

THE CHURCH BEGINS IN LYSETS!

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Today I received the below excited report from Jim Akridge. Jim has been involved in Ukraine actions since 1994 and has dedicated himself to the Lord's work there. He has joined us in collecting, packing and shipping humanitarian aid containers that the Clarkson congregation shipped into Mariupol and Lysets. On the recent trip to Ukraine by the Dalraida members a group worked with the schools in Lysets and then some attended the evening classes in Starry Lysets. There was a wonderful welcome to those working in Lysets and we rejoice in this good news shared by Jim! Read and rejoice in the "good news" on this Lord's Day!

Hello John:

What a wonderful!!! wonderful!!! event it was today, November 11, 2018. A day I will always remember. My dream of three years ago as well as the Clarkson Church of Christ to establish a body of the Lord's Church here in Western Ukraine finally was a realization today. We had the first Worship Service in Lysets, Ukraine. There were 13 in attendance. 6 members of the Lord's Body, 5 non-members and 2 children. I was the only non-Ukrainian in attendance. Many firsts have happened to me in these three years. I was the first to give a lesson in the warehouse facility when Ivano-Frankivsk had to move there from the building they were worshipping in, the first in the new building now in use for worship in Ivano-Frankivsk the first in establishing the Lord's Body in Lysets, and the first to give a lesson this Sunday in that facility. It was by the providence of God that I came to this area after having to leave the East because of the intensity of the horrible war promoted by Russia. It was heart breaking to leave the three Churches we had established there. We still

support a small group of 20 plus in the Illiche District near Mariupol. Because of the war, we correspond with them by E-mail. I need to give a special thanks to Volodya and Julia. Without their help the events of this wonderful day would not have happened.

Pray with us that The Lord's Church will grow and many souls will enter into the heavenly bliss for all eternity.

Your Fellow Servant in Christ
Jim Akridge



“Worship went well. There were 13. Jim had a very good lesson on baptism and crucifixion. Volodya translated and did a very good job. It was wonderful

and we had great fellowship afterwards. Sasha, the older guy, Maria's husband, asked Jim a lot of questions afterwards. He said he had been to many churches seeking God and would ask many questions. I think it is good as it shows that he is analyzing and trying to understand. Tanya”

