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The month of August has passed us and as I look back to glean reporting details it all seems like a blur. The month was more than "busy." From the Judsonia warehouse we loaded two containers for Ukraine in August one for Kyiv and one for Ivano-Frankivsk. These were containers #18 & #19 for this year. These two containers moved *60,175 pounds of HOSPITAL BEDS and supplies!!!*

The Fall mission trip to Ukraine is to begin 14 September. This trip will take me to locations surrounding these cities: Kyiv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kherson, Zaporozhye, Kramatorsk, Vinnytsia, Khmelnytsk and other locations. I am scheduled to return to the USA on 14 October.

Upon returning I will hold a gospel meeting with the Wayne Furnace church of Christ (Waynesboro, TN) and then begin making visits to give updates on the mission efforts to supporters. The last quarter on the year looks very busy at this point! Please contact me for speaking dates.

A number have visited our brethren in Ivano-Frankivsk during the summer months and it has been encouraging to hear them report on their visits and the promises of amazing opportunities.

Here are encouraging reports from your brethren in Ukraine, Nigeria, and India!

—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

THE GOSPEL'S FRUITS IN INDIA AND NEPAL!

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

How are you sir? How is sister Gennie? And how is brother Ernie? We are praying for you all. Kindly convey my thanks and the thanks of the poor widows for his help. Sir, I thank you for helping the widows this month. I know your loving kind heart.

DISTRIBUTION OF BENEVOLENT ITEMS

We continue giving humanitarian aid. The greater part of these last two shipments has been distributed to villages. People are excited about buckets, matches and candles more than anything else. The majority of those that live in villages have furnaces to heat their houses using logs and in winter power goes off from time to time, thus, they use candles a lot. Big thanks for washing detergents and lice treatment. Big thanks for bed linens that you sent us and that we used to help our displaced people (they got blankets, sheets and pillows). We visited a local hospital, made contacts with doctors through benevolent help given to the hospital (we had helped them before and knew the Chief Doctor). Thus, we plan to begin working in Lysets, establishing contacts, getting to know people, preaching the Gospel.

Sir, whenever, we think of you our hearts are becoming heavy with gratitude. I want to see you. please send a latest picture of you and sister Gennie please. So that we can see you, if not personally.

India is a sub-continent. We are almost equal to China in population. Many religions and many regions. Our states are formed on the basis of languages, because we have many languages. But Hindi is our official language. People of many states use Hindi language. Most of the people in India are Hindus.

Gospel is needed very much in India. Christianity is less in India, specially in Northern India. Please pray for the people of our country.

On 24th of last month, I started from my place to Bidan Nagar which is in West Bengal State. I traveled around 1,500 miles. I went to Bidan Nagar where brother Ranthu Mahali preaches. We had one day Bible class on 27th. I visited surrounding places also and preached. I stayed almost one week. In my absence, my son Sam is taking care of the work in Jadcherla.

In the one day Bible class in Bidan Nagar many members of the congregation and non-Christians attended. We had class from 10 AM to 1 PM and 2 PM TO 4 PM. I and brother Massi Tudu of Bihar and Steven of our state also preached. Some people responded to the word of God. Seven people obeyed the Gospel. We walked three miles for sufficient water for baptisms. I send few pictures of Bible class and baptisms soon. Kindly pray for the spiritual growth of new souls.

Some preachers of Nepal country, which is a bordering country to us, contacted me through some preachers of Bihar State. They invited me to visit and preach there. Nepal is not a secular country. It is Hindu country. So Gospel is needed very much. I am thinking to visit Nepal in the month in the second week of September. Please pray for my trip.

We are sincerely praying for you all. I once again thank you all for your sacrificial and mighty helps. Closing with love, yours Immadi

A SHIPMENT INTO NIGERIA...

Greetings! Thank you for your hard work in the Lord's Vineyard. I took me a whole week in Abuja to process the papers for the shipment with the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), Ministry of Budget & National Planning (MBNP), Federal Ministry of Finance (FMF) and National Environmental Standards Regulatory Enforcement Agency (NESREA) It was be God's grace that we were able to complete such a rigorous paperwork. We hope to receive the Letter of Permission before September 8.

Please there's something I forgot to mention. We need a large supply of winter clothes for children and a few for adult. There's a season here known as harmattan period, a very cold period similar to winter as you have it there. In some years, it begins as early as November and would not go till March or April.

Please do you have eye glasses and lenses in the warehouse that you could send with the shipment? Many brethren here are having eye problems which requires the use of sunshade and lenses. Thanks for everything!

Aniefiok Akpan, His will prevails!

DELIVERY OF BENEVOLENT ITEMS TO HOSPITALS



PAVAL TUZNICHENKO REPORTS ON HIS EFFORTS...

I am happy to send you love and greetings again, dear brothers and sisters. As I pray, I thank our Lord and Savior for you, for your love, your support, your prayers that all of us as well as churches of Christ all over the world need. Your care and concern encourage us so much giving us strength, optimism and assurance to work in God's vineyard. I am thankful to the Lord for His presence with us through His love and mercy, for making us stronger physically and in spirit year by year. Besides, I pray to the Lord asking Him to bless us and make us stronger as we live our lives on earth so that we could work with more zeal and help as many as possible to come to Christ becoming God's children. So that we could help them realize that God is our Father who will never abandon us if we trust Him and rely on Him come what may. Just like our earthly parents, our loving Heavenly Father provides for every need that we have, answers every request that we address to Him in our prayers, comforts us and helps us, gives us wisdom to do right in different situations. Lord teaches and disciplines us for us to be worthy to spread His word. I always thank our Lord for your hearts that are open to support and pray for us as well as other churches of Christ both in Ukraine and all over the world. And you do it with such love, understanding and sympathy.

In addition, I would like to report to you on the work done within this month. I greatly rejoice laboring in God's vineyard, teaching Bible classes and participating in other Church activities that are many, visiting people, giving away humanitarian aid, for which people send big thanks to you and give thanks to God who works through you on this earth.

In September, I will begin detailed home Bible studies with those that cannot always come to our regular Bible classes and Sunday worship services. I ask the Lord to bless me and give me wisdom so that I would present the truth to these people in a clear untwisted way. Dear brethren, please, pray for this, too. I hope that this work will help Lord's Family grow at least by a few people. Indeed, we are to fight for every saved soul.

As always, I pray to the Lord asking Him to help those who have chosen to follow Him, making them stronger in spirit. And with even more zeal do I pray asking Him to give me wisdom and love to persevere in His vineyard as much as I can.

Dear brethren, please pray with me for the Lord to add as many people as possible to His church, for growth of His Church throughout the world, for those that haven't come to the right path to follow Christ, and for peace in this country. Please, pray for my family, for my children to be healthy, for me to be a worthy father and mentor in spirit to them.

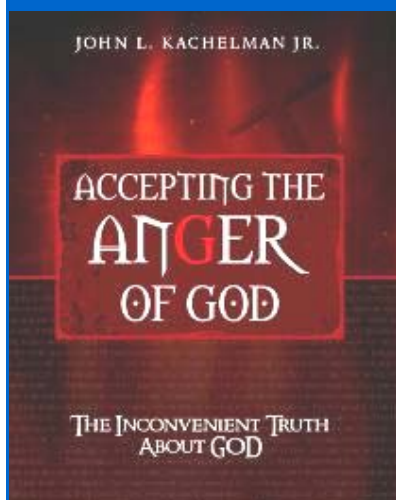
We are mindful of you and your families wishing you good health, God's love and praying that your mercy will return to you with manifold God's blessings.

With much love, Pavel, your brother in Christ

Places scheduled for visiting and teaching during the fall mission trip to Ukraine: Kyiv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kherson, Zaporozhye, Kramatorsk, Vinnvtsia. Khmelnytsk and other locations.

A NEW BOOK IS
AVAILABLE!

ACCEPTING THE ANGER OF GOD



This is a study examining WHY modern religious people do not believe God becomes angry at sin. It outlines the HOW of the transition from a God-fearing society to a God-less society. The individual chapters explore the biblical aspects of God's anger and challenges Christians to be bold in upholding the biblical doctrine that God is NOT all loving and permissive regarding sin.

You can order a copy:

http://kachelmanpublications.com/index.php?route=product/product&product_id=124

VOLODYA DIDUKH REPORTS ON HIS EFFORTS IN STARRY LYSETS...

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ! I am sending you greetings on behalf of my family, my mom and dad, and my fiancée Julia. We have lived through another month of our lives and would like to share some news and events with you that have taken place this month.

Brothers Jim Akridge and Ray Stilwell from America visited us at the end of July – beginning of August. Brother Jim is an elder at Clarkson church of Christ. Their congregation would like to plant a church in the Region of Ivano-Frankivsk. Together with these brethren we visited some prospective towns. The choice was made in favor of the town of Lysets. This town is located close to Ivano-Frankivsk and borders Starý Lysets where I have been working until this day. We visited a local hospital, made contacts with doctors through benevolent help given to the hospital (we had helped them before and knew the Chief Doctor). Thus, we plan to begin working in Lysets, establishing contacts, getting to know people, preaching the Gospel. Julia and I plan to move to Lysets upon our wedding to work and preach full-time there. We are looking for lodging now and making plans for our work there. Thus, I would like to ask all of you who care for Church in Ukraine to pray for this ministry for God to build His Kingdom through us and through our joint efforts. Special thanks go to brothers Jim and Ray for their desire to serve God and Church in Ukraine. It is so encouraging to see the Lord do His work through such brothers.

Brother Olexy (Alex), whom this world tried to pull back in upon his baptism, has been back to the assembly regularly. He and his wife (Julia) did not get on too well for a while. Julia's parents contributed to many of their issues as they lived with them. That is why Olexy rented a part of an old house for the family to live separately and independently from Julia's parents. Last week men of the congregation helped them move and they are settling in their new place. Please, continue praying for this family – they are fairly new converts and Julia has not been back to the assembly yet giving in to Satan's ploys. Thus they need our prayers and encouragement.

This month, my Julia and I have been planning and thinking through all that needs to be done to set up a school to teach Bible, arts and English to children. Julia is putting together Bible class curriculum. As for me, I am trying to decide how to set it all up so that this work will bring forth good fruit in Lysets and Starý Lysets. We would like for this project to be as beneficial to our ministry and to the future congregation as it can be.

This month has been basically a month of rest and visits with my family. Some time has been spent on preparation for my and Julia's wedding. Even though we do not plan a big wedding there are still many things to take care of. I thank all those who pray for us and our future. We will do our best to be faithful and serve God.

Thank you for prayers and support, thank you for all the aid that you send us. May the Lord bless you and multiply your joy!

With love, Volodya Didukh, your brother in Christ

CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES!

Our congregation continues assembling on Lepkogo 20B but if we have guests and are overcrowded in this place we meet at our storage and distribution facility. Little by little, people are getting used to the new place. We pray and ask God to help us build outside walls before freezing weather. Now we can only dream of things and ways we'd like to arrange everything there. We are working on building shelves in the storage area.



IVAN SKOLEBA REPORTS FROM IVANO-FRANKIVSK, UKRAINE...

Greetings, dear brothers and sisters!

We had a very hot summer, which was unusual for this area. Our climate is changing for some reason. Here in Western Ukraine we are in for a rainy season after horribly hot summer. Rain causes damage to many people flooding storage facilities where they store food and machinery, tossing away hay from their fields, flooding their cars and some were filled up with water. We haven't had anything like that since the flood in 2008. Climate has been changing. It may well be that nuclear explosions in the North Korea and China triggered the change. Even our seismologists were able to register the wobbling of the earth. Some are anxious about future but the majority live for the day, drinking booze, having the ball and attending church on holidays to confess their sins to the priests and then sliding back to their heathen life. People have a big problem in their lives – they don't read the Bible because they don't believe it is given by God. Scientists try hard to prove there's no God, they shoot documentaries where they present a hypothesis as a real fact luring young people to believe the lie. All Orthodox churches are busy playing politics, fighting for money and power, building humongous cathedrals and causing souls to die because they (Orthodox churches) neither preach the Gospel themselves not let people learn the truth preventing them from studying the truth and washing their brains with holidays and traditions that have nothing to do with God and salvation.

But we have the hope promised to us by the Lord in John 14:2-4 and Revelation 21:1-4. These words give hope and purpose to the work we do together with you.

Our congregation continues assembling on Lepkogo 20B but if we have guests and are overcrowded in this place we meet at our storage and distribution facility. Little by little, people are getting used to the new place. We pray and ask God to help us build outside walls before freezing weather. Now we can only dream of things and ways we'd like to arrange everything there. We train teachers for children classes and look for different youth programs. Big thanks to Brother Larry Jackson for lessons that he's sent us. Our children like the idea and Anya is translating these lessons into Ukrainian now. We plan to teach them here.

We continue giving humanitarian aid. The greater part of these last two shipments has been distributed to villages. People are excited about buckets, matches and candles more than anything else. The majority of those that live in villages have furnaces to heat their houses using logs and in winter power goes off from time to time, thus, they use candles a lot. Big thanks for washing detergents and lice treatment. Big thanks for bed linens that you sent us and that we used to help our displaced people (they got blankets, sheets and pillows). As for dishes, we gave them to people, members and displaced people from Donetsk and Lugansk Regions. Rice that Kathy sent has helped us out a lot. We give a box of rice per family monthly and they share rice with their kin.

We continue studies at WBI and are in 1st and 2nd Samuel right now.

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Andrew and Marina visit Yaremche preaching and getting to know people there. They have already made contacts with a few families that they visit every time they go there. We pray for their ministry and ask God to open up people's hearts there. We have found out from Andrew that there is young family that wants to sell some of their children because they cannot provide food for all 5 of them. When people found out about it they would watch them to make sure they don't do it. The husband is trying to drown his grief drinking booze and the wife is at a loss as to what she should do. Young families suffer more than others for they have no jobs, no money, and no future. Such need not just help but psychological programs to relieve their stress.

Volodya and Julia work in Lysets. They are getting ready for their wedding. We try to encourage them as much as we can. We pray to God and ask Him to help these young families to become good workers for the Lord.

This summer, Pasha brought his children, Daniel and Ivan, to Ivano-Frankivsk. They are in school now and attend all children's Bible classes. Pasha tries to do as much church work as possible and he is also in charge of the Correspondence Bible School. He prays to God asking for the Lord to help him bring his wife back. It is for the first time in three years that she's here. Please, pray for our families for the Lord to help them recover what satan destroyed.

Anya has been admitted to the Medical School. We thank God for that and pray to the Lord asking Him to help her complete all studies and find her niche in the medical field for her to help people and be a good Christian example to the students and teachers.

Thank you for your prayers and support for without them we would never have what we have now. Glory to our God in the name of Christ for everything.

In Christian love, Ivan and Svetlana

DENNIS SOPELNIK'S GOOD NEWS FROM AUGUST...



In August we had VBS that lasted for a week. It was a great time with the children. We had classes, did crafts, praised the Lord in songs and prayers. We hope that these activities will help children to come to church gladly. Many of them have unbelieving parents who display negative attitude towards the Church. In the middle of last month, we had a recreational trip for our brethren. We invited everyone who wanted to join us. We were camping in tents, sleeping bags, took a lot of food and necessary products for "open nature" camping. While we were out there one of the night Vitaly whose wife is our student and who has been coming to church for a while said unexpectedly, "Here's water. What hinders me to be baptized?" We had Bible studies with him before, he had asked a lot of questions, we would answer them but recently we tried not to be too pushy. So, that night he was baptized for the remission of his sins. It was a very memorable night. Thus, the church of Christ in Bela Tserkva gained one more brother.