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WHEW! July 2018 is officially closed and it was crammed full of actions.

The first activity of the month saw us loading three containers for three different nations—one to *Moldova* was loaded out of Wisconsin and was filled with 4,950 pairs of NEW shoes; one to *Tanzania* filled with over 12,000 pounds of new medical supplies for the Chimala churches of Christ Mission Hospital; one to *the Republic of Georgia* with 26,900+ pounds of clothing, mattresses, and school desks for the vulnerable in Georgia who have been displaced by the Russian military invasions and aggression. The totals from July’s three shipments are impressive: the total value of commodities shipped in July was \$1,089,700.00; the total weight of commodities shipped in July was 50,220 pounds!

A second activity filling the days of July was scheduling four containers to be loaded in Houston, TX. Morris Ellis (retired HU prof) contacted me saying that he has 188 school desks and tables donated by a school in Sugar Land, TX. Instead of moving them to the Judsonia warehouse we decided to load them into a container there but the desks were only half a container. So, we needed to find another half container donation. Charita and Kathy jumped in and discovered five containers with NEW commodities that were to have gone to Cuba. However various factors had come together and cancelled the containers to Cuba—they were sitting in a warehouse in Houston and needed to be moved. Charita arranged for the containers to be given to us. So, we not only had the missing half of Morris’ desks but now had FIVE containers. Negotiations with national entities, logistical maneuvers, dividing the inventories into shipments and a myriad of other tasks were batted about daily. Charita finally got all in order before leaving for Europe! The loadings are set for August 9-10 and Kathy, Morris and I will be at the loading joined by other eager volunteers!

A third activity in July was spending a delightful week in the Huntsville, AL area with the Gurley church of Christ. The Gurley Church had invited me to come and present a series of gospel sermons. Even though “small in number” this congregation is “large in heart” as they serve the Lord!

A fourth activity in July was working on Dalraida’s FIRST congregational shipment since I moved here. Our first container sought to collect 1,500 Family Buckets for distribution in Ivano-Frankivsk. That was an aggressive goal and the congregation immediately began collecting their buckets. We

The Church Life



These are showing lesson from their Bible class taught last Sunday. The guy at the back is Mykola who was baptized recently and the two girls to his left are his daughters.



This is Vasily. He is in depression and has asked Church to pray for him. He is a lawyer and has had family problems.

could never accomplish a task of such great magnitude without assistance. Dalraida has been joined by the Lord's Church at University (Montgomery), Wetumpka, West Huntsville, Maysville, Woodlawn (Florence), and Meridianville. The buckets are still coming in but it seems we will not meet our goal and so we are also collecting good used clothing, shoes, toys and furniture that will be loaded to make sure we have a full container. These items will be distributed by the Ivano-Frankivsk congregation to those who have been displaced by Russia's invasion and continued terrorism in Ukraine's eastern sectors.

The Lord's efforts not only left a busy calendar in our July schedule but July was also constant action in other locations. Read the following reports from your brethren and rejoice in the marvelous good that is being accomplished in the Name of our Lord and Savior!

THANK YOU to each reading these newsletters! Without your support the events reported could not be possible.

—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

INDIA...THE LORD ADDED 4 SOULS...

David Lawyer wrote: This is the latest letter from Immadi--thought you might like to read it.

My dear loving brother David and sister Gennie, Greetings in the merciful name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Hope you are doing well by the grace of God. We are daily thanking God for your love. Thank you very much. I and the preachers cannot express our gratitude in words. Though, the situation in India is not good, we are doing well by the grace of God. The work is also growing. Thank you for your mighty loving sacrificial helps and prayers.

In the last week of June, I visited a remote place, Sunni Penta, it is in Andhra Pradesh State. We are in Telangana state. It is a forest area. No proper roads to this place. We can reach this village only by walk or two-wheeler or bullock cart. Tribal people live there.

I arranged Gospel meetings for two nights there. Good response was there. Around 200 people attended. I preached about real God, Salvation and Church. Four responded to Gospel. Four are baptized. Please pray for new souls. Since there were no rains, we walked for four miles for water. But the great thing is four souls are saved. I and the preachers here once again thank you for your kind alms. You are in our daily prayers. I am sending few pictures. please pray for the work. Thanks a lot for your kind alms. Closing with love, yours, Immadi

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

Greetings, dear brothers and sister! I trust that you're doing fine and Lord is blessing you abundantly. We look forward to Dalraida's trip in autumn. We will do our best to plan and arrange everything as suggested. We are meeting and discussing various questions that have been asked. It is a very good idea because humanitarian aid has opened a lot of places and opportunities to us. People are willing to hear, which is a key factor that we should use. I know I do not need to explain it all to you. The month of August is month of vacations

DISTRIBUTION IN THE LORD'S NAME!

Hi John! Below is an email from Sergei (Vynnytsia) talking about things that are in demand most of all for help of those in east regions. Here are photos from Vynnytsia of their distribution to the Donetsk Region. Thanks to protection by Ukraine military they have given away everything and are asked for MORE! UNO has suspended provisions to Donbass but schools and children's homes there need aid badly. He is sending thanks to us for aid and wishes us good health. "Besides, distributing all items we gave out diapers to the House of Charity in Maryinka District of Donetsk Region. Big thanks for that, too!"



here and many are away. Thus, after August 20, upon the return of our deputies and officials from their summer holiday, we will meet and discuss our plans in detail with them.

My family will also be leaving for holiday. I am thankful you understand the need that my family and I have for this recuperation. We are exhausted both physically and mentally. We deal with many people and face many problems to take care of for the Church to grow and for people to know that the Church cares for them and to see the unity among the members. That also helps them understand that we have one goal, that our power is in the Lord and unity. I have not had a holiday this year. I cannot afford it at this point because Anya is enrolled in the Medical School, which consumes a lot of money. With her classmates from Medical School Anya has visited Europe with other students this year. They were sent to visit medical institutions with different pieces of equipment and various ways to treat patients with them.

Anya would like to help translate in the campaign. She knows English well enough but she needs some practical training. She knows her Bible and is willing to work but the problem is she will be back to classes at the time. She still might be able to work with us.

Ruslan and Masha do a lot at Church and if Masha becomes a member of Christ's spiritual Body, she will be a great encouragement in spirit and action for Ruslan. I hope it will happen soon.

Our attendance has been down some this summer – about 28 – 35 people because many have gone to visit their relatives and on holiday. We study Psalms on Sunday and teach and preach from that Holy Book. On Wednesday, we study First Corinthians and discuss essential doctrinal points as requested by the brethren. All members take effort to be a part of benevolent work and to be a true servant in Lord's Church. We strive to learn from Corinth and not be selfish congregation.

Valentina Petrovna has a problem. She is hard of hearing which discourages her at times. She needs hearing aid and I cannot find one here. It might be that someone there has a used one. Please, help if you can. She has had that need for a long time but prices here are very high while quality is poor.

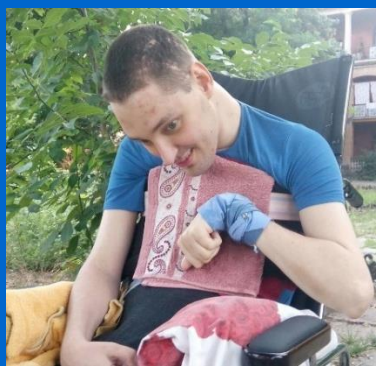
This month we have given humanitarian aid to hospitals and other institutions. We continue supporting IDP's and single mothers whose life stories are so different – some are divorced due to sin and some lost their husbands to the war. Each has story that is breaking our hearts. This war has brought about much evil and grief, which has made some people angry with God while others seek Him. But some in seeking God are concerned only about immediate help being ignorant of vitally important things. We want them to understand that the man lives in this world not by the bread alone and we invite them to Bible studies.

Construction of the walls is about finished but to complete this stage we need flooring between the first and the second levels. We have some materials but are still waiting for rebars to be delivered. Since the area is large it is cheaper for us to pour cement than to put intermediate concrete slabs and hire a crane for that. We pray and ask God to help us bring this project to a close.

FROM A LARGE NURSING HOME IN ODESA REGION



"I finally finished translating Request for Humanitarian aid from UOL-Ukraine. This is the organization that takes care of the disabled and elderly. According to Alexander, the only reason people on these images have been able to get assistance was due to loads of beds we shipped to them previously. He requested for me to pass gratitude from all of them to churches of Christ. Most of them cannot express it themselves but due to your kind donations they have an opportunity to live a better and more comfortable life."



We thank all of you for your help and prayers. You are in our prayers all the time. We thank God for all of you. Ivan and Svetlana

PAVAL REPORTS ON HIS MINISTRY...

Grace and peace to you, my dear brethren! I am sending my love and greetings your way. I always thank our Lord who opens hearts of all those that support the needy with such love, understanding and sympathy. Big thanks to you for those whom you support to spread the Word of God all over the world.

Here is my report for the work done for our Lord within July. We continue studying the Word of God at Church. We address questions that arise when people read the Bible, which is good as it shows that they want to know. It is a pity though that many people are not seeking to know the Bible. People are more concerned with earthly things and unwilling to reflect on their fate after death. It is sad to see people reject God's love and mercy being ignorant of their future sufferings.

I continue working with my Bible correspondence students. Unfortunately, some of them have given in to cares of their everyday lives and are not as committed to the studies as they used to be. I pray to the Lord asking Him to give them wisdom to understand that it is not worth clinging to earthly things since they are temporary and to realize how much more important it is to seek Good and follow Him, which will determine their eternal fate. Other than that, classes are going well. We have started 1st and 2nd Corinthians. Topics that are touched upon in these epistles will not fit even in several volumes of commentaries and I hope that students will gain as much as they can from them and will strive to keep Lord's commandments in their lives.

The distribution of humanitarian aid that you ship here goes on. As we give away different relief goods we talk to recipients about the Great Creator who opened our hearts to this ministry. It is so uplifting to see new faces in Bible classes and Sunday worship services. I hope with all my heart that they will make the right choice and will become God's allies rather than Satan's servants.

We look forward to the visits that are being planned for September and October. We are praying in the Church here for our joint efforts in expanding God's Kingdom.

Please, join with me praying for the Lord to add to His Church as many people as possible in every place of this world.

I ask the Lord to bless you in your efforts and to keep you in good health both physical and spiritual. I keep all of you in my prayers. I wish good health, God's love and grace to you and your families.

In Christian love, I am you brother in the Lord, Pavel

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