your help and love to us and to all churches of Christ in Ukraine. I would like to thank you for the humanitarian aid containers that we have received this month. With your help and care we are able to evangelize assisting people in their needs and talking to them about God, showing them what God's children should be like and how we should treat each other.

I would like to present my report for this month of July to you. I continue working in God's vineyard in Ivano-Frankivsk. Fellowshiping the local congregation and being surrounded by these wonderful people and spiritual mentors I find myself growing in the faith and gaining the knowledge I lack. I assist in teaching Bible classes; take part in the life of the Church, visit people, help with distribution of humanitarian aid, for which people are so thankful to you and God who works through you on this earth. I spent some time in Kryvy Rig where I visited several people and distributed humanitarian aid. I am almost done with the repairs of the hospital ward that donations from Lord's Church is making possible and will share the results of that work with you. Lord has blessed us to do this work as it will do much good for



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Lord's Church.

As usual, I ask the Lord to give spiritual strength to all those that have decided to follow Him, and even more do I pray and ask Him for more wisdom and love to be a better servant in His vineyard.

Dear brothers and sisters, please, pray with me asking the Lord to add more people to His church, for the growth of His Church all over the world, for those that have not arrived on the right path to follow Christ, and for peace in this country. Please, pray for my family, too, for my children to be healthy and for me to be a good father and spiritual mentor to them. Please, pray for my sister and mother, too, so that the Lord would open their eyes and hearts to follow Him.

We pray for all of you and your families. We wish you good health and God's love and may your mercy be rewarded by God's hundredfold blessings.

With much love, Your Brother Pavel

С огромной любовью ваш брат во Христе Павел

VLADIMIR PAZIY REPORTS FROM KRAMATORSK!

Greeting to you from church of Christ in Kramatorsk, Ukraine!

We are doing well and would like to present you some information about the recent events took place here.

During May and June we distributed wheelchairs in Kramatorsk. The church building was the location where this activity took place. We did the talking and spreading literature. To those who could not come to the church building the literature and the wheelchairs were delivered to their homes. About 50 wheelchairs were distributed.

During 27-30 June we had VBS in Kramatorsk. We had a group of wonderful Christians from USA who made the camp even better. We still learning from them, trying to catch the spirit they have. We had around 120 children visited this activity. On the last day of VBS we presented the ABC Bible School and invited the kids to roll in for the next year 2016-2017 of study.

During 4-9 July we had a family camp in Dnipropetrovsk. The theme was "Speak." Around 300 campers were there and it was the best summer camp ever! This is the activity we are looking forward during the entire year. We have had already 14 summer camps in a row so next year it will be 15th the jubilee one. The preparation for it is already in progress. We are planning to have 500 campers next year (Christians from all parts of Ukraine)!

Great news!

Seven baptisms took place during this camp, two of them are from Kramatorsk, they have been visiting ABC school 3-4 years. One of them is Vanya and he is 16 and continue his study at Christian school. The second was Julia who has now moved to Kharkov. She is the second year student in Art University. See the pictures of these two obeying God's gospel.

We had one family (two people, husband and wife around 70 years old) moved to another city where there is no church of Christ. It is Kharkov region, Izyum city. They moved closer to their daughter's family who is also

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a Christian plus her son who is 16 years old, so five Christians. The main reason they moved is their health.

We have been planning to go visit them at least one Sunday a month. We plan to see how it will go with us visiting but they really need some more Christians around. Pray for this little church there to grow so more Believers can add to the strength of each member's faith and service. Thank you.

We are glad to say that the Kramatorsk Church is now open every day with different activities (so the disruption from the war has been overcome). We added Wednesday afternoon activity for Christian movies to watch and eat together.

Thank you for your prayers, help and support. In Christ, Vladimir Pazyi.

ANDREW ZHURAVLYOV SENDS NEWS OF HIS WORK FOR THE LORD!

Hello, dear brothers and sisters, friends!

This month has been special both for me and my family due to several trips, meeting new friends and visiting with old ones, and ministry in various places in Ukraine.

The war in the Eastern part of our country still continues. The most numerous cases of shelling in this region remain in Gorlovka and its outskirts, Avdeevka and Mariupol direction. The Ukrainian army proceeds very slowly reclaiming a street after street in the occupied villages surrounding Gorlovka. But, as the witnesses say, after such intense battles these villages turned into ruins not suitable even to restore. Not only these villages suffer because of these battles but also the city, Gorlovka. I enclose several pictures of the latest ruins that happened after the shelling on July 10.

The daily losses among the Ukrainian soldiers (because of the Russian aggression in bombing and snipers) were so numerous that in the middle of the month the government was ready to announce that the war state in the Donetsk and Lugansk regions had begun again at August 1. The announcement of the war state would mean that the passing of power into the hands of the military generals would activate a number of battles, which in turn would make the trips to the occupied territories much more difficult. We are carefully following all the news concerning this situation. It seems, in the following weeks the war state will not be announced yet.

Every day I call the Christians who stay in Gorlovka as well as those who left it. I conduct Bible classes and worship services by phone. We are looking forward to the end of the war conflict, coming of peace and reestablishing of the legal government on the now occupied territories.

I am planning to visit Gorlovka in the beginning of August to be able to conduct Bible classes and worship services, meetings at homes and to do other work for the Lord there. I know you have been praying for my every trip there, and I am very grateful to you and our Lord for this. Please, keep me in your prayers this time also.

This month I have been preaching both in Kiev and in Bila Tserkva on Sundays. In Kiev together with the brothers from Shevchenko district Church

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of Christ we have been preaching in the streets, distribution of Christian literature and invitations to the people to study with us what Bible teaches.

In Bila Tserkva we continue to serve in the regional oncological hospital. Every time we tell the patients that they have to worry not only about their physical recovery but also about the salvation of their souls and eternal life. We are happy that these people appreciate our concern and care for them, and also the Word of God that we preach in every ward.

It has been a great honor for me to work in the Bible institute. Now during the summer break together with Alexei Mitskutis I went to the Dnepropetrovsk region with the purpose to find new students and also to spiritually strengthen the local Christians. On July 22-24 Alexei and I visited the rehabilitation center in Pokrovka where men with various addictions are contained. We conducted several Bible classes there. On Sunday I preached in the Church in Nikopol and in the new congregation in Dnepropetrovsk. During these several days we were able to meet new friends and make new contacts.

The wonderful event of this month for us was the participation in the Christian family camp Amerikraine. The organizers of the camp did a great job of planning every day of the camp activities. This time the camp lasted a week and hosted almost 300 people. During the camp 7 people obeyed the gospel in baptism. There were also quite a few families that came from the occupied territories. For them this time in the camp was a wonderful opportunity to forget all shocks and hardships when they heard Bible lessons, and wonderful fellowship helped them receive consolation and cheer up. I can say the same about me and my family. And we are very grateful to the organizers and sponsors of this wonderful activity.

We also thank brothers and sisters in Christ who donated money for my work in the occupied Gorlovka. This aid helped local brothers and sister survive the hard times and not starve. Every time the Christians in Gorlovka receive the support money from you they thank the Lord and you for your love and remembering them in their time of need. May God richly bless you in everything. You are always in our hearts and prayers.

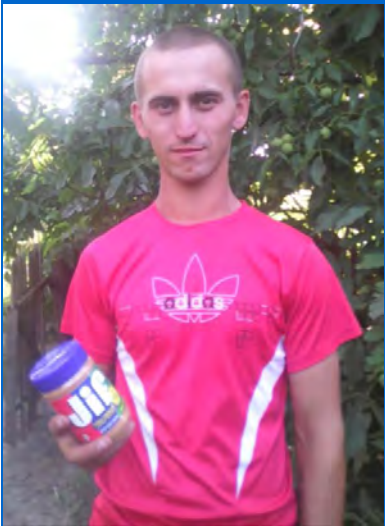
In His service, Andrew.

NEWS FROM DENNIS SOPELNIK IN BELA TSERKVA

Dear brethren and churches, I would like to share with you the latest news from the Bible Institute, some local congregations in Ukraine and on the occupied territories.

Unfortunately, the situation in our country remains unstable. The military conflict in the East of the country still continues. Fortunately, many churches in the region keep worshipping. In the city of Khartzysk, a city that is located in the middle of the DPR (unlawfully proclaimed republic) there were five baptisms recently. The preacher of this congregation Vasiliy Pavlovich shared this great news over the phone. Thanks to the joined efforts God added saved souls to the Church. Probably the people of that part of the country appreciate the Good News more since their only hope is the Lord. One member of that congregation is working on getting the permits to cross the border, he has a big desire to become a student of our Institute.

If you are willing to help people on the occupied territories I would be more



than happy to answer your questions and provide you with the necessary information. There is another local congregation there in Donetsk which we were able to help once and it was very needed. This money was given to two families who were in big financial turmoil. There was a young lady who was fighting cancer in one family and there was a man who suffered a head injury during the shelling in the other family. Praise the Lord that in both families medical help was successful.

Currently we are getting ready for the next school year. The classes will start in September. We will have to purchase the necessities for the new school year. We are expecting more than 14 new students and we will need desks and chairs. Also we will have to rent additional apartments. These are pleasant tasks because we are thrilled that more people want to join the Bible program and devote their lives to the service of the Lord. We will have students from all parts of Ukraine and it is a big progress. Only two years ago most of our students were from the eastern part of Ukraine but now we are targeting the whole country. We were able to achieve this goal by very active recruitment activities and personal visits to the local congregations. I am very thankful to my assistant Alexey Mitskutis for the great job. This young leader demonstrates intensive spiritual growth.

Terrific news came from Lviv where our brothers Bogdan, Stanislav and Dmitriy and their families have established a new congregation there in the October of the last year. This part of the country is very difficult in regards to evangelism. The Catholic Church is very rooted there but God keeps working through our team of young evangelists. Yesterday they had yet another baptism. This is the third baptism since they have started. One man from this young congregation will study in the Bible Institute.

We also have good news from Dnepropetrovsk where our brother Alexander Rodichev serves as a preacher. Every year brother Jeff Abrams and his team help Ukrainian churches to run a family camp "Amerikraine." This year they had 14th camp. We are thankful to Jeff and his team for this service and their help. We had seven baptisms this year in "Amerikraine" camp where some saved ones were from Dnepropetrovsk. My wife and I were able to worship with that congregation this month and I taught a Bible class. This is an amazing Christian family with the desire to grow.

Everything is going well in our home congregation in Bela Tserkva. We take turns preaching with other brothers and it gives our students an opportunity to practice as well. Also we made plans to have VBS in the city in the end of August so we will follow up and invite children to the Sunday school. My wife Vera and some sisters from this congregation are getting ready for the VBS.

In August we plan to have a meeting for the preachers and teachers on the Church of Christ in the city of Chernivtsy. This time the topic will be "The role of women in the church."

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