



UKRAINE MISSIONS NEWS

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- Wonderful news from February & March!



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Dear Friends, this newsletter contains the combined mission reports of February and March 2018! I had thought I would get the February newsletter sent out before I left on the spring trip but it just did not happen. You should have received the regular mission trip reports that were sent during my mission trip so at least some information was available to you as to how your mission dollars are being used. It is needless to say that the first quarter of 2018 was not any slower than the last quarter of 2017!

My recent move from Searcy, AR to Montgomery, AL has gone as well as expected but there are still mountains of boxes in the house awaiting unpacking. Thankfully these are slowly being whittled away. The move was smooth and I began teaching an adult Bible Class on Sunday mornings titled, *“Is the Restoration Plea Relevant?”* This is a most interesting study and I look forward to making the lessons available. The study is showing that the plea to restore God’s beliefs and behaviors from that which man’s arrogance has wrested has been a practical plea in any century under either the Old Testament or the New Testament. Especially in our culture we need to sound long and strong the plea to govern religious beliefs and behaviors only by the practicality of New Testament and NOT the opinions of an arrogant “elite”!

The spring mission trip went exceptionally well and I hope to have a full report out “soon.”

Read the reports below from those striving to serve the Lord and show a darkened world the love and light of the gospel!

THANK YOU for your partnership, encouraging words and financial support.

—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

ANIEFIOK AKPAN FROM NIGERIA...

Greetings! After one year of English and Bible studies and training, we organized a soul winners (fishers of men) training workshop in December last year. We started a house-to-house evangelism.

Now the gospel is spreading like wildfire across our community. As we evangelize, we also attend to the physical needs of our very poor people by distributing to them the donated relief materials from the container received in January. We share with you the joy of the Lord which is our strength. You have contributed in no small measure to this joy that has reignited our passion and zeal for the Lord and his Church. We are happy to announce to you that not less than 500 poor and helpless individuals and over 30 congregations

IMMADI WRITES FROM INDIA

“My dear loving brother David and sister Gennie, Greetings in Jesus name.

“Sir, I and the preachers here once again thank you for your great sacrificial love. We are thankful to you in our entire life. We beg Lord to bless you with good health. We are praying God daily for you. We once again thank you with our whole hearts for your kind alms. You are in our special prayers. kindly remember us and this work in your valuable prayers. Here are photos of baptisms. Pray for those beginning their new lives in Christ. With great love and gratitude, yours Immadi”



have benefited from the relief materials' distribution in our community. For the first time, most of these people have good clothes, shoes and beddings in their possession.

The distribution of the materials has created for us better opportunities to share the gospel with our people in the jungle. It has helped to open the door for us to evangelize on a daily basis. There is no single day passing that people don't come to us for assistance and we use such opportunities to share Christ with them. The people also gladly receive us in their homes during our house-to-house evangelism. They have come to respect the Lord's Church so much, and they have confidence in our leadership.

Since January this year, 19 souls have been baptized into Christ, and last weekend, we got an elderly woman, a widow who left the Lord and his Church about 30 years ago restored. She was discovered during our door-knocking preaching.

Thank you for helping us build God's Kingdom at Uruk Otong. We have finalized plans to evangelize the 16 villages around us which have no congregations next year. If it is God's will, we plan to plant 4 new congregations at locations North, South, East and West of Uruk Otong. Our ministry students will help with this soul winning project.

In Christian service, Aniefiok Akpan

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

Dear brothers and sisters, Ivano-Frankivsk church of Christ is greeting you! Dear brethren, you are amazing people! Your love, faith, and help to Ukrainians is overwhelming and encouraging to us! Your support and prayers help this church of Christ grow in the spirit and numbers. Gospel is being preached in several districts of our Region and not only our Region but in some Regions far from us.

We always thank God for you, for your prayers, for your good works that you do through our mutual faith in Jesus Christ in Ukraine and in other countries where sin and paganism have caused people to suffer both physically and in spirit. Being a part of one large spiritual family is a wonderful blessing to us. Your Ukrainian brothers and sisters send big thanks to all of you for your labor and mission work. Lord writes all that you do in His Book and when the right time comes we will see the fruit of our works in our Father's Kingdom.

We had a very cold winter this year and temperatures dropped down to -28C in some places. Thus, we could not go on much with construction. We bought construction materials – bricks, sand, gravel. We plan to start working on the wall as soon as it warms up. First, we would like to build the assembly hall, baptistery and a few rooms for children. We would like, Lord willing, to move to our new assembly place this year. We are now raising funds to build the walls and roof and ask for any who are willing to help us.

We continue working in Ivano-Frankivsk, Yaremche, Sniatyn and Stary Lysets. Many in villages are in need of spiritual support. These are places that have received humanitarian aid from us for many years. We give away many

URUK OTONG, NIGERIA

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Bibles and always give phone numbers for people to call with questions. Many cannot believe we give away everything without making them pay money. Those living in villages started reading the Bible which has raised many questions, to which the local priest either cannot or does not want to give answers. Brother Pasha's ministry in correspondence school is busy in helping many study Bible and find answers. We need trained and knowledgeable brothers for this work. This is why the Bible School (WBI) is so important.

We continue preaching the gospel in the districts of Yaremche and Sniatyn planning to plant Lord's Church there. Our Bible School students will graduate this year. It will be our first graduation in Western Ukraine. We are prayerfully asking God to help us plant churches in those towns.

Our Sunday worship attendance is 25-35. There are some that would like to be baptized but these still struggle some with inner reservations that keep them from making the personal choice. Masha, Ruslan's wife, and Natalie, interpreter, are the ones. These two women have changed very much within this last year. Lord's Gospel has power to change people's hearts and lives. Our brethren that have been baptized testify that their family lives have changed for better beyond their imagination.

We continue using humanitarian aid to help people, such as clothes, shoes, food. *We helped over 670 people and eight groups this last winter!* Those helped included schools, hospitals, children's home and social service groups. These are groups that we support in our efforts. There are thirty-eight families of IDP's that received aid. We also do all we can to offer help to families of the ATO veterans (these are those whose sons and fathers have fought and were either severely wounded or killed by Russian military in the east).

Humanitarian work is very powerful if the Gospel is proclaimed at the same time because it shows the mercy of God's great love. Dear brothers and sisters, this great work of benevolence is only possible because you help in such great ways. Without storage and distribution center that so many helped construct we would not have a place to store items for distribution. On his visit brother John saw with his own eyes the storage and distribution center and how it is being used. Each time we look at this we are reminded of your great help and our great duty!

Thanks to the container of relief items from America that had medical text books and other supplies we are on good terms with the Medical School in Ivano-Frankivsk. We thank our Brother John Kachelman and his crew for the collecting and shipping of humanitarian aid. We are especially thankful to brother Gary Jerkins and Ron Swang and John Durham for leading this effort.

A few medical students come to Church – basically those that have been transferred from Medical Schools in Donetsk and Lugansk. We support them with prayers and in fellowship. At times when there is a need, and we can assist, we provide some financial support for them. Having seen our love, they are willing to be a part of Church activities.

Brothers Gary Jerkins and Ron Swang set up a medical conference for English-speaking doctors and students of our Medical School and it took place in March. The Medical School was in need of medical literature and visuals to train students that speak English. Thus, brother Gary sent from America 1,500

THE MEDICAL SEMINAR'S SUCCESS IS INCALCULABLE AND FAR-REACHING!

Brothers Gary Jerkins and Ron Swang set up a medical conference for English-speaking doctors and students of our Medical School and it took place in March. The Medical Seminar's success was "beyond words and the potential is enormous." The seminar was represented by 17 foreign nations and offers an open door for the gospel! The theme was "Becoming a Great Physician: The Christ Factor" and stressed how Christianity is an invaluable asset in the healing process.



medical books, mannequins, tools and many other medical supplies for the School. Thanks to John Kachelman and his work, we were able to have everything shipped and cleared by Customs and delivered to the School. The President and Professors of the School greatly thanked us for such tangible aid because the English-speaking students were in need of such literature. But when we brought all books and practice mannequins, the Professors took it as a miracle and were as excited as little kids. They were beyond themselves with joy that everything was free of charge and was delivered and unloaded there.

We continue working with medical students in Ivano-Frankivsk. Again I wish to say we are thankful to Ron and Gary from Hillsboro who came in March and brought a group of health care professionals with them. Besides teaching a very successful medical training seminar for students, they gave an eye surgical microscope to the Regional Hospital. Doctors are grateful to American Christian Doctors for their help and supplies given to the students.

Thus, through your great labor in Ukraine, God's love in church of Christ is known by all groups in the city and in all districts of this Region. Much ground work has been done for the preaching of the Gospel.

We appreciate elders of the Dalraida church of Christ who are always there to give us a wise counsel as far as leadership and growth of Lord's Church in Ukraine should go. Brother John Kachelman relayed their requests and suggestions to us in men's meeting. We did not want to put it off accepting these words and tried to apply everything right away. We are in the process of putting together an outline of our ministry in the village of Ugornyky.

Brother John taught a good course on Leadership at the WBI. It was theory and practice combined. After those lessons men have taken a more active part in the life of the church.

Attached are pictures of our Sunday bulletin and members of the church.

Church here helps not only those in our region and districts but also in other regions in Ukraine. There is a family in the Lugansk Region that we have helped for several years. They have their ministry there and feed people. There are hundreds of people that they feed. They promised to shoot a video for us. We send them boxes of clothes, rice and other relief items. Now we are putting together more aid for them. That Region is one that has had portions invaded and occupied by Russian military. Many people cannot leave that area for different reasons. This family took up this ministry and have found us on the Internet. And now we have found out we have friends and beliefs in common.

Church here has invited that family to come in summer and go to the mountains for recreation and they gladly took up the invitation. Ivan talks to Anatoly about the doctrine a lot. He and his family are part of a denomination but do not understand why such divisions exist in Christianity. They spend much time discussing spiritual matters. Anatoly listens with respect and does not argue. We rejoice in knowing the Lord is in charge and He will take care.

Luba, Yaroslav's wife, invited her sisters for a visit. We met with them and discussed Scriptures a lot. We talked about baptism as well. Last Sunday, Luba went to visit with them. We had put together a lot of aid for the family and the village and sent it with Luba.

JULIA'S CLASSES IN THE SCHOOL!

“During this month, we studied about Noah’s ark and how the first World was looking. The main point, which we bring out from the story, that God does not like a sin! Also, after listening the story children were given facts about the flood and they needed to choose the true one out of all. The children enjoying the coloring poster and knowing the story about Noah’s ark.”



A lady named Maria is thinking about being baptized. Please, pray for her. Her family barely survived last winter because Maria’s husband has health issues. They are so thankful for rice as it saved their lives last winter. This would not be possible without your sacrifices and service to Lord!

Let us continue laboring together without ceasing. This period of time is critical for planting new churches and for the growth of churches of Christ in Ukraine and all over the world. The words of 1st Corinthians 15:58 are very clear.

In Christian love, Ivan and Svetlana

PAVAL SENDS HIS REPORT...

Peace and grace, love and greetings to you, my dear brothers and sisters. I never tire to thank our Lord who opens up hearts of those that help needy with such love, understanding and sympathy. Big thanks to you for those brethren that you support to spread the Word of God all through the world.

As I pray, I thank our Lord and Savior for you, for your love, support, prayers that all of us and all churches of Christ in the world need badly. Your consideration and care encourage us so much and give us strength to work in God’s vineyard with greater enthusiasm and assurance. I’m thankful to God Who puts his children together in such a way that we can have wonderful fellowship and be good partners.

And here is my report on the activities of the last month. I continue teach the correspondence course. Students did very well in their recent tests. The main theme of the course was “How to read, understand and apply the Word of God.”

We also studied such topics as “What is Bible Interpretation?” “Who did God talk to people through in the Old and New Testaments?” “What is the main theme of the Bible?” “Which Testament does the modern man live under?” “How did the cross of Christ impact the Old Testament?” “Which type of interpretation is preferable?” “Under which law/testament did Christ live on earth?” and many other interesting topics associated with the theme.

We also studied the theme “The Life and Teachings of Christ in Gospels.” This included such topics as “The Birth and Early Childhood of Christ”, “Preparation Period”, “Great Galilean Ministry”, “Jesus’ Teaching of God, the Holy Spirit, God’s Kingdom, the entering the Kingdom of God, life in the Kingdom of God” and many other interesting topics associated with the theme.

Students did have some difficulties with certain topics but I was pleased to see them take the challenge and strive to study the Word of God with such zeal and desire.

I continue taking great pleasure in being a party to the many activities that the Church is involved in, such as fellowship and spiritual support and distribution of humanitarian aid. I continue supporting the single mother, who I wrote about in my previous report. I have mailed her some clothes for her children and have given her some financial support as well. When I talk to her

SOWING THE SEED OF THE ΚΙΝΔΟΜ...



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on the phone I try to explain some Biblical truths to her hoping that she would allow God to make a dwelling in her heart.

Besides, we have finished building the storage pavilion where we plan to make construction materials. We have already done some test work and we hope that soon we will be able to work at full capacity. We plan an outreach where we would like to work in God's vineyard with all zeal to bring to Church as many people as possible.

During February and March, we also gave away a lot of humanitarian aid. Medical School received all supplies and literature assigned for the seminar. They all were very thankful to you and the Lord for such help. Besides the Medical School, we helped an orphanage in the Region and gave them a good number of shoes, rice packages, clothes and various school supplies. One more group that we helped with humanitarian aid was the Association of Mothers and Wives of ATO Veterans. They received medical supplies, clothes and shoes.

I continue laboring at Church helping the brethren as much as I can. I pray to the Lord about those that have decided to follow Him asking Him to give them strength in spirit. And more than that do I pray for God to give me wisdom and love so that I can do a better job laboring in His vineyard.

As always, I am asking you, my dear brethren, to pray for my family, my children, for the growth and maturity of churches of Christ in Ukraine and all over the world. Besides, please, keep in your prayers those who have not become a follower of Christ yet but would love to be one so that the Lord would add as many as possible to His Church. Please pray for peace in this country and for this crazy war to come to an end to quit taking innocent lives.

Please, keep my family in your prayers. Please, pray for the health of my children and for me to be a good father and spiritual guide to them. Please, pray for my sister and ask the Lord to open her eyes and heart to follow Him.

I pray to the Lord asking Him to bless you in all that you do and to keep you healthy both physically and in the spirit. I always keep all of you in my prayers. I wish good health, God's love and blessings to you and yours.

With love, your brother Pavel

VOLODYA & OKSANA FROM KRAMATORSK...

Lord's work in Kramatorsk: On January 20-22 we had a retreat in Svyatogorsk. 130 people from different places joined this event! Thank you Jeff Abrams and Mark Pozey for your great lessons and to those who made possible for us to get together again this winter.

On February 18 we had a winter seminar discussing "Evangelization." The seminar took place at our church building. We are excited to report that we had about 70 people present! In this seminar we discussed the main aspects in evangelization in our community.

Since February this year our congregation started supporting some of the needs of the Bible school in Belaya Tzerkov. The congregation sends 2 000

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grivnas (\$77) monthly. This amount is about 12-13% of our regular contributions.

We continue helping disabled people. We continue to help locally with the wheelchairs, crutches, walkers. Using the opportunity to say about Jesus.

During this period (January-March) we had some brothers from US: Jeff Abrams, Mark Posey, John Kachelman. As always, we are honored to have them visit and thankful for the help and the word of edification.

Some wonderful rejoicing news is that we have new sisters in Christ. Victoria and Olga were baptized recently. Olga was a Jehovah Witnesses and she attended that organization for five years. It was interesting to talk to her after.

Lord's work in Izum: The Church here continues to do evangelistic work in Izyum. Two times a month we visit the congregation in Izyum. This small congregation started with the people who moved from Konstantinovka. Now we have three Christians there, it is a family—mother, son and a grandmother plus guests.

Lord's work in Konstantinovka: The Church in this location is doing good. We have a good number of children coming on Sundays. Our older sisters have had difficulties coming to worship during the winter time because of the rough weather.

Thank you for your prayers and support, in Christ Pazyi's family

DENNIS SOPELNIK SENDS GOOD NEWS ...

Dear brothers and sisters,

I'm very happy to share with you the latest news. We had a meeting for preachers and ministers in Kramatorsk. We studied the subject "Evangelism. What does the Bible say?" It was an excellent opportunity to discuss the very important theme, meet new potential students and visit with the old friends we haven't seen for a long time. We had 5 speakers who tried to share the Biblical concept of spreading the Gospel. I hope it was not only a good theme to discuss but very practical as well. Currently our students have two hours after school for street evangelizing weekly. Maybe it's not the most effective approach but every now and then we see new people who are interested in the Bible study.

In the end of the month our students had a week of practical evangelism in Kyiv, Konstantinovka, Bela Tserkva and Slovyansk. During the week our students distributed tracts and had some personal conversations with public. In Bela Tserkva one lady with a child started coming to the Church's services. This was the second time they came, and she said she enjoyed the atmosphere in the Lord's Church.

Also, the home study group brings good fruit. The students get together in the apartment that is rented by the Institute and have a Bible study. They invite neighbors to join. Starting from September of the last year they've had a regular Friday night study.

I had a wonderful opportunity to join Shevchenko District church of Christ in Kiyv on the last Sunday of the month. Our graduate Yuriy Romanov is their preacher. He is working really hard and contributing a lot to the growth of the

RECEIVING THE WORD WITH ALL READINESS...

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congregation. Yuriy graduated one year ago and since then he's been teaching the sound doctrine to the brethren in Kiyv. Yuriy has a beautiful family with his wife Katya and their son Matthew. They do a lot for the Lord. This congregation numbers 25 people now. Since the history of this congregation is very complicated and they'd been through a few splits, in my opinion, all things considered, they are doing well now and work really hard on the growth of this congregation.

Last month first year students had 1 and 2 Kings, Minor Prophets (part 1) and Isaiah. The second-year students studied the Prison Epistles of Paul, Romans and Hebrews. We are very appreciative of all of the Instructors who help our work. And we are truly thankful for the ministry of Terry Harmon who keeps having weekly studies via Skype on Wednesday. Currently he's teaching "Denominational Doctrines".

Our home congregation plans to host the Ladies Day in April. Our sisters do it regularly once a year. Usually we have a good attendance from different parts of Ukraine. We request your prayers for the event.

We congratulate our student Dmitriy Levenets who completed all the courses requirements and will graduate with our second-year students in May. Dmitriy and his wife Kristina returned to Ternopil where he plans to preach in the local congregation and have an engineer's job at the local factory. He was a good student, had very good attitude towards the Bible program and demonstrated good level of Biblical knowledge.

In the beginning of March, we had to unexpectedly deal with a housing problem. The landlords of the apartment we had been renting for the students for a few years sold it. We had to look for a new place. In Ukraine there are no strict laws about giving enough notice and sometimes they just give you no time. Thank God we were able to find a new place within a week and the problem was resolved. Sadly, if you are a renter in Ukraine you can be asked to vacate the premises by the end of the next day even though you had a legit rental agreement. The great news is the Jesus guarantees us a place in Heaven and He never neglects His promises.

The goal of BVBIU remains the same - to train workers for the Lord's Kingdom. Every year we move forward. Some aspects are quite successful, some others require additional efforts. One of the conditions for growth and success is to get autonomy. We have prayed and talked a lot about our Institute being supported by the Ukrainian congregations. And finally, the ice was broken and the ship got on its way. Church of Christ in Kramatorsk made a step forward and decided to support our work with a part of their contributions monthly. The amount is not large, it won't cover the needs of a single student but nevertheless we will keep working on it. I'm thankful to God, congregations and brethren for their generosity and willingness to serve the Lord.

I'm very positive that so far we've accomplished so much due to your faithful sacrificial efforts and support. Your contribution to the future of the Church in Ukraine is invaluable.

God bless you, Your brother in Christ, Dennis Sopelnik

Construction continues!

The brethren in Ivano-Frankivsk are working in their spare time to help in the laying of bricks so that costs can be less. Here you see bricks unloaded and then as warmer temps arrived they started laying the bricks for the walls.

CAN YOU HELP US COMPLETE THIS BUILDING?



VOVA AND JULIA'S GOOD NEWS REPORT...

Hello dear brothers and sisters!

We would like to share some news, events, plans and thoughts as to our life and our ministry in Lysets and Stariy Lysets.

I am sending to you greetings from all families with which we have already communicated. I have told them about Jim's future coming. All are impatiently waiting for his coming and meeting with the missionary from America.

We continue to work to found the church here. We have already two little groups of people, with one we study the Bible and with other just communicating. I have a hope that this communication soon will turn to Bible classes too.

Those families with whom we study God's Word have very positive attitude and each our visit they ask when will be the next one. It is pleasant that in studying the Scripture that not only old generation are interested but the young families also. I have started to talk with them about importance of being immersed, and put the covenant with God. Some of them thinking about it. That is why I want to ask you to pray for this people that God will show them the right way.

Julia continues to work at school, her classes becoming more popular among the children. We would like to put the informational board with the news and announcements as to the classes, but the director told that to put the informational board in school we need to have official registration. Julia has some experience in such work and says when this informational board will be hanging it will help faster to get to know more kids and their parents. And after this work we will come on the other level and we can work with the adults too.

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Brother Ivan recently got acquainted with a man who lives in Stariy Lysets. (They met in Ivano-Frankivsk). It turns out that this man is coming out from Pentecostal Church and he does not agree with their teaching. As soon as possible I want to meet him and to find out what vision and believe does he have.

On Sundays, we continue to go to Ivano-Frankivsk together with these people. We cannot gather in our village, because we do not yet have place for gathering. I thought that we could do it in our house, but I guess that the owner of the house got the warning from the priest do not let us to do it, so he forbid us to do it. That's why in this month I was looking for the place, which can be used as public place for gathering. It is not easy to find such public gathering place in the villages. In this location there are mainly private houses not intended for public use. There are many lands and houses for sale, but none available for renting public building.

NEWS FROM THE REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA!



“Hello John! We received the container and started distributing it yesterday. Our beneficiaries were so happy and grateful. We will send you more photos after finishing distributing. Thank you for your efforts until now. I haven't heard from you for a while so I am worried about you.

“I'm look forward to hearing from you soon.

“Best Wishes,
Lela Kakachia”

“The Association of Persons
with Disabilities, Women, And
IDPs In
Tsalendjikha, Georgia”

More to this, I continue to look for the place where we can gather together in Lysets. Families with which we are in touch support my thoughts as to Lysets. All agree that it is a good place because the main road lay through this village and it is convenient to get there by bus for example. I will try to look for some variants so at Jim's coming he can look at them too.

I have been spreading the Christian literature and Bibles, which I ordered last month. We have started from the school where Julia is teaching classes. We gave to the school library children's Bible and some Christian literature. On all books, I put a stamp saying from the church of Christ. The school library was very glad about new Bibles, because they have the old and worn out Bibles. (Kids like to read it!) Besides this, I gave a few Bibles for some teachers. The director's assistant reads the Bible and from time to time I talk with her about the Scripture. Recently I gave her some additional literature, which we pray will push her to the right direction of the understanding God's will.

I have met one more family. In addition, this family has a son who is sick for infantile cerebral palsy, he is 18. I gave them walkers and crutches and, promised to keep in touch with them. I will visit them soon and give them a family bucket that was sent in container.

We also keep in touch with the family about which I wrote last time. Sometimes they go to Pentecostal Church. We invited them to our house as guests to get to know them closer. Recently they were at our house and during the talk was found out that the man has some problems with the health. We suggested to them a good doctor (thanks to humanitarian help we know many doctors) and this is strengthen their spirit and now they are more open to us. As soon as possible we will visit them (I want to present them Bible and some spiritual literature). I think soon, we will start to study God's Word with them.

I also have a bad news, which has happened in this month: one of my close friends has died. All this week I was busy about funerals and taking care of his relatives. He died in the gym, the ambulance could not help as it was too late. His parents has already buried their older son and now died their second son. I want that you pray about them that they will not become angry at God for this but start looking for Him. Their names are Mariya and Vasil.

Our brother John Kachelman came with a visit to Ukraine, and he talked with us about group, which is coming from Dalraida church, they will come in the fall. John suggested that part of that group could help us with the work here. To hold the classes with the teenagers, or to help Julia to promote club Smart Fox. We are excited that this group will help us in our work here at Stariy Lysets.

I want to sum up and say that God helps me to spread His word in the area where I live and serve now. More and more people get to know about the existence of the church of Christ and more people, who I know from these villages possibly, will become the members of churches of Christ in Stariy Lysets and Lysets.

We are thanking you for your support and prayers. We will be looking forward to hearing from you.

With love in Christ Volodiya and Julia

JULIA'S HARD WORK BRINGS GREAT NEWS...

Greetings to my brothers and sisters in the churches of Christ!

Spring is finally in Ukraine! It has been a long and cold winter and now warm is here. It means more activities for kids outside.

In March, I told my groups of children about the idea to call our club "Smart Fox." (The villages where we work are named "Old Fox" and "New Fox"). We made the magnets to stick on a fridge for each to have a reminder of our club. Want them to know that is something important because at Smart Fox we study the most significant things from the Scripture.

During this month, we have talked with the children the stories about Tabitha, Widow's donation, the parable of the good Samaritan and others. The main topic was kindness. We talked with the children about what it means to be kind, what we need to be kind and to whom we should show kindness. I encourage children always to do good deeds not only to our neighbors but to the strangers too.

Also, we studied about Noah's ark and how the first World was bad. The main point, which we taught from the story, is that God does not like sin! After listening children were given facts about the flood and they needed to choose the true one out of all. The children enjoying the coloring poster and knowing the story about Noah's ark.

At Ivano-Frankivsk Church, we have enjoyed a guest; his name is John Durham he is constantly coming to Ukraine. I invite him to participate in my lessons. Together we teach English to children and have a great time. With the oldest children we also decorated muffins. It was so much fun.

Also, I have announced about the competition for the best picture of the fox being kind and

ready to get prizes for this. I think it will make them more connected to us and will help us to spread the news about our club Smart Fox.

In the conclusion we give glory to God for this amazing project which helps our children get to know who the real God is! I didn't have any response from you but I hope you receive all my reports! If you have any questions, I would be glad to answer on it.

In Christ, Julia Didukh

