



# UKRAINE MISSIONS NEWS

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As I send out this November 2017 UKRAINE MISSIONS newsletter I am looking back over the days of the month and all I can say is "WOW! What a month!" By the time I return to Searcy I will have put over 2,000 miles on the odometer; I would have either preached, taught Bible Class or reported at SIX different congregations in Alabama, Arkansas and Tennessee; I would have joined with the Searcy team in loading a container of clothing; I would have let bids and finalized loading schedules for 5 containers (loading from AR, IN, MS); I would have communicated on two more loadings; I would have done whatever I could to assist Brian and Bekah with attempts to regulate Kinnley's Type 1 Diabetes which started with an ambulance trip to Vanderbilt's ER; I would have welcomed Master Cason as he entered this world; and there are a number of peripheral actions that consumed the remainder of the month. Such was beyond exhausting but the constant communication and encouragement from family and faithful brethren supported us through the difficulties. **THANK YOU!** I have often said that I have no idea how people whose religion is founded only upon emotions or those who have no factual biblical confidence (faith) in God can survive life's traumas. I believe that is why they turn to devilish substitutes to ease their pain but in doing so only find traumas are multiplied and consolation is an elusive dream.

In this month's newsletter you will read a number of encouraging reports from the Lord's Church all over the world. As I transition to Dalraida I will be including more mission actions of the congregation and this will only broaden the scope of mission awareness and the successes of the Lord's Church!

—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

## ANDREW & MARINA IN "ЯРЕМЧЕ, Україна"

Greetings, dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

We continue our mission work in Yaremche and Mykulychyn, which is Yaremche District. We continue contacting and visiting families there. Humanitarian aid has given us access to the hospital and social service department. We are in good terms with the Chief Doctor, who in his turn, introduced us to other family doctors that work all over the District.

## NEWS FROM NEPAL



"Some preachers of Nepal contacted me through some preachers of Bihar State. They invited me to visit and preach there. Nepal is Hindu country. So Gospel is needed very much. I am enclosing few pictures of my trip to Nepal. Kindly pray for our efforts. Closing with love, Immadi"



We have also made good friends with the new Director of the children's home where we have helped children a lot. This time we gave out children's Bibles and brother Dwayne from American gave some money for children's needs. Director is friendly to church of Christ and does not mind if we give out Bibles and discuss religious topics with them.

We support families that are in need of clothes and food. I mentioned before the family that wanted to sell one of their children due to their poor living conditions. In the majority of situations people just do not know what it takes to live, they have no clue as to how to plan out their lives because they come from problem families. Besides studying the Bible, they need to be taught some life basics.

The population is under Orthodox influence. People celebrate all holidays, worship saints, pray blindly to icons and give money to church treasury out of religious fear. Priest to them is sacred and holy. Collecting money is the main mission that the priest has and he does it sanctifying buildings, baptizing babies, at weddings and funerals. Thus, he is interested in anything that brings money and he has no concern for people's souls and their problems.

When we talk with people some of them respond in this way, "We pray to God, keep all holidays but our lives don't change." People are deceived and their hearts feel that but their minds cannot grasp it. You have to become one of them and live among them to be able to touch their hearts and let them see with our lives where God really is.

Dear brethren, please, pray for us and our ministry and for these people asking the Lord to take mercy on them.

In Christian love, Andrew and Marina  
З любов'ю у Христі, Андрій і Марина

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## PAVAL TUZNICHENKO REPORTS ON HIS EFFORTS...

Grace and peace to you! I am so happy to greet you and send my love to you, my dear brethren. I am forever thankful to our Lord, who opens people's hearts to support with such love, understanding and sympathy all those that are in need. Big thanks to you for those brethren whom you support to spread the Word of God all over the world. We are so happy to attend Bible classes and learn all that is necessary to grow in the spirit and then apply that knowledge to living.

Big thanks to you for the humanitarian shipments that we received. Major part of medical supplies and equipment has been given to a country hospital in the Ivano-Frankivsk Region. They are so thankful for that container and are very happy because they have never received anything like that from the government. I trust that this act will reveal God's grace to them and they will see the works He does through His children.

Besides that, I continue taking an active part in the life of the Church. I enjoy Lord's Church so much. I try to help brethren as much as I can doing my best in every area, for everything we do for others, both physical help and spiritual support, should be done as if for the Lord.

I am still in charge of correspondence Bible course. As I wrote you in my previous report our students had their first tests. Not everybody made the highest grades but I was pleased with the outcome. Their desire and effort to

## INCREDULOUS NEWS

"The economic situation is very bad at present. I reported before of the family with many children who could not afford food and heat for children. It is very poor living condition. They thought if they sold one of the children to a good family it would help. But the villagers would not allow it and watch them so that they would not do it. We are giving dry food mixes and clothing to help. In this photo two children are at a boarding school and one boy went to the store."



study the Word of God is most important. They understand that the Bible can teach them all they need to know about God and His Son Jesus Christ, about salvation and about the way to eternal life, and how to live a righteous blessed life by God's will now. Brethren, please, pray with me for those that strive to study the Holy Scripture and for them to apply that knowledge in their lives as much as they can rather than hiding it from others.

As usual, please, pray for my family, my children, for growth and maturity of churches of Christ in Ukraine and all over the world. Please, pray for those that have not chosen to follow Christ but are close to that decision and after that decision for the Lord to add as many as possible to His Church. Please pray for peace in this country and for this nonsense of a war to be over so that innocent people would not be killed any more.

I pray asking the Lord to bless you in all your deeds, to bless you with good health and maturity in the spirit. I keep you in my prayers always wishing good health, God's love and blessings to you and your families.

In Christian love, Your brother in Christ, Pavel

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

Greetings, dear brothers and sisters!

December, the last month of this year, is about to come in a few days. Years fly by way too fast and are over before we know it. Seeing all that we have done together with you in Ukraine, with reverence do I praise and glorify our Lord for His mercy and the opportunities He has given us to preach the Gospel and to give glory to His holy name.

Through humanitarian aid, God opens up hearts of many people to church of Christ and many have obeyed the Gospel and have been baptized. And there are many who have heard the Gospel but have not made up their minds to turn to God's way. These are yet slaves to traditions and religious totalitarianism of the Orthodox Church that is holding onto her alleged "parish" with a deadly grip and attacks all those that preach on behalf of churches that are not Orthodox.

An example of this is a local priest in Starry Lysets. He warned Volodya and Julia saying, "You can teach children anything but religion as we have the Orthodox Church with her traditions for it." And we saw fear in the eyes of the local administration and teachers that heard those words. Volodya and Julia will face a lot of hardships before they reach the point when they are in good standing in that area. We thank our brethren from the Dalraida church that came here and taught classes doing the ground work for Church planting in Starry Lysets. Because of this mission trip people there accept Volodya and Julia for their own. It requires time to make impact in village life but the Lord will take care of everything if we persevere. Volodya and Julia need our prayers as they are facing a major trial for a young family. It would be great for groups from Hillsboro and Dalraida to come next year and join efforts with us to evangelize in Lysets and Yaremche.

Andrew and Marina do the ground work in Yaremche. They have made contacts through doctors that receive humanitarian aid from John. They have a small group they work with now. They visit a children's orphanage and help



## **GREETINGS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA!**

**From:** Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia

Dear John,

Happy Thanksgiving!

Wish you all the best and long live! We very appreciate and never forget your multiple support and great assistance from churches of Christ!

Thank you so much!

May God save and bless the United States of America and Republic of Georgia and church of Christ!

Please come and visit us with God's Word!

Sincerely yours,  
Giorgi and Irakli



**From:** Tsalendjikha, Republic of Georgia

I would like to express my gratitude to you and to churches of Christ for sending urgently needed items. The container was booked on 30 November 2016 and arrived at exact time it was needed. We are interested to get another container if you are ready to help us of course.

Please inform me as soon as it is possible.

I am looking forward hearing from you.

Kind Regards, Lela Kakachia  
Head of The Association of  
Persons with Disabilities,  
Women, and IDPs  
Tsalendjikha, Georgia

with some needs there. Could they move there it would help them tremendously. There might be someone interested in supporting their mission work in Yaremche. People there want to see them more often and spend more time with them.

Our men are having their practical training now as they take turns conducting worship services and teaching Bible classes. This is a time for them to train their leadership skills and apply the knowledge they have gained thus far. Everyone has his own responsibilities as far as church work goes. Ruslan fully substitutes for me and Masha does her best to support and help him. Men make decisions at their meetings independently. As for me, I am having medical treatments now. I had the flu and it caused heart and joint problems. Doctor said I needed a few weeks of treatments and to stay away from work. My immune system had grown very weak. I am taking Vitamins B1, B2 and B6 as well as heart medicines. Please, keep me and my family in your prayers. Sveta and Anya have been down with the flu that has afflicted my family for three weeks now. Worries and stresses result in low immunity and our medicines are of poor quality, even doctors admit that. However, the Lord will help us through these trials as well.

Big thanks to you for prayers and support.

In Christian love, Ivan and Svetlana

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## **VOLODYA AND JULIA DIDUKH SEND NEWS...**

Hello and how are you doing?

We are good with everything. We almost have finished distributing humanitarian aid in the container that Lord's Church in Clarkson, KY sent by brother Jim. We have given all medical supplies to the hospital and we were present at the opening of the maternity house. At the opening also were present Greek Catholic priests and I had an opportunity to get acquainted with them. Now I have "friends" who are priests in Starry Lysets and in Lysets. I was given the floor to say that this aid was sent and paid by Church of Christ. I will send you a link with the interview. Unfortunately, the doctor does not keep his word as to any newspaper with this information, but on the opening of maternity house many people have heard about Lord's Church and our good deeds.

Almost all week we the workers of the hospital opportunity to choose clothes for themselves and in such way, we could know more people that are new. A few women, which were choosing the clothes, are living in Starry Lysets near to us, so I continue to be in touch with them. I am planning to work with them that to plant God's word.

We completely have moved to Starry Lysets and now we live here. At this place, we have all accommodations and it is a big blessing for us. Now we try to provide the internet here, because we have only mobile internet and it is not so good.

Tomorrow I am planning to be at the hospital again, we need to give out clothes that has been left to the orphanage. The doctor asks us to

## STARRY LYSETS!



A new clothes washer was shipped for the hospital



free the garage of all things. All family buckets which is has left I am going to take my home and use it for the evangelization.

Julia and I have had one more meeting with the director of the school about classes with the kids and we have already agreed with the schedule. Julia will start teaching classes on this week. I am planning to help her while everything will be good settled.

We have had the real winter now. The temperature is getting lower and it is snowing. So, the warm clothes that people had chosen in the container's distribution were in time! Many people were very grateful. One women even tried secretly to give me money for this. I rejected her attempt and told to her that she should be thankful to God. For people living here it is very unusual that someone is giving clothes for free. I hope all of this will give the good results and will give us the opportunity to preach God's word.

Thank you for your prayers and support,  
In Christ Volodya and Julia

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## ***BROTHER EMMANUEL SENDS YOU GREETINGS ...***

Hello Dear Brethren! Greetings from Ivano-Frankivsk! I hope by the grace of God all is well with you and your entire family.

Thank you for your message and God richly bless you for your tireless efforts and supports for Ivano-Frankivsk Congregation and global mission work for the Lord's Church.

You are always my inspiration and motivation to strive to do something great for The Lord's Church and humanity. Thank you for such Christ-like living which is so encouraging and inspiring. May the good Lord continue to use for a great cause for His Kingdom and humanity.

Brother John! Please, my prayers and thoughts are with your granddaughter's condition and the entire family. May our gracious Heavenly Father shower His blessings and healing power upon her in Jesus name. I wish her a speedy recovery.

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## ***MEDICAL SEMINAR UPDATE...125 REGISTERED!***

"John—we packed 103 boxes with medical books that filled 3 gaylords and should have enough books in the next 2 weeks to fill another! Plus, another gaylord filled with mannequins and supplies—headed your way December 8 to unload—Emmanuel reports the registration breakdown and the 19 countries to be represented—J"

"In all, Lord willing, students from three medical institutes in Ukraine and from NINETEEN countries will be participating in the conference: India, Nigeria, Iran, Gabon, Morocco, Maldives, Azerbaijan, Ukraine, Poland, Tanzania, Congo, Sierra Leon, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Kenya, Namibia, Cameroon, and Ghana. But more are seeking to register so additional nations to be added. Emmanuel"