

The Dalraida elders are fully supportive of the building effort of the Ivano-Frankivsk church. And we are very much impressed with the hard work being done by members of that congregation.

As we understand the terms under which the building was secured, the property must always be used for religious purposes. And according to provisions of the Ukraine government, the Dalraida elders are legally the last authority in decisions concerning the building. This is similar to the legal provisions of many churches in America who have trustees to satisfy state regulations but are under practical control of the elders.

The Ivano-Frankivsk congregation has been in existence many years, having survived lobbying from a former member and the Russian Orthodox Church to frustrate its application for official registration. Thanks to the benevolent efforts of John Kachelman, Jr., the church is well thought of by local authorities, and we are pleased with the progress on all fronts.

Although the Dalraida congregation has made no financial contributions to the building program, we are heavily invested in the Ivano-Frankivsk church:

- We provide \$ 4,750 monthly support to the congregation, which includes partial support for minister Ivan Skoleba and operational expenses.
- We accept funds for other works of the Lord in that area.
- We accept donations for special needs and these are wired to recipients in the Ukraine.
- We help sponsor shipments of humanitarian aid that are distributed in the Lord's name.
- In October 2018 we plan to send a group of twenty-one members from Dalraida to Ivano-Frankivsk for evangelization and to encourage and strengthen the church.

Contributions for construction of the meeting house are overseen by John L. Kachelman Jr. A copy of these is made available to the elders with a copy also kept in the church office. The church copy does not name individuals but lists donors as either churches or individuals.

The Dalraida elders understand the enormous scope of the Ivano-Frankivsk building project and believe that in the long run this meeting house will be a significant factor in bolstering the Lord's work in western Ukraine. And we are glad to have others join us in this and any effort which seeks and saves the lost. Through partnerships that work heart to heart and hand in hand we can recognize and utilize doors of opportunity which God opens for us.

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