

# Ukraine Missions

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Photo: John Durham is greeted by Andrew Lagno as he arrives in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine. John is the first arrival of a series of visitors coming from the USA to join with brethren in Ivano-Frankivsk. Soon joining John will be Joel & Joy Campbell (OH), Henry Huffard (TN), and Gary Jerkins (TN). Then will follow a team from Dalraida Church of Christ in Montgomery, AL in three scheduled arrivals and departures.

## August 2019 UKRAINE MISSIONS Newsletter!

From Ivano-Frankivsk Ivan set this email 14 August:

*Greetings, brother! I have been to the construction site today and have seen the building of the second floor. I think that by the end of the month everything will be ready to roof over. I have also been to Ugornyky and Sniatyn and have met with two deputies there. These are ones that help us with our humanitarian work. They would like for the group that will come to work at school with children there. If some agree to stay there for 3-4 days, we will think about arranging their lodging there. It will be easier, cheaper and they will have more time to establish close contact and visit with people. After that we could jumpstart an English School to study the Bible. Please, give it a thought and I will try to set up everything. I have also been to Ugornyky today. Everybody is on vacation there but the mayor will be back on Monday. On the phone she was very glad to hear that Americans were coming to work with children and she was all for going on with the Bible School in English. I plan to visit Yaremche and Zelena this week. Don't know what will Yaremche say but teachers from Zelena would love to have classes. It would be good to let some Americans stay for 3 days as well to spend some quality time with people there. There are some there that might be baptized.*



Photo: Ivan and Volodya. "Brother Volodya has an evangelistic talent—his whole family has come to Church."

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

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***“I would like to ask you to pray with me for my students and their studies.”***

Here is the report of August happenings from our brethren in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine. August is typically a month where many are harvesting their gardens and preserving food items for the coming winter. I remember the first trips into Eastern Europe after the Iron Curtain fell. Then it was basically impossible to get anything done in August because every office shut down for the work in the gardens. If we did not act before August began we could not communicate with any government office or get any approvals until September. The closure was important because many had no access to food except what they canned from their private gardens. After the USSR collapsed (the largest failure of socialism’s experiment in civilization ruined every segment of society except the criminal culture!) the living conditions greatly improved and now there are grocery markets that are well stocked year long. So, the urgency of taking August as the month of garden harvest has diminished, but it is still a factor in the culture.

During August there was an excited and constant movement in the construction of the complex that will accommodate the Church, the preacher training school, community outreach programs, the center for receiving, storing and distribution of benevolence items, and a complex that will provide our brethren a secure location for freedom in worship. The structure will provide an unquestioned legitimacy for the Lord’s Church in Ivano-Frankivsk. We are working to get the structure under roof and at least one room completed so the Church can begin worshipping there before the cruel winter strikes. We are thankful that so many have joined us in this construction project. We are in the last stages of the exterior construction. After the project is dried in the brethren will work on the interior. Our final bill for the exterior work is due in December. We still need \$34,000 to make sure all is paid. Can you help us reach this amount? All that has been done is paid. We have no debt! Please help us secure this final amount and rejoice with us that the project’s exterior is paid!

—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

## RUSLAN SKOLEBA SENDS NEWS...

Greetings, brother John!

Mariyka and the children are doing well. Thank you for keeping us in your prayers and always wondering how we are doing and how our life is. Marusia is sending heartfelt greetings and is looking forward to seeing you. David has already grown some. He is going through a bit difficult period when his belly aches and he does not sleep well. Timothy had the same problem. Tima has been very helpful from the very first day when we took Mariyka and David home. I think you are right – Timothy is going to be a good big brother.

## CONTAINER FOR IVANO- FRANKIVSK!



We loaded a container for Ivano-Frankivsk. This has 286 Family Buckets and many medical supplies. There are many baby blankets & quilts that sisters in the Sylacauga congregation made for the baby hospitals.

"It is wonderful news. We are praying and will try to do all we can so that the shipment will be cleared without delays. It is a great and very important thing that you're doing. We will get in touch with Basarab on Monday and will relay everything you ask us to do.

May the Lord bless abundantly all those who participate in this work.

Thank you for your help to Ukraine."

Ivano-Frankivsk brethren

Together with all the men we have discussed your visit several times but there is nothing to share with you yet. Some are still on vacation. Lubov, for example, is on a sick leave having her preventive treatments.

Ugornyky will be happy to have you. Vova has already coordinated things with the school in Lysets. My dad and I went to Sniatyn the other day and you are welcomed there as well as in Yaremche. Dad and I visit all of these places and personally discussed your upcoming visit here. But from what I read in your previous emails I understand that you don't want to go far away. Since the group is smaller, you would like to work in Ugornyky and Lysets (am I right?)

Bringing laptops is a good idea. But our Ministry of Education has come up with a new requirement that all schools have to switch to smartboards. So, if you could help get one it would have a stronger impact and feedback than computers. Nevertheless, schools still thank us for the laptops.

Regarding questions about construction. Work is in full swing, the walls of the second floor are almost finished. I cannot give you details, figures or terms because Andrew is in charge of that work.

Everybody is sending their greetings to you and looking forward to see you and the group. May God bless you and your family.

In Christian love, Ruslan

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### ***IVAN SKOLEBA SENDS NEWS...***

Greetings, dear brothers and sisters. The Lord has blessed our congregation this month giving us opportunities to preach the Gospel to our dear and near ones. Besides, we always take time to visit personally those that we have known for a long time and those that have rarely been to Church this year. We are always amazed by the power of God's Word, by the way the Lord changes people. We are amazed to see what happens with those who reject the Gospel.

Upon their graduation from the Bible School, the men have taken a more active part in the life of the Church. They understand better now that heaven and life according to the Gospel should be our goal. Knowing this we need to build up our Church, families and the community we live in.

People in Ukraine look at the new President hoping for positive changes in the country. One thing that catches your attention is the removal and replacement of the corrupt government that does not want to give up their place in the sun. These hinder the process as much as they can. But we know that everything is under Lord's control and He will take care of things according to His schedule.

We continue studying the Bible on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7: 00 p.m.

Our Sunday, assembly lasts from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m.

Friday is a prayer day. On these days we pray for things than need to be done, for our government, our families, for the upcoming October visitors. We ask the Lord to open the hearts of people to accept the Gospel so that His Church will grow in Ivano-Frankivsk and all over the world.

It is vacation time so our Wednesday attendance is 12-16 and Sunday attendance is 23 – 30. Some young people are enrolled in different higher educational institutions and have moved out to other cities. We try to stay in



Ruslan and I are going to Yaremche tomorrow. We will meet with people and give out Bibles. We plan to talk with the school Headmaster about English classes. Today, Lysets has confirmed that they are ready to receive American teachers. We need to coordinate schedules with all of these places. Each man has taken some responsibilities.

contact with them. Anya continues to talk to the girls about God and discuss some biblical questions on the phone with them.

We continue building our assembly place and all men try to help as much as they can so that we might roof it over and furnish a few classrooms this year. The builders are about to finish laying bricks on the second level. At this time, we are putting together wooden trusses for the assembly hall. We are very grateful to God for His grace and providence that has brought us to this point in construction. We constantly thank God for all brethren donating money toward construction. We feel deeply their sacrifice to send us the necessary money to complete the construction. It will be a great victory over paganism once we move to our own meeting place in Western Ukraine. We trust that our church building will be filled with people that love God and that Lord's Kingdom will grow and Lord's Name will be glorified.

Brethren, please, pray for us to be free to preach the Gospel unhindered. Please pray for the Lord to help us with the final construction of the church building, and we ask that you pray for the Lord to protect our families.

Please, keep Maria's (Ruslan's wife) parents in your prayers. A big problem hit their family. Satan attacks Maria's parents ruthlessly and they are on the verge of divorce. This news is a shock to everybody. They need help. We have talked to them about God many times. Satan does not want them to be saved and is manipulating life to ruin them.

Thank you, our dear brethren in Christ, for your prayers and for your great help to the Lord's Church and our family.

In Christian love, The Skoleba family

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### ***PAVAL TUZNICHENKO'S NEWS...***

Dear brothers and sisters, once again, I am sending you greetings filled with joy and love! As I pray, I always thank our Lord and Savior for you, for your love, support, prayers that all churches of Christ on earth need so much. Your concern and care are so uplifting to us. They encourage us to labor in God's vineyard with optimism and assurance.

I thank our Lord, who brings His children together so that we can have wonderful fellowship and join our efforts in serving Him.

Here is my report on the work this month. I continue laboring in God's vineyard with great joy. I am involved in Sunday worship services to our Lord. I take part in the busy life of the Church, visiting with people, helping with humanitarian aid distribution to different medical institutions, orphanages, and schools, giving away clothes and food to people in Ivano-Frankivsk and surrounding villages. All receiving humanitarian aid give thanks for it and praise God who works through us on this earth. We look forward to receiving our next container, which you recently shipped to Ukraine having put so much effort and love in it.

I continue teaching our correspondence course. We are in the book of Genesis and have already talked about the faithfulness of Abraham, by which Isaak became the heir of the promise; promised blessings that Jacob inherited instead of Esau; return of Jacob and the beginning of moral decline of his land; depravity of Judah's family and confirmation of God's selection; promised blessing that is inexhaustible.

As usual, I would like to ask you to pray with me for my students and their

## FROM BELA TSERVKA!

During the last month we were involved in VBSs activities. In Bela Tserkva we had a wonderful VBS with marine theme. We students all kinds of Bible stories connected to a sea or any other body of water. They were about Jesus, Jonah, etc.

We had more than 40 children in attendance. Most of them crossed the doorway of the church building for the first time. It rejoiced us, and it also provided that their parents trust us.

I have high hopes that Lord's Church in Ukraine will continue growing and strengthening. As you see we are now training the second generation of preachers who desire to serve. We ask you to pray for the Church in Ukraine and it is continuing growth.

We sincerely appreciate your support of the ministry. You are doing the great job trusting us and helping us grow.

In Christian love,  
Your brother in Christ  
Dennis Sopelnik

studies, for the Lord to give them strength both physical and spiritual.

Together the men of the congregation continually work and do all we can to help with construction of the church building to save money. Besides the brothers working, we have a very good building crew and they know very well what they are doing, which helps speed up the construction.

We anxiously look forward to the trips to Ukraine with various teams of American brothers and sisters. We are happy that once again we can be in your great classes, worship our Lord and preach His word together with you, and distribute humanitarian to all needing it.

I pray to the Lord asking Him to bless you in your plans and works, to give you good health both physical and spiritual. I keep all of you in my prayers wishing good health, God's love and blessings to you and yours.

With love, brother Pavlo

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## ANDREW LAGNO'S NEWS...

Greetings, brother! Finally, I have an opportunity to email you.

Thank you so much for your prayers on behalf of Natalie. As for construction, everything is going according to our schedule. We started with the walls on the second level. We bought bricks and sand and a deputy gave us cement. Men work fast and well. Lord willing, we will carry out everything planned for this year.

We have received and unloaded wooden trusses for the assembly hall. We will begin putting them together on Tuesday and install them. Everything will depend on the weather. We have had gravel and metal delivered for concrete framework over toilets. As of today, we have received and paid \$62K. By September 15 the remainder of the first part of the contract will be completed and be paid (\$36K).

I would like to say a few words in line with the selling of the apartment that was offered by a brother. We were disappointed that the price was so low. There are a lot of new apartment buildings and they grow "like mushrooms" and prices at the secondary housing market have gone down considerably. It would be impossible to sell the apartment at the price we thought because it is old. There is no demand for the secondary housing market and there is no telling how long it would have taken us to sell it. But we will try to honor this great sacrifice.

We all work to set up things for the Dalraida and Hillsboro teams. We are looking forward to seeing you and we are sure this time we will have unforgettable memories of our work for the glory of God. We are praying for you and your plans.

Thank you for your work, prayers and support. In Christian love, Andrew

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