

Ukraine Missions

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Photo: This is Olexiy. He is a 3-year-old orphan and lives with his grandmother in a village.

Here is the March 2019 UKRAINE MISSIONS Newsletter.

We continue to rejoice in the amazing good reports that continue to return to us on the work of the Lord's Church throughout the world.

This March newsletter is tardy because of the mission trip to Ukraine in late March and early April. I am working on the April newsletter and hope to have it published soon.

The photo of Olexiy and his story provide you with a reality-check on the impact our efforts are having. This is one of the reports I sent back during the stay in Ukraine.

Report #14—April 12, 2019

Each day's report comes as I try to decide what events, photos and stories to include. It is never an easy task and often is done late at night when brain and body are exhausted and yearning to melt into the mattress of the sleeper sofa! Tonight, I send just one photo clearly summarizing the day's activities.

This photo is an orphan who lives in a village with his grandmother. The village is located in the Dnepropetrovsk Oblast in a small village called Novogregorifka. I have visited this village and have preached there. There are no paved streets. The population of the village shares the concerns that all do—how can we stretch our food supplies and why doesn't the government help the villages, are paramount issues discussed on the village's pathways. There is great concern as they hear that an old lady's cow has stopped giving milk and the old lady is in great grief (when is the last time YOUR greatest concern was that your cow had stopped giving milk?). Adding to the concerns of everyday village life are the large numbers of those who have been moved here because Russia's invasion and occupation has destroyed their homes in the east. Some arrive newly widowed as their husbands were killed by Russian military. Others come as orphans because Russian bombs had blown up their homes and killed their parents.

These IDPs are relocated looking dazed and disoriented. They clutch whatever possessions they could grab as they fled. The children present the worst images.

When we place a Family Bucket in their hands with clothing, shoes and basic living essentials you see eyes filled with gratitude and tears of emotions run down their cheeks. I can try to describe these situations to you but whatever I write is woefully inadequate.

In a world of evil YOU have given a sliver of hope!

Here is a 3-year-old named is Olexiy. He is an orphan and lives with his grandmother in the village. Ivan had taken a load of clothing, buckets and toys from our container and distributed them in that village. Among the commodities in the container was a stuffed animal that now gives security to a three-year-old whose world of security was blown apart by evil.

When Ivan entered the house, Olexiy was politely sitting on the sofa. Ivan started showing the grandmother clothing that might fit the 3-year-old. Some was a little large as Olexiy tried it on, all items were gratefully accepted. Once Ivan handed the stuffed toy to Olexiy, he grasped it and exclaimed, *"Thank you! I've dreamed about this!"*

Thank you to all who help make the dreams of such 3-year-olds come true!

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UKRAINE MISSIONS NEWS

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“I thank the Lord who brings His children together in such a way that we can enjoy great fellowship and partnership!”

The March UKRAINE MISSIONS newsletter is below. The months of March and April were crammed full and getting the reports out in a timely fashion was hindered by the spring mission trip. The mission trip went very well and the trip reports are available on the website blog. I hope you have had an opportunity to read them. The April newsletter will have more on the mission trip.

It has become critical to complete the construction of the church building to the point where the congregation can begin to use at least one of the rooms. In order to do this, we need to complete the brick laying on the second floor and get the roof on the structure. I am working on an appeal for funding and hope to post it soon. All brick is bought!

Thank you to all who are involved! The Almighty accomplishes His purpose through our efforts!

—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

IVAN SKOLEBA REPORTS...

Greetings, dear brothers and sisters!

We are forever thankful to God for the opportunity to become a part of His family through you.

We observe God saving many people now and realize how gracious He is to us. Had it not been for God’s missionaries we would have never learned the truth. There are different churches but you introduced us to the true church of Christ. That is why we are so thankful to those who give of their time and money to save others.

Many people are confused in terms of religion and it is horrible that they are forced to think that worshipping through mediators such as Virgin Mary, St Nicholas and different icons that they carry around, protect them. There are other things that people are confused about. Our congregation consists of people that used to be deceived like that, too.

Today, looking back we realize how great God’s grace is to all people. These facts encourage us even more to share God’s Gospel with those who are still slaves to spiritual deception.

March was a very interesting and fruitful month for us. We gave away a great amount of humanitarian aid items to individuals. We gave Bibles to some staff members of a Military Hospital. The Chief Doctor there asked me, “Are we allowed to read the Bible? The Priest came and said that priests are the only ones allowed to read and teach the Bible.” It is incredible to hear such things

WE CONTINUE DISTRIBUTION OF THE FAMILY BUCKETS...



Aid in a mountain village.
Galyna and her daughter-in-law
Tanya



Maria will share this bucket with
her three children.

in the 21st century when everybody is knowledgeable and “wise.” Yet, they cannot understand that God has given the Bible to everybody. We pray and ask the Lord for help to preach the Holy Gospel in Ukraine. It is even more important now that this country will have to make her choice as to where to go after the Presidential elections.

Volodya and Julia continue worshipping in Lysets and two baptisms will take place soon. It is delightful to see our small congregation bringing forth fruit for the Lord. And now another congregation has been established and is growing. We always try to encourage Volodya and Julia in spirit and fellowship.

Our congregation assembles for services on Wednesday and Sunday as before. Our Sunday services last from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Wednesday assembly takes place from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. On Friday, we have home prayer ministry. The young adults have their Bible class on Saturday from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Sveta teaches children’s Bible class and is in charge of the Friday prayer session with women.

Please, pray for brother Yaroslav. He is 92. He had a heart attack that led to a surgery. He is better now and can move around some but he is still very weak.

We are looking forward to our brother John Kachelman’s visit in April. He will teach Bible classes at Church and we will be happy to have him here as his visits always encourage our congregation. Besides, we will plan our work for this year.

Big thanks to all of you for our unity in Christ. In Christian love, Ivan and Svetlana

PASHA TUZNICHENKO’S REPORT...

Once again, I am greeting you with great love and joy, my dear brothers and sisters. Whenever I pray, I thank our Lord and Savior for you, for your love, your support, your prayers that all churches of Christ need throughout the world. Your concern and care are so uplifting to us. Knowing you care gives us optimism and assurance to labor in God’s vineyard.

I thank the Lord who brings His children together in such a way that we can enjoy great fellowship and partnership.

I would like to report to you on the work done during this month. With great joy I keep on working in God’s vineyard. I help conduct Sunday worship services. I am involved in humanitarian aid distribution, which was distributed in large portions last month. People really like the family buckets where they find so many household essentials. They are also very thankful for clothes and shoes that you collected with such love and concern for those who are in need.

We gave a lot of medical scrubs, wheelchairs, potty-chairs, crutches, walkers, office supplies, hand soap bars, bed linens, toys, etc., to different medical institutions, orphanages, village councils, and other social institutions. I trust that such aid will help us add many more people to the army of Christ.

On top of all, I am still in charge of the Bible correspondence course. Together with students, we have studied the Hebrew Epistle. We touched upon such topics as “Supreme Nature of Jesus as Compared to Prophets,



**World Bible
Institute teaches
a course on
Denominational
dogmas in
March**



David Hamrick and Spencer Ross were in Ivano-Frankivsk in March teaching in the World Bible Institute. Spencer taught a course on “Denominational Doctrines.” We planned the future works, curriculum and budget during the visit!

Angels, Moses and Joshua”, “Jesus’ Supreme Priesthood: Compared to Aaron’s Priesthood, Supremacy of Jesus’ ministry over that of Aaron; Supremacy of Jesus’ Sacrifice over the Old Testament Offerings”, “Admonition not to Neglect Christ, Exhortation to Have Faith Utilizing the Old Testament Stories, Exhortation to trust Christ, Exhortation Concerning Various Christian Virtues” I think that the Hebrew Epistle is as urgent and timely as it was at the beginning of the church. We must be constantly reminded of eternal advantages and blessings that we have in Christ. We must be admonished to be patient despite all hardships and opposition.

As always, please, pray with me for my students and their studies, for the Lord to strengthen them both physically and in spirit.

I always pray asking the Lord to strengthen in spirit all those that have decided to follow Him, and even harder do I pray for Him to give me wisdom and love so that I can be a better servant in His vineyard. Please, pray with me for the Lord to add to His church as many more as possible, for the growth of Church all over the world; for those people that have not found the right path to follow Christ; for peace in this country.

I keep all of you in my prayers. Thank you for your help, love, and support. Good health, God’s love and grace to all of you.

In Christian love, Brother Pavlo

NIGERIA CONTAINER FINALLY CLEARED...

There is always much action “behind the scenes” in our shipments. Here is a brief glimpse of the usual. A container was loaded out of Life Resources International in Judsonia, AR in the summer of 2018. It was going to OBONG University and our dear bother Moses Akpanudo. Dr. Moses’ son Usen (of Harding University) was our POC on this side and Dr. Moses son Imo was the POC in Nigeria.

It is usual for shipments to give a number of headaches. Thanks to the tenacity of CHARITA SHTEYNBERG most issues usually get resolved.

February 18, 2019...Hi John, I hope you are well. We have encountered a major challenge with our shipment and I was wondering if you could point us in the right direction. When the shipment arrived in Nigeria last year, we discovered that the status we used previously was no longer recognized as a way to help with the speedy clearance of the shipment. So, we pretty much had to start from scratch in making a case to customs for clearing the container. That has taken several months and we are now just able to meet the customs requirements. However, because of this delay, we have accumulated a substantial amount of demurrage, that is beyond our resources to settle. I was wondering if you have any contacts at the shipping company that could help us with negotiating the cost to something we can afford. We would truly appreciate any help you can provide. Usen

February 19, 2019...(To Charita) Good Morning! This is from a container loaded in Judsonia 2018. Do you think you could do anything with what Usen is asking? Thanks! John...(From Charita) Hello John, Looked over this issue, we can always try to do a couple of letters, but this is my least fav company, I usually try not to ship with them unless it is totally worth it. I am going to try to call them today, is registered shipper LRI or Ukraine Missions? I need a

*MIKE LAWSON
WAS ANOTHER
VISITOR IN
MARCH.*



Mike Lawson and Bill Wharton will be returning at the end of May to conduct camps in a number of different locations. These brethren have been a great encouragement to the Ivano-Frankivsk congregation and many other brethren in Ukraine!

copy of BOL or at least a container number...(From John) Hello, Usen! I asked Charita (cc on this) to check on the container's situation and any possible discount. She has worked on this today and found out that IF the container is unloaded and taken back this week then the shipper will give a 40% discount. But this is only possible if the container is taken, unloaded and returned by the end of this week. We are to advise the shipper if this is to be done. Please advise quickly. Thank you, John

February 20, 2019...(From Imo)This would be great. Who can we contact on this side to help with this? Thank you so much. Imo

February 26, 2019...(From Charita) Hello Dear Imo, Please have your agent contact shipping and advise that NORFOLK approved 40% discount. Please do it in a written form, if you get a denial please forward me that email. They should be able to contact me directly; my number can be found below. Charita

March 15, 2019...(From Charita) Hello Imo and John, Just spoke with our freight forwarder, who advised me that Perry Ezinne received confirmation on the discount on March 14th. As I see the email below was issued day prior. Please contact him again advise him that CMA spoke with him and everything should be going with no problem. *"Dear Sir, We received a confirmation from Farhad. We are checking with our Lagos team for further advice. THANKS AND BEST REGARDS, Perry Ezinne NNADI Commercial Manager, Federal Ocean Terminal (FOT), Port Onne, Nigeria"*

April 17, 2019...(From Usen) Hi John & Charita, I wanted to let you know that the container was finally delivered. Thank you SO MUCH for your help obtaining a discount on demurrage from the shipping company. We now have a better idea of how to navigate the process should we do this again. Things changed a little bit on us since our last shipment. Once again, thank you for your assistance. Usen and Imo Akpanudo

April 22, 2019...(From Imo) Just wanted to say Hi and thanks once again for the role you played in helping get our shipment. We are grateful and wish you God's blessings.

"I wanted to let you know that the container was finally delivered. Thank you SO MUCH for your help." Loaded in Judsonia, AR and unloaded Obong University, Nigeria!

