

Ukraine Missions

a ministry of Dalraida church of Christ



Photo: In the midst of the horrors of Russia's invasion and occupations of small parts of Eastern Ukraine, we shipped in a container of shoes that were distributed to those in greatest need. Thanks to the Union of Paratroopers of Ukraine and Association of Paratrooper Veterans of the Vinnytsia Region we were provided the essential military escorts and assistance in this distribution. "Almost 3,500 of citizens of Donbass want to thank you for the aid. These are towns of Zaitseve, Mayorsk, Bakhmutka of Bakhmutka District and the town of Luhanske of Svitlodarsk District in the Donetsk Region."

July 2019 UKRAINE MISSIONS Newsletter!

Perhaps the key word for July is "resumption." Thanks to many who receive this newsletter and their response to our pleas for help we have been able to resume two significant actions:

First, we have resumed shipments of benevolent commodities into Ukraine. In this month's report you will read multiple references to this. One of these reads, "Recent positive changes in Ukraine brought in new regulations and a new way of processing humanitarian assistance. We immediately grabbed the opportunity and shipped two containers to try a new route. We are happy to report that on July 24th, both loads were successfully delivered to Ivano-Frankivsk, UA. And with that, we have officially restarted our Ukrainian projects."

Second, we have resumed the construction of the Ivano-Frankivsk meeting place. We have received enough responses and are resting on anticipated pledges so that it is comfortable enough to resume. The final part that allowed us to resume is the flat (apartment) that one offered as collateral for the remaining funds to be given. We needed to resume construction now so the project could be dried-in before winter's arrival.

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

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



UKRAINE MISSIONS NEWS

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Great News! Vova's brother was immersed at camp this year! Ib photo is Mykola Didukh, Vova, and Vitaly Rodichev from Kramatorsk.



It took 14 days of preaching, teaching Bible study and praying in Gudele, South Sudan at the end Church was planted as 351 people were baptized and added to the Church.

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“We continue to tell people about the great Creator...I do hope they will make their minds to take God’s side and leave Satan.”

The month of July has brought a focus on a number of significant actions impacting our work. We continue with shipping benevolent items to a number of nations in the world. In July the Dalraida congregation began a drive to collect family buckets that will be shipped into Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine and distributed by the mission team going in October. A number of congregations in Alabama have eagerly joined in this effort. The Neelyville, MO brethren loaded a container that will eventually arrive in Kremenchug, Ukraine after a circuitous route bringing it to Gdansk, Poland then trucked through Ukraine. Kathy Cadden’s Operation Ukraine in Columbus, MS prepared two containers for the Republic of Georgia and loaded one on July 31! Charta is feverously working to try to break our record of loading seven containers in August and has a number of loadings already scheduled.

I am delighted to report that the obstructions that caused us to suspend shipments into Ukraine appear to be correcting. I recently received an excited phone call saying they had good news. Ukraine’s newly elected President (Volodymyr Oleksandrovysh Zelenskyy) won 73%+ of the vote. His cry in the campaign was to correct the flagrant corruption in Ukraine. In July President Zelenskyy fired the top Customs Officials in Odesa Port and the criminal arrests went down the corruption’s food-chain in Customs. I was told, “These are going to prison for a long time.” The President went directly to the citizens using social media avenues to announce this action and this upset some because they wanted the termination to be slowed by the “system.”

The arrests and prison times for the corrupt Customs is only the beginning of the clean-up. Let those reading this that have participated in the stalling and requests for bribes and in the evil criminality which led to us suspending shipments understand that you are next! We started with some of the most obvious in public but will not stop at that point.

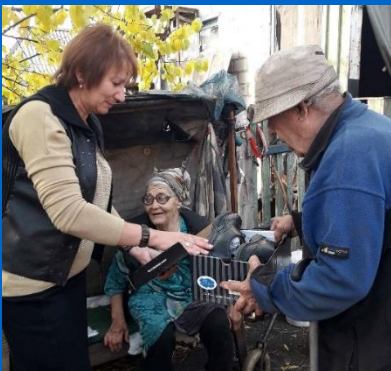
Great fear should be stirred by the Lord’s promise in Luke 8:17, “For nothing is hidden that will not become evident, nor anything secret that will not be known and come to light.” Longfellow translated a 17th century poem, *Retribution*, by Friedrich Von Logau in this way: “*Though the mills of God grind slowly, yet they grind exceeding small; Though with patience he stands waiting, with exactness grinds he all.*” The inescapable fact is that ultimate justice on criminal evil will eventually be punished by God.

I want to thank all who joined with us in the efforts to expose the evil corruption in Ukraine’s humanitarian aid structure. The efforts to contact Washington congressional delegation proved helpful. The efforts via diplomatic channels and in-country assistance has allowed God to begin retribution here and most certainly hereafter! We expect retribution upon all who stalled and caused problems—we are promised justice. Those yet be arrested need to be made

DISTRIBUTION IN THE WAR ZONE!



“Good morning! These are pics of distribution. Almost 3,500 of citizens of Donbass want to thank you for the aid. These are towns of Zaitseve, Mayorsk, Bakhmutka of Bakhmutka District and the town of Luhanske of Svitlodarsk District in the Donetsk Region.”



public and exposed for insulting the Lord God Almighty by stealing from the orphans and widows!

Because of the changes that are directed by President Zelenskyy we are resuming our projects in Ukraine. Clarkson, KY shipped two containers and we had no problems. These arrived in Ukraine in July, quickly passed through Odesa Port Customs, reached Ivano-Frankivsk and were instantly cleared by local Customs and distribution began immediately!

Much has happened during July and the reports in this month's newsletter will be encouraging to you!

—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

RUSLAN SKOLEBA SENDS NEWS...

Dear brothers and sisters!

The Church of Christ in Ivano-Frankivsk is greeting you. We thank you for your prayer support and encouragement. We thank you for keeping us in your prayers.

We have received your email concerning your plans for October. Everybody is looking forward to your visit. Many people are on vacations now so we cannot discuss and schedule all visits and activities for you. We will be able to do it around September. One thing I can say for sure is that Mariana, who is Lubov's daughter and kindergarten Director is Ugornyky, is willing to help us and be in our classes as often as she can. I cannot but mention that by God's Providence we wound up with leftover children's Bibles and Bible study books that the camp Smerychka in Mykulychyn did not use. Thus, we already have something to work with when you come.

We have resumed construction of our church building on our own. Many have provided funds that give us hope the remainder will be sent. This resumed work is possible because one was willing to put his apartment as guarantee that funds will come and we can resume and pray to finish before winter comes. Work has already begun this year. The workers are laying bricks for the walls on the second floor.

On June 24, we received, unloaded and cleared two containers assigned to Vova Didukh and Lysets. The good Clarkson, KY congregation and dear brother Jim Akridge sent these to help Lord's Cause. All men of the congregation worked to unload as well as some of our friends. We thank our God so much as He gave us an opportunity to do it all in one day.

We have some bad news as well. Natalie, brother Andrew's sister, has been diagnosed with the fourth stage cancer. Please, pray for her. May God give her strength to remain faithful the rest of her life. She has also been diabetic for a while.

Big thanks for your prayers for my wife in her delivery! My second son, David, was born on the 25th of July. Labor went well and fast. Maria and baby are healthy. Praise the Lord!

Our Sunday worship goes from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and attendance varies from 20 to 25. In addition to the adults there are 5 to 7 children present in children's classes taught by Julia and Marina in turn. Wednesday Bible class attendance is from 10 to 15. All of the men take turns to teach and preach, everybody is involved in worship activities. The attendance in summer is often

NEWEST BABY IN IVANO-FRANK- IVSK!



Ruslan and Maria have just had their 2nd boy. I don't know the weight or how tall the baby is but the delivery was fast and Maria and the baby are fine.



Maria and her 3 boys!

fewer because of people needing to go to their gardens and grow food that will feed them in winter.

Some of our members are in the Donetsk area right now. These have gardens there and want to return to check on their property. The war continues so it is dangerous. The religious situation is not safe. When war began all religions except Catholic and Russian Orthodox are banned in that area. Priests say that war is God's punishment upon Ukraine for leaving Russian Orthodox Church. All registered churches are being examined. Please, remember those travelling there in your prayers so that they will have a good stay there and a safe trip back.

Thank you once again for your prayers on our behalf. We appreciate your prayers so much. This assures us that you do not forget and do not forsake us. May our God bless all of you for remembering us.

With love and appreciation, Ruslan

PAVAL TUZNICHENKO'S NEWS ...

Peace and grace to you. I am sending you love and greetings, my dear brothers and sisters. I always thank our Lord who opened up hearts of all those who support the needy with such love, understanding and compassion spreading the Word of God all over the world.

And here is my report for the month of July. The men of the congregation continue helping with the construction of the church building doing what we can. Besides, we clean the grounds off all vegetation. I must say it is quite a challenge with the climate we have here, which makes all vegetation thrive.

As for the correspondence Bible courses, that I teach, we studied the topic of "The Old Testament History – from Adam to Moses." After that we had a short break so that students could digest the material studied even better by reviewing what they had studied. This is also in the period of time where all must give every energy to gardens so they will have food this winter. Very soon our classes will resume and we will begin new lessons. I trust that having recuperated the students will study even harder.

We continue distributing humanitarian aid that you ship here and as we do, we tell people about that great Creator who opened up our hearts to these works. And it is so uplifting to the soul to see new faces in Wednesday Bible classes and in Sunday worship services to God. I do hope that they will make their minds to take God's side and leave Satan.

We have received, successfully unloaded and cleared two more containers of relief items. Many thanks to John Kachelman for his fruitful work with our local government. Thanks to our local officials and meetings John had with them, these went very quickly. The paperwork was not a horror as it has been.

We look forward to your fall visit and our joint campaign. Big thanks to you for the support you provide for the brethren that spread the Word of God all over the world.

I always pray to the Lord asking Him that those who decided to follow him will mature. Even harder I ask Him to give me wisdom and love to be a better servant in His vineyard. Dear brethren, let us pray together and ask the Lord for these specific blessings...to add to His Church as many people as

DALRAIDA YOUTH PACKS BUCKETS!



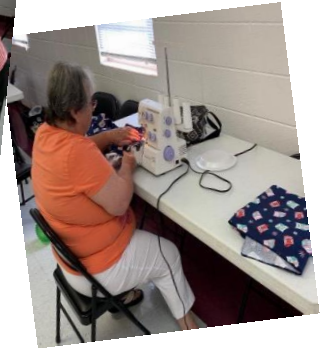
possible...for growth of the Church all over the world...for those that have not found the right path to follow Christ...for peace in this country.

I always keep everyone of you in my prayers. Thank you for your help, love, and support. Good health, God's love and blessings to all of you!

In Christian love, your brother Pavlo

SYLACAUGA, AL'S ENCOURAGING ENERGY...

In May's newsletter we reported the Church of Christ in Sylacauga had eagerly responded to pleas associated with the fall mission trip. They were the first to start collecting Family Buckets and the first to send financial support for the trip. Their enthusiasm has grown and they have been sewing blankets for babies and orphanages. *"Here's our total so far. We only a few more flannel blankets to make and a little over half of the beanies to finish. They'll be done and packed up by this next Thursday. 5 ladies worked on them today. 67 one-yard flannel; 10 yard and a half flannel; 2 fleece receiving blanket; 8 one-yard fleece blankets; 46 fleece blankets and beanies."*



CHARITA SHTEYNBERG JUNE/JULY REPORT...



Excerpt: "As many of you, who follow our blogs, remember, we had issues with delivering aid to Ukraine in the past year. Recent positive changes in Ukraine brought in new regulations and a new way of processing humanitarian assistance. We immediately grabbed the opportunity and shipped two containers to try a new route. We are happy to report that on July 24th, both loads were successfully delivered to Ivano-Frankivsk, UA. And with that, we have officially restarted our Ukrainian projects. On July 23, 2019, we loaded our 4th container, full of clothing, toys, and family buckets from Jerry Morgan (Neelyville, MO). This load is on its way to Poltava Region, Kremenchuk, Ukraine." Read the full report at <https://worldofconnections.org/home/f/july-19-progress-report>