

Ukraine Missions

a ministry of Dalraida church of Christ



Above Photo: This is the orphanage in Yaremche, Ukraine. Some of the children ran upstairs to wave to us goodbye as we were leaving from a visit with the Dalraida Church team in October. This is one of the orphanages that Jerry Max Morgan has stated a vocational training so the children will have a practical life-skill when they are forced to leave.

The November 2018 UKRAINE MISSIONS Newsletter is now available for you to download and read! Inside this month's newsletter you will once again find encouraging news from brethren in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine. In addition to the reports from Ivan and Pasha you will read...

- Tanya's encouraging report focusing largely on the Dalraida visit.
- News of the 2019 Medical Seminar that Drs Gary Jerkin & Ron Swang are coordinating.
- Jerry's report on efforts to give Ukraine's orphaned children practical vocational training so they can become positive forces after they leave the orphanage.

A note on Jerry's work to help train orphans...For many years we have been helping orphanages with food, clothing, shoes, linens and other commodities the children need. A sad reality is that many of these orphaned children are forced out of the orphanage when they turn 18 years old. They are simply dismissed. They have not been prepared to integrate into everyday life. Consequently, they are easily recruited into criminal activities—the girls go into prostitution and are sold throughout the

world in the despicable human trafficking system; the boys are recruited by criminally organized cells and are used by the mob bosses for jobs that result in their deaths.

Jerry Max Morgan evaluated the situation and found that these children had no working skills. He has been talking with orphanages and they also see this need but there was no help available. They are eager to assist. Through this effort we will be able to give the children life-skills as well as spiritual anchors. This will prepare them for citizenship and participation in the Lord's Church!

Take a look at the above photo and realize that 8 out of 10 of these children will be dead soon after their 18th birthday because they had no alternative. Jerry has 3 orphanages that are being offered an opportunity!

Download the November 2018 UKRAINE MISSIONS Newsletter and read the good news that transpired!

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"The greatest trees stand today because some NUT held his ground!"



UKRAINE MISSIONS NEWS

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November 2018 Jim Akridge and Volva Didukh assembled the first meeting of the Lord's Church in Lysets. Vova and Julia had been assisted by those in the Dalraida mission trip and Jim followed!

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(EMMANUEL)

I am sending out the November 2018 newsletter as December quickly concludes! The final fact for 2018 are being recorded and once again reveal an amazing catalogue of activities in the Lord's Name. This report has the usual reports from Ivan and Pavel in Ivano-Frankivsk but it also has a report from Tanya on the fall campaign and there is EXCITING news and plans for the medical seminar that Drs. Gray Jerkins and Ron Swang are planning for April 2019.

I am still at “war” with the Ukraine Ministry of Social Policy regarding containers shipped to the needy. This has developed into an intense situation. Thus far I have been contacted by two US Senators (Wicker and Shelby), three Attachés in the Embassy of Ukraine in Washington, DC and a number of others. Currently the corruption is being investigated in Ukraine. I need all reading this to *continue contacting your Senators and Representatives in Washington*. I have specified the issues on blog posts and ask you to re-read and then contact again and again those elected. We NEED your help!

During November the Dalraida Church secured a warehouse facility. A 44,000 square foot building lease was signed as a truck from New Jersey delivered 10 pallets of medical supplies. A group from Dalraida will travel to Texas and relocate the shipping operations for Tanzania to Montgomery. Brethren in other locations (Neelyville, MO; Columbus, MS; Searcy, AR) continue to receive, sort and pack containers and ship to the needy in a number of nations. I will be sending out the annual summary of our shipments and it is amazing the quantity and value of commodities shipped in 2018.

Budgets for 2019 are currently being set. *I ask that you and your congregation seriously consider UKRAINE MISSIONS in your budget*. As usual our support is fluid and economic issues and health of supporters require discovering additional support. THANK YOU to those supporting our efforts!

—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

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TETIANA’S REFLECTIONS ON THE FALL TRIP ...

Dear brethren,

Love and greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! How wonderful it is to be one family in Christ where no distance, nationality, language, gender or age can undermine the wonderful bond of fellowship that we have in Him (Galatians 3:28-19). That bond produces desire and gives strength to travel many miles to see brethren, to worship with them, to help them, and to enjoy working together for the Kingdom of God!

As we work together for the Lord we mature in spirit and grow closer to one another. We learn from one another and are encouraged so much by one another as we serve the Lord and others with the gifts we have received from Him doing what Apostle Peter urges us to do, “as each one had received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God” (1st Peter 4:10).

This is why it is always extremely uplifting and refreshing to have our dear brethren visit with us, especially when they come from the other side of the globe!

This fall, our congregation in Ivano-Frankivsk was blessed beyond words to host a campaign with our brethren from the Dalraida church of Christ! This campaign was special because it was different from what we used to do in several ways.

First of all, there was a much larger group that came. It was wonderful and uplifting to see so many willing to cover such a great distance, to give of their time and money, and to suffer inconveniences in the far-away Ukraine. The majority of them had never been to Ukraine before and did not know what to expect.

Second, with so many campaigners, we were able to work in several locations at the same time having divided them into three groups. Honestly, I was very anxious to see how it all would work. And it did work great, even better than I had hoped!!! I wish I could have been at every location every day to rejoice in all the good that the Lord accomplished through such a fine group of loving, caring and open Christians, that were truly ambassadors for the Lord, sharing His word with others and “always ready to make a defense” to everyone ... for the hope that all Christians have urging people to live by God’s standards.

Everybody I heard personally, as they taught and preached, namely Scott Lockwood, Bill Johnson, David Fletcher, Justin Boyd, Caleb Colquitt, Jan Welch and Jill Johnson, had wonderful lessons and were themselves good Christian examples. I am sure the rest were as fantastic doing their job as I heard many comments that made me feel so proud to be a part of the team!

The impact was tremendous. Even the traditional Orthodox Church could not hold anything against the classes and topics taught. A priest and his family came the first day and seemed to be pleased with what was taught. The response from adults and children was overwhelming as numbers grew every night. This warm response was even in those locations that were more difficult to plan for and that we had not expected to open up as they did!

One verse from John’s Gospel comes to my mind, “He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From his innermost being shall flow the rivers of living

CONSTRUCTION NEWS!



"We have been given wood that was cut. While the cost of the wood is donated, we have to pay for the work and delivery. We were to give \$240 to people for work, but another \$1,200.00 was needed for delivery. This tree was given to us from the forest because of the fact that we helped many in the wooded area with humanitarian aid. They sawed in the size that we need for the roof. It had to be urgently picked up. Here are photos."



water” (Jn 7:38). And that “living water” is refreshing, encouraging, drawing people to God. We saw it work!

The Dalraida brethren also encouraged every Christian and helped the Church in Ivano-Frankivsk mature in spirit. Such visits always inspire us to be more dedicated, more zealous, more hard-working, more loving, more hopeful and more trusting the Lord. Our American Christian brethren are a wonderful model and incentive to us.

All aspects of the campaign worked for the Lord’s Cause as His Word was preached, and His love shared toward the growth of His Kingdom.

Through this campaign, the church of Christ gained more audience, credibility, openness on the part of those that previously would shy away from attending, doubt or be skeptical about our genuineness. We gained a respectable presence in the areas in which we were apprehensive and did not know what to expect. Besides, we gained four interpreters (aka “interrupters” 😊) – four young and talented girls – Christie, Nastya, Sonya and Olga, for whom I am personally very thankful. So, it is impossible to overestimate all the good successes of the campaign.

BIG thanks to all of you for the hard work, sacrifices to come to Ukraine, love, openness, concern, willingness to help, for the amazing Christian spirit that is so contagious and appealing to everybody. At this point I cannot but mention Paul’s statement that describes the impact the team had, “So that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. For the Word of the Lord has sounded forth from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith toward God has gone forth...” (1st Thessalonians 1:7-8).

I send special thanks for all the joys of fellowship that myself and others enjoyed with the Dalraida group and have deeply missed since they left. Big thanks to the Dalraida Church for the support of this campaign and to all others that contributed to it in different ways.

And now a few words about John Kachelman, Jr.’s visit and activities. This time he brought two young helpers (Andrew and Adam Gifford, aka Gif and Simba) that had just started working in missions but had already had their “fire baptism” in the mission field in Tanzania among monkeys, black mambas and malaria mosquitoes. It was nice to meet these good natured, open-hearted and hard-working young men. They also turned out to be “my type of people” as they like the same music I do. They instantly received “kudos” for that. They were really a great asset to John and to the Church in Ivano-Frankivsk. I think they were part of every activity in which the Church is engaged working hard from morning till night and still said they enjoyed it and wanted to come back! 😊

John did not travel as much this time but much good was still accomplished and schedules were as busy as ever. The main focus was on the upcoming campaign and the majority of time was spent finalizing plans and making sure everybody is on the same page. Some time was spent visiting different groups that had received humanitarian aid from your shipments the Church here had distributed. Many words of thanks were said and many appreciation letters given.

One of the trips took the four of us (John, Gif, Simba and myself) to Berdyansk, which is an Azov sea port. A container of supplies for disabled children had been shipped there and we visited some groups that received

CONSTRUCTION NEWS CONTINUED...

“Thank you, brethren, for your help. We purchase construction materials little by little to resume work in spring. Moved lumber to keep dry inside the construction.”



those items. The majority of those groups were founded by mothers having disabled children and their purpose was to help families with disabled children as much as they can in many areas of life. It was encouraging to see those enthusiastic mothers but at the same time it was sad to realize that our government does not do enough for such children and their families.

A visit to Zaporozhye went very well (as always). It was great to see those with whom we have worked for several years and who long ago had turned into friends from being just partners. We worshipped with our brethren there. It was a special service because all young men teaching and preaching were former inmates who had heard and obeyed the gospel. They had very good lessons proving once again that everything is possible with God. Just like Saul, a hardcore prosecutor of the Lord's Church, was converted so were those young men when they heard the Word of God that is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword...

At the end of John's visit, there was a trip to Vinnytsia where several containers had been sent. We visited the distribution center where pensioners activists sort clothes/shoes and distribute to the needy retired people in the first place as the majority of them live below the poverty line and cannot afford buying clothes or shoes. That was a very touching visit as I always feel for the elderly. They presented John and me with beautiful handmade Ukrainian shirts. It was so sweet of them!!!

Another important meeting took place in Kyiv. John was invited to a meeting of the so-called "Task Group" that receives and processes all requests for relief shipments approvals and advises the Ministry of Social Policy concerning those requests. That Task Group has been stalling approvals for our containers (and not only ours but all containers). Instead of being a helper and advisor for consignees and donors they turned into a big obstacle that caused donors and consignees additional fees and fines. John spoke to them and they apologized at the end so it looked like they would do better but it was just wishful thinking... So, this war is on and we "recruit" all those that feel for Ukraine and are concerned for her wellbeing and future! John is leading the "troops" "having girded himself with the truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod his feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace..., taking up the shield of faith... taking up the helmet of salvation... and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God." This war is not for earthly things only as in the long run it pertains to spiritual matters because through giving aid to people, we preach the Lord to them. Plus, it opens up their hearts and minds to listen and helps Church to be in good standing.

I must thank those that support John's trips and his tireless efforts to help Ukraine, in both physical and spiritual matters. His work here brings forth amazing fruits. It helps build up Church, contributes to our strong presence in the area and is an inspiration to all of us. Thanks to those who collect, sort, ship containers with humanitarian aid. Through your efforts God's Word is preached and good works are done for the glory of the Lord! All of you are an inseparable part of the success of the Lord's Church here in Ukraine and everywhere else. May our Good Lord bless all of you beyond measure. May He always give you peace of mind to trust Him, strength and health to labor for Him, wisdom to share Him with others, joy to fill your hearts and love to guide you on the paths of your lives.

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ...” (Eph 1:3)

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IVAN'S REPORT ON NOVEMBER'S EVENTS...

Greetings, dear brothers and sisters,

In November, we suspended all construction work on the church building. We are in our freezing season now. It snows a lot. Much has been done this year with your help and prayers, for which we thank God and you. We believe that the Lord with His power will make it possible for us to see construction through. We need to assemble at our own place as that will give us the security from pressures of those seeking to remove us. All of us as well as each Christian individually pray for it and do as much and give as much as we can to reach this goal of ours.

We are concerned about our growth in spirit and strive to invite and bring others to the Lord. We continue preaching the Gospel and helping the needy using humanitarian aid that we receive. The war situation in this country put many people in dire straits. They need food, clothes, shoes and psychological help.

We assemble to worship God from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. every Sunday. Our attendance is 30-47 adults plus 8 – 12 children (and even more at times). Our midweek Bible study is on Wednesday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Class attendance is 12–18.

We have kept in touch with the people we met during the campaign held by our Dalraida brethren. Anya and her fellow students attend an online Bible class that Gif (Andrew Gifford) teaches. She talks about God to students of the Medical University.

Svetlana teaches children's classes. They are busy getting ready for their New Year's holiday presentation that we are going to have before the holiday. Children learn poems and different Bible sketches that they will act out.

Every Wednesday and Sunday we have Christians that assemble with us online. Those are ones that live outside of our city.

Thank you, dear brothers and sisters.

Yours in Christ, Ivan and Svetlana

PAVAL REPORTS FROM IVANO-FRANKIVSK, UKRAINE...

My dear brothers and sisters, I am so happy to have another opportunity to greet you and send you my love. As I pray, I always thank our Lord and Savior for you, for your love, support, prayers, which all of us and all churches on earth need so much. Your concern and care encourage and strengthen us to work in God's vineyard with optimism and assurance. I am so thankful to the Lord for bringing His children together where we can have wonderful fellowship and partnership.

I am happy to present my report on the work done within this month. I continue laboring in God's vineyard with great joy. I am part of Sunday worship service ministry in preaching and teaching. I help with numerous church activities, fellowship, distribution of humanitarian aid to various medical institutions, children's home, and schools. On top of that, we give out clothes and food to people from the city and the whole region. All those receiving aid appreciate your help so much and give thanks to God, who works through you

HELPING THE ORPHANS PREPARE FOR LIFE



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and me on this earth. We celebrated a great event this month – 2 women were baptized and 2 more souls were added to the Army of Christ. I would like to ask you to pray for them so that they will stand tall through all tribulations that they are going to face and will persevere in faith to the end. Their names are Inna and Ludmila.

I continue teaching Bible correspondence course. We have studied the Philippians and Philemon Epistles. The topics we have touched upon include: Purpose of the Epistles, How We Benefit from Trials, Keeping Hope, What It Means to Be a Servant of Christ, Life in Truth, Sacrificial Service, Judgement and Salvation, Laboring Together, and many other interesting topics. As usual, I would like to ask you to pray with me for these courses and students for the Lord to strengthen them both in spirit and body.

I always ask the Lord to make stronger all those that have decided to follow Him. And even more fervently do I pray and ask the Lord to bless me with wisdom and love so that I can be a better servant in His vineyard. Please, dear brethren, pray with me for the Lord to add as many as possible to His church, for church to grow all over the world, for those that have not arrived on the right path to follow Christ, for peace in this country.

I keep all of you in my prayers and thank you for your help, love, and support. I wish good health, God's love and blessings to all of you.

In Christian love,
Brother Pavel

MEDICAL SEMINAR IVANO-FRANKIVSK, UKRAINE...

HELP MOTHERLAND INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL CONFERENCE

APRIL 7-17, 2019

IVANO-FRANKIVSK, UKRAINE (HOTEL STANISLAV)

THEME: MAKING A GREAT PHYSICIAN — THE HEART FACTOR

Note from John: In order to register official activity legally, it is required for one to have an NGO (Non-Government Organization). Brother Emmanuel operates in Ghana with his NGO called "Help Motherland International" (HMI). We have been able to use HMI in shipping to the Lord's Church in Ghana. So, as you read of "HMI" below you now know to what it refers.

HMI TEAM USA is starting to come together for our 2019 Medical Conference. We still need MDs and healthcare professionals—we have a surgery/suturing class to facilitate, IV/injections to teach and we need someone to teach CPR in conjunction with a Cardiology MasterClass—as you know we will craft the conference based on the skills and interests of the Team. We need to start booking airline tickets early January so let me know ASAP if you are planning to go.

Emmanuel has informed me we have 150 students registered which is our maximum. We also have 25 Ukrainian Medical University faculty educators committed to a couple of sessions with us to share thoughts on healthcare education and delivery. Let me know if you have any questions or if you know someone, I can help recruit. Also, do not forget we need to fund this conference and are looking for individuals, churches, or organizations to help sponsor this conference.

HMI has identified a need to establish the "HMI Ladies Wing" and have requested a special session addressing challenges unique to women entering

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the medical profession. They have three amazing young medical students (Deborah from Nigeria, Diana from Ghana and Atigah from Singapore) in charge of the Ladies Wing and have already developed a preliminary outline for a session solely for those registrants.

WE NEED:

- 1) Medical: any medical specialty — we will develop the conference depending on our Team participants
- 2) Non- Medical — help with logistics, paramedical/educational sessions, interface with church sponsor

Costs for USA participants/presenters should be in the \$2,500 range depending on airfare.

—Gary Jerkins, MD

A WORD FROM EMMANUEL...

Hello Dear Brethren, Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you very much for your continue remembrance, prayers, encouragement and support of HMI.

On behalf of all HMI members and myself, as we enter the last month of 2018, we cast our mind back what the Lord has done for us throughout the year, we could not be more thankful and grateful for the numerous blessings and most of it all for Team HMI USA 2018 great impact in 2018 Medical Conference for 125 medical students coming from over 20 countries!

We recall your voluntary presence, lessons taught, the memorable fellowship, the Knowledge, Skills, Experiences, gifts and Wisdom and above all, the Christ-like agape Love showered upon us. These memories continue to be our daily sources of inspiration and motivation to aspire to live a life of impacting/sharing with our fellow humanity how God has blessed us. And to me, this is a great encouragement to pursue a journey whereby I can share my faith through my future profession as you all demonstrated to us.

Thank you for showing us this righteous path of living which so worthy to emulate!!!

The ripple effect of your kind gesture is now a golden key for Ukraine opening doors which were not possible.

One more amazing news is that, there is now HMI Bsc Nursing Wing at Ternopil State Nursing Department of the University, 12 Bsc nursing students from four countries have come together and the leader of the group is currently in email Bible communication with brother Keith! God is using the March 2018 seminar to spread His love and the Gospel as I never imagined.

There are more opportunities to share our faith through our profession and our individual gifts for the glory of God and advance the Gospel and His Church in future if we keep planting the seeds and watering it all the time without giving up as in Galatians 6:9!

Thank you all for your passion to impact the younger generations with a Christ-like moral values. We are praying fervently for the good Lord to make our April 2019 Medical Conference another teaching event to help us to become the Lord's Great Physicians for the World at large, and your help shall forever be remembered and appreciated.

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God richly bless you and your entire family with abundant grace and resources to continue impacting so many in training them to provide medical care and through that care for the physical body we will have opportunity to care for the spiritual body. By the grace of God, all International Students in my University are all safe and having our routine lectures and classes/programs without any fear or panic.

The media coverage of the situation in Ukraine has nothing to do with Foreigners living or studying in Ukraine. As a head of International Students in my University, I receive currently update on all issues pertaining to our safety and living condition in Ukraine, currently our state of affairs is far better than it was in 2014 when we were moved from the Eastern part of Ukraine to Western part of Ukraine. Western part of Ukraine is more peaceful and safer for everyone to come!

We are all extremely anticipating not less than 20 members from Gary Jerkin's Medical Team HMI USA 2019 and the registered Participants are so eager to you meet you all soon!

Please I humbly plead with you all to help fulfill our dreams, aspirations, planning and prayers towards our April, 2019 International Medical Conference to come into reality for the glory of God. Please keep us all in your prayers as we are currently writing our end of Semester Exams. Thank you all! God bless!!! In His service, Emmanuel

Jerry Max Morgan has been working in overseas mission efforts for decades. He joined efforts in Ukraine immediately after the Iron Curtain fell. He has been a steady partner and wise counselor in our efforts. Through Jerry's energies we have collected, shipped and distributed countless containers. Heavy on Jerry's heart is the plight of the orphans. At age 18 these are kicked out of the orphanage and left to their own resources to live. Many of the girls go into prostitution where life expectancy is 18 months. The boys are recruited into criminal gangs and are "expendable." Jerry and I have discussed how to offer these children a way to save their lives by being involved in a legal vocation. He is now involved (in addition to the container operations) in setting up vocational training in a number of orphanages. The response has been great. Here is his encouraging report after returning from a November trip...

“At the moment there are three in-house trade schools operating: in Svetlovdsk we have vocational training for a visually impaired orphanage; in Gradezsk we have a school in a regular orphanage; in Yaremche we have a school in a regular orphanage.

“Svetlovdsk has a beautiful training program where the children will be licensed therapists after graduating. The Gradezsk orphanage has a school teaching hair styling, manicures and pedicures. The Yaremche orphanage teaches the girls manicure and pedicure training and the boys are being taught welding carpentry, and masonry.

“The only limit is funding. Hopefully we will clear up the Task Group corruption and eliminate it and be able to ship some containers to these locations to assist with the training and save hundreds of these children from the human trafficking wolf by giving them a productive trade!”