

Ukraine Missions

a ministry of Dalraida church of Christ



Above Photo: This is a group photo of those attending the retreat and camp that Mike Lawson directed. We rejoice to hear that several we know were immersed in this summer's various camps. Another great event at camp was the graduation of WORLD BIBLE INSTITUTE's first class in Ivano-Frankivsk!

Here is the June 2019 UKRAINE MISSIONS Newsletter!

Read the June 2019 UKRAINE MISSIONS Newsletter and rejoice in the good news that has occurred!

There are several reports that offer insight to the various works that are on-going in Ivano-Frankivsk. This month's report highlights a number of works that are essential to the Church but often overlooked. Three of the women gave the meeting place a deep cleaning, organized the books, repaired songbooks and Bibles and cleaned the seating. Then the men tackled the monstrous "GIANT HOGWEED" that was all around the construction. The stalks of this weed grow 12-14 feet high and its sap can blister skin and blind eyes!

During these past weeks two special men passed from this life. Dave Walden was a good friend and a constant supporter of our mission efforts. Talking with Dave was always an encouraging time. Larry LaBrot was a good friend and I performed his marriage ceremony. Both Dave and Larry lived in the St. Louis area and were "just kids" when I went to Southside in my first located work.

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



UKRAINE MISSIONS NEWS

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*Hello brother,
The graduation of the first class
was very enjoyable and NEW
students are coming in. I think
we are off to a good start. I will
give you a call later.*

Thanks,

*David W. Hamrick
President World Bible Institute*

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“THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR REMEMBERING US IN YOUR PRAYERS, FOR GIVING US SPIRITUAL AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT. WE WORK FOR THE SAME CAUSE - TO SHINE GOD’S LIGHT INTO THIS WORLD.”

It is incredible that we are now in the second half of 2019! We blinked and June was gone. But in that “blink” an amazing amount of success was accomplished. Just on my personal calendar June noted these events: began teaching an Adult class on The Survey of the Old Testament; receive multiple deliveries from Easter Seals of Montgomery; Estancia, New Mexico gospel meeting with Doug Schofield; visit and report to the Pleasant View, TN congregation; load a container for Haiti in Florence, AL; load a container for Kazakhstan in Montgomery; and a myriad of other “little” things!

A careful record of our shipping efforts has been made by Charita. Rejoice in the wonderful successes the Lord’s Church. Thus far in 2019 the Lord’s Church has shipped 17 cargo containers valued at \$2,500,000. Here is the link: <https://img1.wsimg.com/blobby/go/150faf75-d9d7-45a7-baf8-68e58ece9c24/downloads/6.2019%20MONTHLY%20REPORT.pdf?ver=1561787724415>

At the Montgomery loading we had not only two television stations but several community members present. This kind email was sent: *“It was such a wonderful experience for me to see HIS hands and feet in action. I am so thankful we have met. Have a blessed and productive day. George”*

Read the reports below and rejoice in the great good that was done!

—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

CONSTRUCTION NEEDS TO BE RESUMED!

A plea from your brethren in Ivano-Frankivsk...

Dear brothers and sisters!

The Church of Christ in Ivano-Frankivsk is greeting you. We thank God for all of you, for your prayers and especially for your donations toward the construction of our church building. It is a great blessing to have such brethren that are far away who have a desire to help us both spiritually and financially.

We live in an area where traditional religious beliefs, such as Catholic and Orthodox, are deeply rooted and prevail in minds and hearts of people. It was a challenge to invite or explain to people why we assembled in an apartment for a long time. We have grown in number since then and with the support from our American brethren we have been able to assemble at a rented office facility for a certain period of time. A Church without a worship place is looked down at by locals as a “nomad cult” and not worthy of paying attention to as her future is uncertain. All religious groups in Ukraine have their church

GARDEN SEEDS FROM E'TOWN, KY!



Dear brothers and sisters!

We greet and thank all of those who collected seeds for us. Members send big thanks to all who remember us, who collect and ship different seeds for us every year. Village of Ugornyky sends thanks for the seeds. Pasha and I took seeds there.

This is a timely help for us because it rained a lot earlier this year and many plants died. People had to replant veggies. With your help, many will not have to buy seeds again. We thank God Who fills your hearts with the desire to help. Big thanks to all involved!
In Christian love, Ruslan



buildings, where they successfully carry out their mission. People are used to thinking that a church is a building first of all. Many people that we know do not come to Church because we do not have our own assembly place. With the help from God and John Kachelman's hard work, Churches in the USA have heard about us, our great desire and need to have our own meeting place.

Many of you know, and some have been to Ukraine and have seen, what was done by the help from God and your financial support. As of now, we have the first level, and intermediate floor between the first and second levels finished. We desperately need to roof it over this year. This has to be done to keep the brick work and all other work that has been done from being wasted as well as the money that has been invested thus far.

As of today, John already has a certain amount but it still is not enough for the builders to get down to work. We will be able to join in the work when the building has the roof, windows and heating run into it. The church members will do inside work then such as plastering, flooring, etc.

Thus, at this point, we are in dire need of your financial support. Together, we have done a lot already. Besides, we are going to use this same building as a facility for the first Ukrainian speaking Bible Institute in Ukraine. We already have it set up in this city and have had the first graduation this year.

The church building is between two cities that are growing very fast. Besides, the village that donated the plot of land to us is growing as well as all surrounding villages. Our church building is being constructed so it will be in the heart of the junction of many communities in the near future.

Brethren! We are so thankful to God for you and your support of Ukraine and Ukrainians. We work in God's vineyard for the same Cause and will get a reward from God when we stand before His throne.

May God be with all of you and outpour His blessings on you sustaining you through your lives. We keep all of you in our hearts and prayers.

Your brothers in Christ from church of Christ in Ivano-Frankivsk
Andriy Lagno, Pavlo Tuznichenko, Ruslan Skoleba, Volodymyr Kurii

What responses will meet this plea?

How can you help us get the last half of the funds needed? Some are giving on a monthly basis. Some have given a one-time gift that has helped us reach this point. Others have given multiple times. We need YOU to look and consider how YOU can help us finish this challenge.

Perhaps you have an idea as to how we can secure the remaining funds? We really need to resume construction so that it will be able to be occupied before the harsh winter weather begins.

THANK YOU for anything you can do!

RUSLAN SKOLEBA SENDS NEWS...

Dear brothers and sisters!

The Church of Christ in Ivano-Frankivsk is greeting you. All members want to thank you for your prayers on our behalf and for our joint construction of our church building.

GIANT HOGWEED!



We struggled to keep under control a very poisonous plant called "Giant Hogweed" that thrived on our property...its juice burns skin and blinds the eyes.



All men are active in worship and Wednesday Bible classes. We take turns preaching on Sundays and teaching on Wednesdays. Every man seeks to talk about unity, support/encouragement, and studying of the Word of God. Those attending evening classes are very much involved in discussion.

May 31 – June 2, the congregation went to the retreat in Yaremche by Mike Lawson and his team. It was there that the first WBI graduation took place. David Hamrick, Director of the School, and Brendon Ferguson, coordinator for Ukraine Extension, were present at the graduation. American brothers who have been coming to Ukraine, can see that the students, WBI graduates now, have matured in spirit. This results from God's work and your prayers for us.

It rained over a month here and now dry and hot weather has set in. Together we struggled to keep under control a very poisonous plant called "**Giant Hogweed**" that thrived on our property (http://www.bio.brandeis.edu/fieldbio/Verrill_Wolf/pages/Giant_Hogweed.html). We had to borrow biohazard coveralls from the Emergency Control Department (we know people there through humanitarian aid) to cut the plants. This plant is hard to exterminate and its juice burns skin and blinds the eyes.

We pray that soon we will have enough money to resume construction of the church building. We try to encourage one another and do everything together as much as possible. Some of our sisters gave of their time on two Wednesdays to put our office (that is also children's classroom) in order. One sister mended all Bibles and songbooks. These fruits result from God working within each of us.

Our African brethren have passed exams successfully and Emmanuel left for home to be with his family. Nana and Samuel are in Ukraine. Nana still leads singing. He delights in this ministry.

Season of vacations has started in summer and some members have gone on trips and some have already come back. As you remember, we have displaced people at Church. This time of the year they go back to check on their homes. Please, pray for them and their travels.

Our Sunday worship service begins at 11:00 a.m. and is over at 1:00 p.m. June's attendance has varied from 20 to 57 adults with 5 to 9 children. Children's Classes are taught by Julia, Marina and Masha. The Wednesday Bible class attendance is 10-15.

Thank you so much for praying for us; for giving us spiritual and financial support. We work for the same Cause – to shine God's light into this world.

Please, pray for my wife Masha. She is in her last month of pregnancy. Thank you for the prayers you have already prayed on our behalf.

With love and appreciation, Ruslan

PASHA TUZNICHENKO'S REPORT...

Once again, I am happy to greet you with much love, my dear brothers and sisters. As I pray, I thank our Lord and Savior for you, for your love, support, and prayers that we, and all churches of Christ in this world, need so much. Your concern and care are refreshing. They encourage and invigorate us producing more optimism and assurance to labor in God's vineyard. I thank our Lord who brings His children together in such a wonderful way that we can have wonderful fellowship and partnership with you.

SERVING IN THE UNSEEN ROLES!



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The work I do in God's vineyard gives me great joy. I take part in conducting worship services to our Lord, do other work for Church, fellowship with people, distribute humanitarian aid to various medical institutions, orphanages, schools. We give clothes and food to people in need. All appreciate it and thank God Who works through us.

We had problems with relief shipments but we did not give up. With John Kachelman's help we have found a different way to do it and at this point everything is going well. Please, pray with me for the work to go on.

I continue teaching correspondence courses. We have studied Christian Marriage and Family. It is a very important knowledge in the life of every Christian because the institution of marriage was given by God from the very beginning as the foundation of every society and every generation. When God created this world He pronounced, "It is not good for the man to be alone." He took man's rib and created woman out of it. God did that so that men would understand how closely connected in creation were the man and the woman. That is why there is chemistry between the two and the desire to be together. These things are so natural that often we forget that they have divine origin. Getting married, having a family and rearing children is an important part of God's plan for the life of man. It is vital to understand these points since the desire to have a family was instilled in us at creation.

I always ask the Lord to build up in spirit all that have decided to follow Him; to give me wisdom and love to be a better worker in His vineyard. Dear brethren, please, pray with me for the Lord to add to His Church as many people as possible, for growth of His Church all over the world; for those people who have not made the right choice to follow Christ; and for peace in this country.

I always keep you in my prayers. 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 Pavlo

HOWELL FERGUSON FROM TANZANIA...

This June will be remembered as another very busy month at the Chimala Mission. Already this year, we have had a number of visitors mostly those who have asked to take a medical elective at the Chimala Mission Hospital. These include nursing students from Harding and OCU as well as medical students from Hong Kong, Germany, England and South Africa. In the middle of this were the final clearing and delivery of two 40' shipping containers: one that had 179 school desks; and the other comprising of a large rotary tiller for the farm program, drip irrigation kits, medical equipment, cabinets and supplies, as well as office furniture. And there are miscellaneous items too numerous to mention that are needed at the Chimala Mission. The desks are a great addition to the mission schools as most of the existing desks are handmade and mostly in a poor state of repair. However, there is nothing like these new desks anywhere near Chimala. Read the most recent newsletter from Chimala Missions at this link:

<http://www.chimalamission.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Vol-1-No-6-June-Newsletter-2019.pdf>

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