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"THE BEST MISSION TRIP EVER!"

This month's UKRAINE MISSIONS newsletter focuses on the recent mission trip to Ukraine. This mission trip was unusual because I spent almost all of the time in Ivano-Frankivsk. The only visits and meetings outside of Ivano-Frankivsk were confined to the last week when I was in Kyiv.

Regular reports were sent back via email and are posted on my website (<http://www.kachelman.com/ukraine/blog/>). Unfortunately the mail serve list has been corrupted so some who have signed up for automatic mailings have not received the automatic updates. All reports are posted on the web site and you can logon to read the reports and other articles. Those who help financially with this ministry will receive a trip DVD and these reports will be on that media as well as photos, videos, and other mission trip related items.

The only disappointment I have is that brother Jerry Morgan had to cut short his trip because of a serious illness his daughter in Holly Springs, MS suffered. Jerry had arrived prior to any of the others and had planned to be with us but as those of us in the first group were arriving in Ivano-Frankivsk, Jerry was leaving. I really missed his presence and counsel on this trip!

I returned to Searcy, AR late on a Saturday night. The next morning I was able to present a mission trip report to brother Don England's Bible Class. Prior to my presentation brother Don announced to the class that from the reports he read I must think this was the best ever mission trip!

Every trip always seems to be "the best ever" and such is certainly true with this most recent trip. It was "the best ever" for a number of reasons.

It was "the best ever" because of the fellowship and singular mission objective shared by all involved—both Americans and Ukrainians. Our total focus was on bringing glory to God thru His Church. There was unanimity on the part of all involved to make certain the mission objective was accomplished.

It was "the best ever" because of the assessment and decision to begin the extension of the World Bible Institute (WBI) in Ivano-Frankivsk! David Hamrick and Howell Ferguson travelled with me to examine the situation

THE GOSPEL'S PROGRESS IN INDIA

For a number of years we have been associated with brother Immdai who works for the Lord in Jadcherla, India. David Lawyer and Don Eads visited there and reported on the wonderful work being accomplished for the Lord.

It is always encouraging to receive reports from Immedi. Here is the October report that he sent to David.

"My dear loving brother David and sister Gennie, Greetings in the merciful name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Sir, how are you? how is sister Gennie? How is brother Ernie? You all are in our daily prayers.

I and the preachers here are trying to spread the Gospel. We sincerely thank you for your kind alms.

The widows are conveying their thanks to you all.

I arranged Gospel meetings for two days in Jadcherla. I put the tents in the court yard and under the tents, all gathered. I and Sam and some others preached. Good number of people attended.

and see if there was truly a need for the beginning of a Bible Institute in western Ukraine. I included David's letter in the September newsletter and a portion of Howell's newsletter is included in this issue (plus Howell's full newsletter has been posted on the web site). These brothers were very impressed with the situation, favorable conditions and the eagerness present to begin the extension branch. This Bible Institute will be registered with the State and thus able to award recognized diplomas. These diplomas will be recognized in Ukraine, Europe and the USA! This extension will also offer vocational training so that graduates will be able to work secular jobs and be supported from those vocations and not be dependent upon foreign financial support. This preliminary phase is exciting and the plans portend optimism for the gospel's progress not only in western Ukraine but in years to come, neighboring countries as well.

It was "the best ever" because of the work that was accomplished by the group led by Dr. Gary Jerkins! This group included Dr. Gary Jerkins and Dr. Ron Swang (from Nashville, TN), and Joel and Joy Campbell (from Cincinnati, OH).

Gary and Ron have long been involved in the gospel's progress in the medical communities of Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast. They are loved and well respected for their work's sake.

Joel and Joy were involved in two very critical educational assignments. Joy was tasked with teaching the sisters of the congregation the urgency and the how-to's of teaching children's Bible classes. The response to her classes was fantastic. From the beginning class to her final class the room was filled. Thanks to Joy we have been able to stress that children (of all ages) are able to be taught and it is the responsibility of the women to help train these children as women are uniquely designed by our great God to love and train the little children. The stress was simple—there should be a specific time set aside for the children to be taught the Bible and not to babysit while the adults are involved in their assemblies. Joy did an exceptional job laying the basic foundation for children's Bible classes.

Joel's task was to discuss planning and leadership that the men of the congregation are to perform in order for the Church to function as God designed. Joel's classes were attended by the men of the Church and there were very good discussions and practical applications. Joel continues to communicate with the brothers and is encouraging them to develop even more the leadership and planning schedules that are critical if the congregation is to function in a way that is pleasing to God and commended by others working with them.

It was "the best ever" because the mission team, of seven, from the Dalraida congregation in Montgomery, AL arrived and conducted themselves in a manner that was beyond exceptional! For many on the team it was their first trip outside of the USA and only Johnny had been to Ukraine previously. The Dalraida team sent back reports and reflections of their trip and these are found on the website. Their task was to present the Lord's Church to Starry Lysets. They accomplished their mission and even went beyond expectations! They were involved in a number of activities such as teaching conversational English in the Village's schools, speaking at the Law Institute in Ivano-Frankivsk, meeting with various groups, speaking at a Medical Institute, delivering benevolence items, and teaching nightly Bible classes in Starry Lysets to adults, teens and children. To understand the

(India Report Continued)

"I preached about creation and the Creator. Sam preached about Jesus and His sacrifice. Nagaraj preached about baptism. Pradeep preached about faithfulness.

The congregation also benefited very much. Four people responded to the Gospel. Three men and one woman. I send few pictures of meeting and baptisms. Please pray for the spiritual growth of new souls.

Sir, as I informed earlier, Masamma, a widow, has sight problem. I had taken her to doctor. He tested and prescribed glasses. It costs 50 dollars. IF POSSIBLE, KINDLY HELP THE WIDOW.

You all are in our prayers. Kindly continue to pray for us and for the work here.

Closing with love,

*Yours in His service,
Immadi"*

Note:

The money needed for the eye glasses for the widow has already been sent!

wonderful impact this mission team had on Starry Lysets and Ivano-Frankivsk all you need to do is read the letters from those impacted and the monthly reports of those in Ivano-Frankivsk where they speak of the impact of this mission team. An unimagined and unfathomable impact for the progress of the gospel resulted from the dedicated labors of those on this team. They had a good week but said they were not exhausted and were ready for more work! They were a great example to the church of Christ in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine! *Their report to the Dalraida congregation was made 06 November and you can listen to it at this link:* <http://dalraida.org/audio/2016/11-06-16pm.mp3>

It was "the best ever" because of the congregation of God's People that assemble, work and bring glory to God and His Church in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine! It is always a joy to visit and join in work with these brothers and sisters. Their faith is encouraging and their fidelity to Truth is unquestioned. Together we have suffered the slander and attacks from those seeking to destroy God's work. Every time I visit this congregation I am impressed. And my opinion is validated by others who come and visit as they leave saying how wonderful the congregation is! The scope of work that has been done is amazing—150 mile circumference of work has been accomplished. The congregation is known by those in governing cities, towns and villages and is held in high respect. The members are committed to God and it is always encouraging to assemble and be introduced to friends or relatives that have been invited to come to Bible study. This part of God's Family is always "the best ever" part of any mission trip I make into Ukraine!

Read the reports contained in this month's newsletter and thank God for His great mercy that gives us unimagined opportunities to serve Him on earth.

Those who are receiving this newsletter along with the DVD and other materials from the mission trip will be able to see hundreds of photos and read much more as to why this mission trip was "the best ever"!

—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

A SUMMARY OF THE MISSION TRIP FROM THE EYES OF THE IVANO-FRANKIVSK CONGREGATION!

Greetings John! Your trip to Ukraine has caused an explosion of emotions in the hearts of people. You were on TV several times where they talked about your good deeds, about the ward in the hospital, school desks, children's classes, meeting in the medical institute, sermons in Starry Lysets. All of that touched people's hearts. A deputy asked me to personally thank churches for help, for food, clothes, shoes that we gave to Snyatyn.

In yesterday's worship, we thanked God for our joint work in God's vineyard with you and other brethren from the USA. We prayed asking God to help us bring to completion all those projects and works that we had begun.

Our evangelistic campaigns in Starry Lysets and Ivano-Frankivsk went great. The team that we had was composed of very talented and God-loving young people. We were not the only ones to see and feel this as everybody attending our activities felt the same. Every brother (John, Johnny, Billy and Scott) that presented evening lectures did a great job. Everybody present

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enjoyed lessons that were up-to-date, logical, biblical and very clear to the community.

Brethren that taught young people, Danyel, Nickolas, B.J., and Malorie did a great job as well. We are very thankful to our brother Johnny for forming such a powerful crew to be the Dalraida team and for making all arrangements. We hope that the Lord will use this work to help Church grow and it will bring forth good fruit.

—the Ivano-Frankivsk church of Christ

WORLD BIBLE INSTITUTE TO OPEN EXTENSION IN IVANO-FRANKIVSK!

From the time when I began initially working in Ukraine I frequently heard of the need for a preacher-training school in the western part. After the fall of the Soviet Union, most evangelistic efforts in the early '90s until recent times were concentrated in Russia and the eastern part of Ukraine. Receptivity was initially strong but gradually weakened even until the violent insurgency in 2014. Consequently, thousands of eastern Ukrainians were uprooted and fled to cities such as Kharkov, Dnipropetrovsk, Kiev, etc. This westward flood of displaced Ukrainian residents opened opportunities of benevolence and evangelism.

For a number of years, John Kachelman has been instrumental in coordinating and shipping hospital supplies and humanitarian aid to Ukraine and other countries. His emphasis in western Ukraine—particularly in the western city of Ivano-Frankivsk—has provided an opportunity to further the spread of the gospel of Christ into that part of the country. Over a period of years, doctors, hospital staff, and government officials have come to recognize the good will the churches of Christ have provided to their people. We believe the providence of God has afforded us now the opportunity to multiply the spreading of the hope of salvation to this area. While the war has created hardships for many Ukrainians, we believe God can turn a dark situation into a bright one that glorifies Him and offers hope and salvation to the oppressed.

A few months earlier, John Kachelman contacted David Hamrick about the possibility of coordinating our efforts together to begin a new preacher-training extension school in Ivano-Frankivsk. I was new to WBI when I heard of this new prospect. Favoring the idea, we planned a trip for September 26th – October 5th. After a number of meetings, we formed a small staff and have plans to recruit 7 – 10 students. Ivan Skoleba (BVBIU graduate) will serve as the director as well as an instructor, Volodya Didukh (BVBIU graduate) will also serve as an instructor, and Masha Skoleba (Masters in Economics) will serve as secretary. Due to the small teaching staff, initially we plan to send possibly ten American teachers in 2017. In time we want the teaching staff to become predominantly Ukrainian.

Temporarily, WBI-IF (World Bible Institute – Ivano-Frankivsk) will meet in the rented two flats that the church currently uses for worship and Bible classes. Due to a generous donation of property by a local community to the Ivano-Frankivsk church of Christ, approximately 1½ acres of property has been given in a highly desirable and fast-growing new-construction residential area about a couple of miles west of Ivano-Frankivsk.

WORLD BIBLE INSTITUTE TO BEGIN OFFERING RECOGNIZED DIPLOMAS IN THE IVANO-FRANKIVSK EXTENSION!

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The development of this lot consists of three phases:

1) A large storage warehouse to store supplies and to receive and distribute future shipping containers has already been completed with the generous donations of brethren;

2) The second stage will be the construction of a roomy two-level structure for student housing, Bible classrooms, a lecture and fellowship hall and supplementary rooms; and,

3) A large auditorium for the assembly of the Church will complete the building project.

Once phase two has been completed, both the Church and WBI-IF will relocate there. The Church will have ample room to assemble for worship and conduct Bible classes.

If all goes according to schedule, WBI-IF will begin its first class in mid-January. My plans are to invite another American teacher and schedule at least one visit in 2017 to teach short courses.

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There is so much more I wish I could report about this new undertaking. In time I am sure more will be said. For now, we all ask that you add WBI-IF to your prayers that God will increase His church in western Ukraine and beyond!

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“Dear brothers and sisters! Thank you for your hearts and faith, for your help with our Father’s Kingdom that we spread in Ukraine.”

**A JOYFUL MINISTRY
IN VILLAGE
STARRY LYSETS**



BRETHREN FROM IVANO-FRANKIVSK SEND NOTES...

Dear brothers and sisters!

I want to thank you for the evangelistic campaign and support of the congregation in Ivano-Frankivsk.

Thank you for giving up of your time and money. Your help with evangelistic efforts and all other areas of church ministry is vital for the church of Christ to grow and spread in this area.

For me personally, it is an example to follow and to serve likewise in Lord's vineyard.

I am very impressed to see such warm relationship and brotherly encouragement that we need here badly.

In Christian love, Volodya Kuriy, your brother in Christ

Greetings, dear brethren!

We had two groups of Americans to come and visit us in October. They taught Bible (lectures, Bible classes, etc.). I enjoyed Bible classes that the first group taught as those classes gave me a much better understanding of the topic.

Classes on how to teach Bible to children that our sister Joy taught were very practical and much needed here. The other group presented lectures in different topics in the village of Starry Lysets where they also taught children's classes. I went to the Village Day that celebrated the 600th anniversary since the first written reference to the village.

One of the lectures that really touched my heart was the one presented by brother Billy about forgiveness. He said that we should not "pout" but rather come and talk to the person that you have problem with. Such attitude will help solve the issue.

On the whole, all lectures were very instructive, interesting and practical.

Special thanks to brother John Kachelman for his sincere and kind heart. He is one of us; he is committed to work here.

Thanks to all. May all enjoy good health! Come back again, again and again. We look forward to seeing you again and rejoice in it.

Valentina, an IDP from Donetsk
October 2016, Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine

Dear brothers and sisters!

We thank God and you for the time we spent together. We thank you for the sacrificial attitude that you showed teaching the Word of God to us, showing your love to us. We knew God was present at every meeting with you and we saw the need you had to serve others. Our spirit was filled with joy one feels when he/she gets to know God better! Glory be to God!

We bow down in appreciation of all you did for us here.

With love and respect, Brother Yaroslav and sister Luba with the family

A JOYFUL MINISTRY IN VILLAGE STARRY LYSETS

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IVAN SKOLEBA REPORTS FROM IVANO-FRANKIVSK!

October 2016. Ivano-Frankivsk

Greetings, dear brothers and sisters!

October was very hectic and filled with various responsibilities because we were facing a challenge as three groups of American brothers were coming and we had to carry out everything that had been planned.

In the first group came David Hamrick, the President of the World Bible Institute, as well as brother Howell Ferguson with his wife Mary. David and Howell evaluated the work of the Church and visited several groups that had received benevolent help from church of Christ.

Mary, Howell's wife, taught a lesson to our ladies on Christian morals. The sisters of the congregation enjoyed the lesson very much. Brothers David and Howell taught a class each and preached. After that, we met to discuss different aspects associated with the setting up of the Bible School in Western Ukraine. We made plans to start classes on January 15, 2017, with eight students enrolled. Our joint humanitarian work with American churches of Christ prompted such a decision because it has opened doors to preach the Gospel in many areas of this Region. We are in a good standing with local administrations and some public and legal organizations. But we do not have ministers trained to serve in the West of Ukraine, to preach in an effective and professional way, and to teach people that live in Catholic environment. The Catholic environment is at times very aggressive and intolerant towards strange religious teachings.

We trust the Lord to help us spread His Kingdom in Ukraine and to open hearts of many faithful Christians in support of our plans.

Joel and Joy Campbell from the Northeast church of Christ were in the second group. Joel taught classes on leadership and Joy taught women how to present Bible classes to children of different ages. Those classes were very helpful and essential. Right after classes on leadership that our brother taught we applied that knowledge in real life dealing with people, students, teachers, and others living in the village of Starry Lysets.

John Kachelman III recruited in a wise and professional way the wonderful group from the Dalraida Church. These brothers and sisters were a great asset in that work. Those coming from Dalraida were young brothers and sisters that came to us and together with our members were involved in an evangelistic campaign in Starry Lysets. Starry Lysets is the village in which our congregation has given humanitarian aid for many years. Each day the attendance grew for every class. On our last day we had full classes of 100 children. Also during the classes we can say that all school teachers attended the classes.

The Dalraida group also had meetings with the Law School and with the Medical School, Physical Therapy Department. These have also received humanitarian aid from us.

The work and meetings of this week had a great impact on people from the average citizen to the local officials; many hearts were "ploughed" and the seed of the Gospel planted.

Upon the departure of the last group, my wife and I drove to Bila Tserkva,

BENEVOLENCE DISTRIBUTED IN THE LORD'S NAME...



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which is 500 kilometers away, to meet with sister Debbie that came from Colorado to see Lord's work in Ivano-Frankivsk and to meet with the Church.

Debbie impressed Sveta, interpreter Olya and me with her courage and patience when we had to spend two hours going through a very dangerous area with militants prowling about and attacking people. Those involved in this criminal action were runaway insurgents and criminals from Donetsk. They are hiding in the woods and try to ambush those driving. I had to drive at a very high speed to get past that dangerous area as soon as possible.

Debbie took the plane to go back to Kyiv. Debbie has supported our work for over 10 years both prayerfully and financially. Their congregation once collected and loaded a container of humanitarian aid that was shipped through brother John Kachelman.

Dear brothers and sisters! Thank you for your hearts and faith, for your help with our Father's Kingdom that we spread in Ukraine.

Thanks to brother John Kachelman, his wife and children for their patience, sacrifices and invaluable work they do for Ukraine and other countries. Thanks to sister Kathy, brother Joe and their team. Your work, prayers and help have accomplished a great work here. Thanks to brothers Ron and Gary from Hillsboro for their work and patience. Thanks for brother Rick Montgomery and Hillsboro's Mission Committee for help and prayers that we need so much working for Lord's cause. Thanks to all who pray and spread the Word of God all over the world. Thanks to our interpreters Tanya, Olya, Inna, Oksana and Ksyusha for their work and translations, for their patience and Christian endurance.

Together we have a great power in the Lord and we trust Him to see the work through.

In Christian love, Ivan and Svitlana
С любовью во Христе Иван и Светлана.

VOLODYA DIDUKH SENDS NEWS OF HIS WORK FOR THE LORD!

Greetings, dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

I am sending you greetings from Western Ukraine and on behalf of the church of Christ in Ivano-Frankivsk. The month that has just passed was filled with wonderful events and work that I would love to tell you about.

The visit from our American brethren that attend Dalraida church of Christ was the most interesting and most important event of the month. The main purpose of the visit was to conduct an evangelistic campaign the village of Starry Lysets where I work to make church of Christ known to people. As I wrote you before, there are two "traditional" (Greek Catholic) churches in the village and almost all people living in the village consider themselves very religious. That is why the preaching of the Gospel in that area presents certain challenges.

However, the Lord worked everything out in a great way to make the campaign a success. Many people, school teachers and youth, had an opportunity to hear about Christ and receive Bible as a gift.

EFFECTIVE TRAINING!



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The team from Dalraida church of Christ headed by John Kachelman III consisted of very talented young people who attracted and gathered a great number of people with the help from the Lord. And not only that, they also became good friends with those people, which was very important for the preaching of the Word.

In general, we had an evening seminar that lasted four days and at the same time there were classes for children and teens. There were also English classes taught for three days at a secondary school that enabled them to get to know children, teens and their teachers.

It was a very busy time and very fruitful, too, as it enabled us to introduce church of Christ to the village of Starry Lysets.

A week's time did not pass after the departure of the group and the children of the village were asking me when the next campaign was going to happen. I was excited and encouraged to see young people respond to common sense religious teaching of the Gospel. I thank God and all who took part in the trip, and for those who were involved in it giving money towards the campaign!

Great work was done that moved a huge old rock off the ground that was in people's way hindering them from hearing the Gospel. As for me, it is a great joy and a sign of the mighty work of the Lord when we cooperate with Him.

Besides the wonderful classes we continued distributing humanitarian aid that you had sent us through brother John Kachelman, Jr. We delivered thirty desks to Mykulychyn and twenty desks to a school in Ivano-Frankivsk. It is so good that now that we have our truck running we can deliver humanitarian aid ourselves where it is needed most.

This week (October 27) we have received and unloaded one more container with aid from you. This container was loaded with rice mixes, which we plan to give to social institutions as well as poor, needy and large families. Such ministry helps open up people's hearts to the Gospel. This benevolence activity also helps this country survive in such horrible times. We send our heartfelt thanks to those involved in this work. May God give you back graciously and abundantly!

Our brothers from America who have been staying with us since last month have left this month. Brother John Kachelman left Ivano-Frankivsk upon the completion of the campaign. Likewise, Brother John Durham left and went back home not long ago. We are excited and glad that it was in Ivano-Frankivsk that John Kachelman stayed the whole trip this time. We had wonderful time of fellowship and spiritual encouragement with our brothers. We thank God for having blessed us with such fellowship and unity.

We continue planning and getting ready to start Bible Institute in Ivano-Frankivsk. Brothers David Hamrick and Howell Ferguson visited us last month. They agreed and encouraged us in our desire to start Bible College.

We are making all necessary preparations for the beginning of the World Bible Institute. We are putting together a library; we are raising funds for students' scholarships; we are collecting and putting together all materials to teach.

We would like to ask all those who care enough to support and encourage

Effective Team!

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us in this work in all ways possible. Especially do we ask you to support us in prayer. We know that Satan is not asleep; he is sure to oppose the spreading of the Gospel and the setting up of such a school even more. So, please, pray for this work.

My dad has finally quit drinking. Doctors that I know helped me put him back on his feet and he is coming back to normal life. It is wonderful news to me because alcohol and drinking cause big problems in the family. And even more joyful news was my dad's personal desire to come to Church on Sunday! His decision to attend worship happened for the first time in these last six years. It was wonderful to see both of my parents in the worshipping assembly. I hope that the Lord will give me strength and wisdom to talk to my dad about Him and one day my dad will put on Christ!

Thank you for prayers and support. These are great blessings that you give us.

May our Lord be glorified in your ministry to us. We always thank God for your hearts and prayers to Him on our behalf.

May our Lord give you strength and wisdom to build up His Kingdom.

In Christian love,

Your brother in Christ Volodya Didukh
З любов'ю ваш брат у Христі Володя Дідух.

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

I am happy to greet you with love again, my dear brothers and sisters.

I thank our Lord and Savior in my prayers for you, for your love, support, prayers that we are in need of and not only we but all churches of Christ on earth. Your care and concern encourages us and gives us strength to work in God's vineyard with great optimism and assurance.

I am thankful that God brings His children together and provides us with such joyful fellowship and as joyful a partnership with you.

Besides, I would like to share my report for the previous month with you.

I continue working in God's vineyard in the Ivano-Frankivsk. I help teach Bible classes. I take part in many activities that Church is involved in, such as visiting with people, distributing of humanitarian aid, for which everybody is so thankful to you and to God Who is working through us on this earth.

We continue repairing school desks but these desks are different from those we repaired before. By the way, we took those desks to a local school together with our brethren from America that came here for an evangelistic campaign.

I would like to thank you for your support of our American brethren who came here to Ukraine. We were so blessed to attend the wonderful classes they taught, to have great fellowship and work together in the campaign and to give glory to Our Lord and His love to all that follow Him and His commandments.

We had great and unforgettable time. I pray to God asking Him to bless us

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

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with many more campaigns like that and for many more opportunities for us to have fellowship with one another.

My dear brethren, please, pray with me for the Lord to give me more wisdom and love so that I can be a better worker in His vineyard. Please pray for the Lord to add more and more people to His Church. As usual, I’d like to ask you to pray for my family, for the growth of churches of Christ all over the world, for those that have not come to the right path yet and have not made up their minds to follow Christ. Please pray for peace in this country and in all countries that are facing wars. Please, pray with me for my family, especially for my children.

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

With love, your brother Pavel
С любов’ю ваш брат Павел

ANDREW ZHURAVLYOV SENDS NEWS OF HIS WORK FOR THE LORD!

Hello, dear brothers and sisters, friends.

Yesterday my wife Veronica and I returned from the occupied Gorlovka to Bila Tserkva. It is difficult to put in words the deep gratitude we feel to God for keeping us safe during this trip. We are happy to be with our son Ilya again. It would be great to realize that here there is no religious oppression, perpetual danger and the laws are in effect. This is an entirely different world, and when comparing it with the region now under control of the illegal armed formations we find it beautiful.

We went to Gorlovka during the time when the “silence regime” was in effect and there were practically no shelling of the city. But, as is often the case in the regions where there is war, the situation can change any moment. This is exactly what happened. During the second half of our stay in Gorlovka the war actions resumed. The local people already got used to the fact that for many months the artillery duels were happening mostly in the night time, and by that time they already were under the protection of the walls of their buildings. In the last days the shelling was in the mornings, in the daytime and in the evenings. This resulted in the new wave of casualties among the civilians.

The Christians in Gorlovka have been looking forward to our coming. This time they were even more happy because my wife Veronica came with me. The Sunday worship we conducted in our apartment. Before the assembly we connected via Skype with Terry Harmon and his wife Marina, who now live in the USA. They have been working in Gorlovka for a long time, and our Christians feel very close to them. Then we called Nadia Workman, our sister in Christ from Poltava who has been a member of the Gorlovka Church for many years. To see and to hear the words of encouragement from these very close friends and Christians is very important for the brothers and sisters who are now living in occupation. This reminded them once again that they are not forgotten, they are being thought of and prayed for. After the worship we stayed together for a long time, we sang hymns, prayed and shared our experiences. This time we were 11 people.

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Since the church of Christ is considered illegal on the territory of DPR, it is impossible to bring Christian literature there. That is why the purchase of a printer became a real blessing for the Gorlovka Christians. We can now print out the materials for personal study, and beginning with this trip we plan to make a selection of necessary materials, print them out and give to the Christians.

Several days before our departure the bandits began to shell severely the roadblock of the Ukrainian army through which the people travel across the front line. They were not stopped by the fact that many civilian people were there during their shelling. The checkpoints that suffered severe attacks were temporarily closed. After reopening they were being attacked again.

Back to the Ukrainian territory we traveled through the near city of Makeevka which several hours before came under the shelling of the terrorists. Through the bus window we saw the houses ruined by the shelling, ambulances and the OSCE mission vehicles, and also many people shocked by what had happened. Unfortunately this attack had many casualties, and not only among the adults but children also. According to the Ukrainian media this attack was a provocation from the terrorists aimed at disrupting the peace negotiations.

Coming through the Ukrainian roadblocks is always a very slow procedure. At first the Ukrainian soldiers look though the baggage very carefully, and after that check the documents and the permission of transition in the database of their computers. Veronica and I were standing at the end of a long line when right from us there were heard loud explosions that shook the ground. People began to feel worried because we were on the road in the open land, and on both sides of the road the signs warned that the sidelines had been mined. There was no way of escape. The Ukrainian soldiers quickly reacted to the situation: they brought all the people under the shelter of the high concrete wall, collected all the passports, and in ten minutes, without checking of the baggage, sent the people to the buses waiting for them.

I continue to come to the Shevchenko district Church of Christ where I continue to teach the book of Ecclesiastes. I am very encouraged by the fact that guests come to our assemblies. Together with Christians from this congregation we regularly evangelized people in the streets. But still, as our practical experience confirms, the conversions and visits of the Church happened because of the personal evangelism of the members. I also conducted the study of 1 Timothy with Christians in Bila Tserkva.

Veronica continues to participate in the work of Sunday school in Bila Tserkva. The kids really like these lessons, and they are looking forward to every lesson.

I taught the class on Leadership to the 2nd year students. I consider this class very important for the students as it helps them evaluate their potential in leadership, and also acquire many helpful tools for their work with the congregations. Together with the teachers and students of the Institute I

"We had an evangelistic campaign where brethren from Dalraida church of Christ, Montgomery AL, took part. We had great time laboring in God's vineyard together. Such blessed work to spread the Gospel unites people from all over the world.

I want to thank all that came over for the trip. May the Lord bless your families. It was highly refreshing as we had time for wonderful fellowship besides our joint service to God. I thank brothers for the spiritual encouragement that lifted me up; I thank sisters for support and wonderful work with children. You are faithful Christians to me and good friends that I found. Thanks!

I know that the majority of the team came to Ukraine for the first time. I hope that in future you will find time and desire to make more heroic trips like that. This work in our Father's vineyard is incredibly fruitful. May God bless you!"

preached the gospel in the streets of the city.

I thank all who support my work for the Lord, who gave the money to the work and help to the needy Christians in Gorlovka. And I thank all who prayed for the safe trip for Veronica and myself to Gorlovka and back.

Your brother in Christ, Andrew

NEWS FROM DENNIS SOPELNIK IN BELA TSERKVA

Dear brethren, families and congregations, In my monthly report I would like to share the latest news about events in Ukraine, the Bible Institute and some local congregations.

Every Wednesday after our regular school day we have an opportunity to study more Scripture with Terry Harmon. These are optional classes with the purpose of additional tutoring in our Biblical courses.

Currently the students of our Institute participate in evangelical campaigns. Most of them went to their home congregations and help their home churches and local ministers to evangelize. We sent our students to Lviv, Slovyansk, Kremenchug, Nickopol and Bila Tserkva. Local congregations in these places have some plans of evangelism events and our students actively participate in the ministry. Usually they visit the sick and those who are in danger of losing the faith as well. Some of them do street evangelism. They also minister in hospitals and educational establishments where possible.

This month I was able to visit the congregation in Kiyv where our student Yura Romanov preaches. It was a great time to see the old friends and have fellowship with some brothers and sisters. It's quite possible that one man from this congregation will join our Bible program next school year. His name is Arthur. He is active during the services, leads prayers, share the God's Word and evangelize. With the goal of recruiting the new students my assistant Alexey Mitskutis went to the congregation in Zhytomir.

In November we are to conduct one day seminar in Kharkiv on "Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage." Many preachers and church leaders from all over the country will take part in it. I hope we will have sound discussion and hold to the Truth as this is not an easy subject.

The local congregation is doing well. We ask for your prayers on behalf of our preacher Konstantin Kisilenko. They have found a virus in his lungs and he has to undergo three months long course of therapy. For this reason brother Sergey and I are more involved in preaching and church work. Our sisters are still enjoying teaching ladies and children's classes. The number of children who regularly come has increased this year and we have 10-12 children in the Bible classes.

We are truly thankful to everybody who helps the work of our Bible Institute and provide financial aid for our students. My family, our staff and our students send their regards and thank you for your prayers.

Your brother and co-worker in Christ, Dennis Sopolnik

"I am happy to greet you with love again, my dear brothers and sisters...I always pray for all of you. I thank you for your support, love and help. I wish you good health, God's love and blessings."