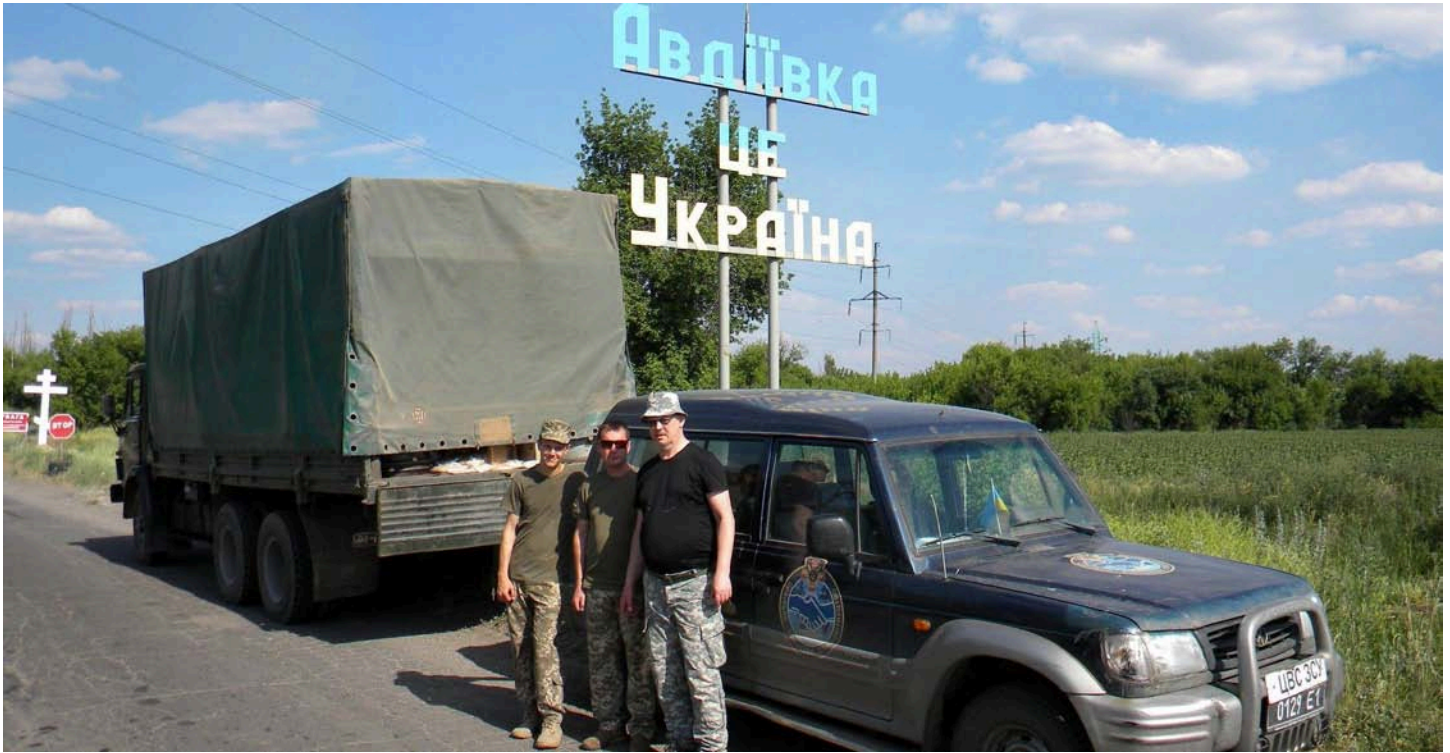


Ukraine Missions

a ministry of the churches of Christ



The photo shows the distribution of one of our shipments in the Donetsk Region at Avdivka. This is a part of Ukraine that is suffering some of the worst consequences of Russian invasion and aggression in eastern Ukraine. We have been able to supply critically needed food, clothing, medical supplies and shoes in war threatened regions because of Ukraine's military safeguarding our distribution!

Attached is the June 2018 UKRAINE MISSIONS newsletter. Once again the reports are encouraging and the success of the Lord's work is exciting.

The heart of your Ukrainian brothers and sisters is well reflected in this comment in Ivan's report:

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The BUCKET LIST...we have begun a project to collect 1,500 Family Buckets that will ship out of Montgomery, AL. The Dalraida congregation is spearheading this effort and we are joined by a number of other congregations and individuals. We continue searching for a source of empty 5-gallon buckets with lids that can be used in this project. Because of the zeal and partnership of several we have some good leads on sources but there is nothing definite yet!

During June 2018 we shipped containers to these locations...

- ✓ Kherson, Ukraine
- ✓ Vinnytsia, Ukraine
- ✓ Conakry, Guinea
- ✓ Senaki, Republic of Georgia

This summer the Dalraida church of Christ has been involved in these nations having sent or in the process of going or planned to go...

- ✓ Bahamas (May)
- ✓ Toliara, Madagascar (April)
- ✓ Catania, Sicily (July)
- ✓ Chimala, Tanzania (September)
- ✓ Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine (October)
- ✓ Stateside mission trip—Ohio (July)

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The above sentiments are echoed by all brethren in the Lord. What a wonderful bond fellowship and love! What a wonderful communication connection! What a wonderful consolation in which we find refuge when the concerns and crises of earthly living burden us!

The June UKRAINE MISSIONS NEWSLETTER offers a very encouraging perspective for all clawing and crawling through life. Read through this newsletter and find joyous satisfaction with the impact of the Lord and His Church on earth. It does not matter the culture, communication, or geographic location, the joy of the Lord is found worldwide.

Reading this good news will give all encouragement for the day! Thank you to all who participate in these efforts!

—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

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

Greetings, dear brothers and sisters!

Members of Lord’s Church here continue giving thanks to God for our life in Christ and for the opportunities that the Lord gives us to serve Him without any pressures from man’s hierarchy in religion.

Construction of the church building is a remarkable period of the life of the Church. It has brought Christians even closer to one another. Everybody tries to do what they can praying to God and asking Him to help up have this assembly place as soon as possible. Everybody is willing to invest their labor and money for the construction to be finished soon.

When we have walls and slabs, we will do interior finishing together as Church, such as plastering, painting, etc., all that does not require special skills. When this stage of the construction comes upon us, your Ukrainian brethren will be involved even more. We and constantly thanking Almighty God for our American brethren for their help and prayers in this amazing project.

It is extremely important for us to have our own church building. There are many religious fanatics here that ridicule us and oppose us thinking they will receive blessings from Catholics. For example, on Sundays, they turn off the elevator in the building where we assemble and our elderly struggle to walk

Summertime in the village



upstairs (we are on the 3rd floor). I have talked to the owner many times but he has not done anything yet. He appeals to repairs on upper floors – alleging that there are workers there and thus he turns off the elevator so they will not destroy it. But Sunday is not a working day and the elevator still does not work, which fact he ignores giving excuses and promising to take care of it later. We also asked the owner to install air-conditioners because some get hot during services and feel dizzy, to which he spitefully replied, “You need it, you do it.” We take all that as a spiteful and derogatory attitude toward those that are not of the Greek-Catholic faith. Besides, our good works cause unhinged jealousy and aggression from this religious group.

Despite all opposition and difficulty, we believe that everything is under our Lord’s control and we do our best to set a good example to others and to make sure the Church has a good standing in the community.

We have helped many different medical groups and individuals this month. Some aid went to the Medical School and even to Kyiv Hospital for War Veterans. The Medical School set up a training area with medical equipment for the students who are studying how to treat paralyzed and physical disabled people. Both professors and students send their big thanks to American brethren and doctors for their help. They continue to say how thankful they are for the hands-on seminar for students that Dr. Gary and his medical team set up.

We delivered the remaining dental chairs that brother Ron from Hillsboro had sent to village clinics. Besides taking some dental chairs to villages we gave one to a military hospital. All doctors were thankful beyond words to all American Christians for their big hearts, Christian faith and help.

I met with Lubov Zinovievna, mayor of the village of Ugornyky, a week ago. She invited a Catholic priest to that meeting. His name was Yuriy and he introduced himself as “Father Yuriy,” although he was no older than 37. Lubov is concerned that there might be a religious conflict between us. I was introduced to Priest Yuriy. After that we talked for about an hour and I explained to him who we are and what our purpose in Ugornyky is. He asked a lot of questions concerning our teaching and by the tone of his voice I knew he thought himself to be the spiritual “father-figure” of the village.

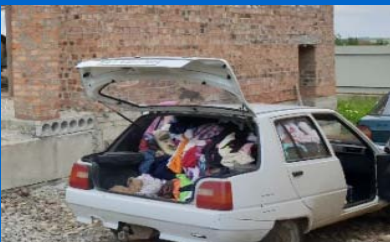
We explained to him that we want to help needy people, teach English to both adults and children, and study the Bible. He told me that they also set up different events, pray to the Virgin Mary and to all saints. He said that children know the Bible well, pray at school and at home, and give glory to the Virgin Mary. He stated that village people here are very religious. Thus, there are a lot of icons in the school and at homes.

“Members of the church of Christ here do a lot of good deeds, too, and give glory to Christ,” said I. There was no need to start an argument so I just told him that if our goal was the same, that is saving souls and giving glory to God for His Son, we should come to terms with one another following the Bible and doing everything as the Lord teaches us. We thank God that priest told Lubov he did not mind our working there.

Lubov showed me the room which we will use for classes in village. This is another blessing of a gift as the village gave us the property upon which the building is being constructed! This additional room is in the basement of the Administrative building. There is a library there and we are given one room of 24 square meters. There is no furniture in that room, nor there are any

ENCOURAGING ACTIONS FOR THE LORD!

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other supplies for our work. To furnish the room we need: six desks with chairs, projector with screen, chalk/marker board and supplies for children's classes to teach English through the Bible to them. We hope to be able to find the furniture from shipments which American brethren send to us.

We rejoice that the Lord has opened doors to evangelize in the village by sharing good news of Jesus Christ, living a godly life as neighbors and telling others of the blessings found in His Body. Glory to God and big thanks to you for prayers and support!

This is very good situation for the group coming from Dalraida in October as now we have developed even further good progress. Men of congregation met about Dalraida's visit and discussed all parts of it. We are excited about the group coming and are praying that God will bless our efforts. We have several places that can be used and we are praying for Dalraida as members try to decide if they can come. Their visit will be a great blessing to the Church and to our region!

We continue assembling on Wednesday night to study the Bible; we worship God on Sunday with the Lord's Supper reminding ourselves of God's grace and great love to us. Our attendance last Sunday was 45 (plus children). There were ten visitors from America, namely brother Ray and his team enrolled in children's Christian camps set up in the mountains.

Last Sunday three of our teenagers were missing and four adults were sick. Two members joined our worship on Skype.

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In Christian love, Ivan and Svitlana

PAVAL REPORTS ON HIS MINISTRY...

Dear brothers and sisters, love and greetings to you! Every time I pray, I thank our Lord and Savior for you, for your love, support, and prayers that all of us as well as all churches of Christ under the sun need. You are so thoughtful and caring that it encourages us to be more optimistic and gives us more assurance as we labor in God's vineyard. I thank the Lord Who brings His children together so that we can enjoy our great fellowship and work together. Besides, I would like to submit my report for this month to you.

With great joy I continue laboring in God's vineyard as I take part in conducting worship services; participate in the busy life of the Church and fellowship; help with distribution of humanitarian aid to different medical institutions and schools. Besides, we give away food and clothes to the people of Ivano-Frankivsk and villages around it. All recipients are very appreciative of you and thank God, who works through you and me in this world. On top of all, I help as much as I can with the construction of the church building where we plan to worship our Lord and teach classes. We haul different construction materials to the site and make some ourselves.

I continue teaching my beloved students at the correspondence Bible School. I pray hard for the Lord to bless me with wisdom in this ministry to teach the truth untwisted. Dear brethren, please, pray for this as well. I look forward for the Lord's family to increase by at least a few from the school.

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Our task, indeed, is to fight for every soul to be saved. Together with the students, we have studied the Epistle to the Romans and the Epistle to the Ephesians. Studying Romans, we looked into such topics as The Author of the Book, The Readers of the Book, Where and When the Book Was Written, The Purpose of the Book, The Background of the Book, and we dwelt on the text itself. As for Ephesians, we touched upon the following topics: When and Where the Book Was Written, The Purpose of the Epistle, Issues that the Epistle Deals with, The Main Idea and the Theme of the Epistle, and we did a detailed study of the epistle itself. There have been problem passages in the text, which were difficult to grasp, but I do hope that the students have benefited a lot from these studies.

We are looking forward to your visit this fall. We will pray for your safe trip here and for the campaign that you plan to have. We will also do our best towards the success of this effort.

As usual, I pray to the Lord and ask Him to build up those that have decided to follow Him, and more than that do I pray asking Him to give me wisdom and love so that I can be a better worker in His vineyard. Dear brethren, please, pray with me for the Lord to add as many people as possible to His Church; for growth of Church all over the world; for those people that have not found the right Way and have not become His followers; for peace in this country. I always keep all of you in my prayers. I am thankful for your help, love, and support. May God give you good health. May His love and blessings be with you.

In Christian love, Your brother Pavel

JUNE 24, 2018...THE LORD ADDED 2 SOULS...



“I've had a very good day today. Worship was good. There was a large number of Americans visiting as they had been involved in a camp. Today we rejoice in two who were immersed! These are Mykola and Oleksandra. Along with Volodya and Julia Didukh, Mykola and Oleksandra (Sasha) are the beginning of the Church in Lysets/Stary Lysets. Volodya baptized them and both he and Julia were excited to have these first Christians in their area. Mykola is Volodya Kuriy's

cousin (this is the Volodya who is taxi driver and attends WBI as he has opportunity to be free from his job). Oleksandra was very emotional and she told me how much it meant to her and how special and solemn the day was to her. I saw her eyes well up with tears when she said that. They are a very sweet couple.

“After worship ended we had fellowship time and refreshments that had been baked by different sisters. Then we went to the baptism and all Americans visiting went with us. It was very good time and so encouraging!

“Sasha (Oleksandra) was so appreciative of everybody coming and she spoke and thanked everybody. Like I said, they seem to be a very sweet couple. After immersions the Americans had to leave but those of us who could stay went to the nearby restaurant for a meal.”