

Ukraine Missions

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Photo: A photo taken on Sunday 08 September at the Ivano-Frankivsk Church of Christ. The men had gathered for a prayer and afterwards this photo was taken. John Durham had arrived and began a series on the Romans Epistle.

September 2019 UKRAINE MISSIONS Newsletter!

The September 2019 Ukraine Missions Newsletter is now available. We have three reports from Ivano-Frankivsk discussing the activities of the Church in this month. September begins a busy schedule for the congregation. There will be three different emphases during September-October.

Returning from a visit to Ukraine was brother Jerry Morgan. He had travelled with his son-in-law and grandson. They had gone for the purpose of assessing the beginnings of our efforts to teach orphans viable life skills that will assist them to be integrated into the community as a productive citizen and provide a connection to the local Church so they will have a critical spiritual connection. Jerry sent me this brief note:

From: Jerry Morgan <jmaxmorgan> "Good news is that the three of us had an outstanding trip. We have 7 fledgling training schools going. Some have already had graduates. Jerry"

Thank you to all involved in so many aspects of efforts seeking to glorify God and highlight His Church!

Here is the PDF September 2019 UKRAINE MISSIONS Newsletter!

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



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“IVANO-FRANKIVSK, LYSETS AND UGORNKY ARE EXCITED ABOUT YOUR VISIT!”

The month of September was full of actions and it concluded with my departure for Ukraine on 30 September! During September we sorted about 20 pallets of miscellaneous medical supplies, unloaded four truckloads of donated medical items, loaded two containers for Nigeria (one in Montgomery, AL and one in Judsonia, AR) and we loaded two containers for Ukraine in Booneville, MS. I have sent brief reports on the fantastic loads. THANK YOU to all who joined to make these incredible results possible.

The current mission trip to Ukraine involves at least three phases. The first group has been involved in teaching and visiting various sites. These brethren came from TN and OH. The second group involves a team of ten from the Dalraida Church of Christ in Montgomery, AL. The third team will be composed of Gif and Simba as they remain after the larger group leaves and will be completing the remaining objectives. The overall objective for these teams has been to help the Ivano-Frankivsk congregation understand and implement elementary concepts of congregational autonomy. The practical goal is an independent, active New Testament congregation involved in the community as a light of God’s Word.

The first group has completed its time in Ivano-Frankivsk and are currently in Kyiv and soon on their way back to the USA.

In this month’s newsletter are three reports from brethren in Ivano-Frankivsk. Thank you for your support, prayers and encouragement in the Lord’s work, not only in Ukraine but in TWENTY-FIVE other nations!

—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

PAVLO TUZNICHENKO’S NEWS...

Grace and peace to you. Once again, I am happy to send you my love and greetings, dear brothers and sisters. I always thank our Lord who opens up people’s hearts to support those in need with such love, understanding and sympathy.

I continue teaching correspondence Bible classes. Recent tests showed good success. It is so uplifting to see people want to study the Word of God and do it so diligently. Together with the students, we have studied the History of the Old Testament – from Joshua to Saul. Historical facts may not be of special interest at times but I hope that these two biblical characters have taught many lessons to our students. It was Joshua who was blessed to be the leader of God’s chosen people and to bring them into the promised land.

As usual, I am asking you to pray for these classes and students so that the Lord will keep them strong both health wise and in spirit.

CONTAINER FRUITS!



"We went to the hospital in Yaremche where many good words were said about the Church and many thanks were given from the doctors for the aid that our American brethren provided."



We continue working and helping at the construction site where we are building our own meeting place. We bring in construction materials, clean, mow grass on the plot and around it. We have put up wooden trusses for the roof of the main hall. It looks so much different now. I hope that you have already seen pictures. So far, we have kept up with our schedule and should roof the whole building over by winter. Big thanks to you for your financial support and prayers.

With great joy I do my ministry in God's vineyard, take part in teaching Bible classes and busy life of the Church as I visit with people, help distribute humanitarian aid, for which people always thank you and God who works through us on this earth. Please, pray for our humanitarian/benevolent work to continue.

We look forward to your fall visit and our joint outreach to the people here. We thank you for those brothers and sisters that you support to spread the Word of God all over the world.

I pray for all of you and your families. Wishing good health and God's love to all of you. May your loving charity receive manifold blessings from God.

With great love, Your brother in Christ, Pavlo

IVAN SKOLEBA SENDS NEWS...

Greetings, dear brothers and sisters. The month of September flew by way fast. There were some warm days that allowed us to do a lot of things. To our mind, it was good time for the Church as we had many opportunities to preach the Gospel and to give out Bibles to adults and children. We help people in different ways, encourage them in spirit and give out humanitarian aid as much as we can. We always talk of what is most critical in our lives – salvation through repentance and immersion in the name of Jesus Christ.

For example, there are two families in the village of Zelena that always ask us to study the Bible with them. These are Galyna and Bogdan, Tetiana and Petro, as well as their relatives. Svitlana and I try to visit them once a month. This month we talked with them about immersion and the importance of reading and studying the Bible. These people are very sincere and open. We always invite them to join in church fellowship but they live far away and cannot come at times. Thus, they ask us to come to their place. We plan to put one of the men in charge of this group to visit them on a regular basis and study the Bible with them. All brothers and sisters try to be a part of the life of the Church helping one another.

Brother John Durham came to visit us in September. He taught very instructive lessons from Romans to us. We thank him for his regular visits and the encouragement he is to our Church.

Special thanks go to brother Joel and sister Joy. They are very intelligent people. It was not their first visit with us. They showed love and care as they fellowshiped their brethren here and visited some of them.

Together we went to the hospital in Yaremche where many good words were said about the Church and many thanks were given from the doctors for the aid that our American brethren provided.

On Sunday, Joel and Joy treated the congregation to a delicious luncheon. We shared in a wonderful fellowship at the table. Such activities help us

THE FIRST GROUP OF VISITORS!



We were happy to meet with brothers Henry Huffard, Gary Jerkins and John Durham from Nashville, TN and Joel & Joy Campbell from Loveland, OH.



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become closer. We all are thankful for how much our American brethren love us.

Besides enjoying these events, we were happy to meet with brothers Henry and Gary from the Hillsboro Church of Christ. Brother Gary works with medical students here. Brother Henry spent all his time with us looking for evangelistic opportunities in this country. We also showed him the scope of the work of the Church in Ivano-Frankivsk.

Brothers Henry, Joel and John Durham met with the men of the congregation and talked about effective church budgeting and financial reporting. We are especially thankful to brother Joel and brother Henry who explained to us in clear terms a lot of things that we did not know.

Big thanks to all brothers, sisters and elders for the care and concern that you have to us. Thank you for these brethren that came here to explain, encourage and inspire us in our work in Lord’s vineyard. We look forward to having the Dalraida group here soon. We will evangelize together. After the outreach, we plan to have small groups there to teach the Bible to, have classes with and fellowship.

Through humanitarian aid we have established good contacts allowing us to preach the Gospel.

We look forward to brother John Kachelman’s visit. Together with him we will finalize our plans for the Dalraida team.

There were 45 adults and 7 children in worship last Sunday. Our attendance is growing. We are in a dire need of our own meeting place and we do all we can so that the Church can move to the new building as soon as possible and invite more people to Church.

Thank you, dear brothers and sisters, for your prayers and support. Please, continue praying for the Lord to open up doors to evangelize in these places – Ugornyky, Lysets, Yaremche, and Zelena. Please, pray for Vasyl Vitovsky. He has lost his son Michael, his mother has died, and he himself has cancer. Please, pray for him to repent and be immersed. Vasyl has heard about Jesus a lot but Satan does not want him to make the first step and Vasyl is in a desperate need of the encouragement that we can give him.

We continue praying for sister Jill Johnson (Dalraida Church of Christ who visited us last October) and her recovery after the heart surgery.

May our Lord Jesus receive glory through our deeds, thoughts and hearts.

In Christian love, Ivan and Svitlana

RUSLAN SKOLEBA’S NEWS...

Dear brothers and sisters!

We thank God and you for the support we have in you. The Church of Christ in Ivano-Frankivsk is sending you greetings. We thank you for always standing by our side in everything.

Everybody looks forward to seeing John and the team from Dalraida in October. Besides us, Lysets and Ugornyky are excited about your visit as they have known many of you for several years. Many teenagers have become



university students this year and have left Ivano-Frankivsk and some have gone abroad for studies. They are sorry that they will not be able to see you.

I had meetings with people in different places where we evangelized and where you had visited. I talked to them about “Who God Is” in reality and about His Church. Some have different problems in their lives. God appears to use those problems to make them ready to talk on topics like these. As you know, Satan is wide awake and soon their problems come back. Please, pray for them. I cannot give you any more details as I have promised them that what they shared would remain between us and would not go public.

Besides, we continue construction of our church building that you and God help us with. Everything has gone according to the schedule thus far.

Recently, together with other men we have once again cut the poisonous plants around the church building. It is the same poisonous plant that I mentioned to you before (Giant Hogweed).

Unfortunately, our sister in Christ and Andrew’s sibling, Nataly, passed away. Many of you also know Vasyl Vitovsky, dentist, whom Ron has helped a lot. He had a son who was also a dentist. Vasyl has a drinking problem and now has a terminal cancer. His son was on drugs. We tried to help him get off drugs but he succumbed and passed away not long ago. Satan won one soul. Please, pray for God’s mercy so that Vasyl could repent before he leaves this world. We talk to him about God all the time.

As usual, we have our Sunday worship from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Attendance is steady in numbers. We teach Wednesday Bible class from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. There are usually 12-17 in attendance. Besides, we have a prayer session on Friday.

My younger son turned eight weeks yesterday but he looks like he is 24. The elder son goes to school and likes it so far.

My family is sending you their warmest greetings. We look forward to your visit.

May God bless all of you for the work you do in Ukraine.

