

IVANO-FRANKIVSK CHURCH CONSTRUCTION UP-DATE DECEMBER 30, 2019



From: Ivan Skoleba

Sent: Tuesday, December 24, 2019 2:48 PM

Dear brothers and sisters! Merry Christmas to you. We thank God for you and your love for church of Christ and to us, Ukrainians. Besides we thank you for your prayers and financial support of our construction. Windows have been delivered today. And workers are beginning to put them in today. We would to put them up before freezing weather hits so that we can work inside the building then. It's raining today so they cannot finish prep for metal. The wood trusses and joists are all in place and moisture barrier is completed. Metal will be installed as soon as the weather allows (no rain or snow).

From: Ivan Skoleba

Sent: Tuesday, December 10, 2019 8:28 AM

Dear brothers and sisters, thank you for your prayers and financial support. We are working hard to put up the roof before freezing weather and snow. We have accepted delivery of metal roof and metal frames. We began placing metal frames on roof. Please, continue praying for us.



From: Tatyana Zozulina
Sent: Sunday, December 22, 2019 10:20 AM

Ivan says it is expected to rain tomorrow and workers won't be able to work on the roof so they will have to turn them loose and they are afraid the workers might not get back together when needed for roof. Ivan is asking if it would be ok to let them do plastering but that would require additional funds. He says the men will brainstorm the situation to find the best option. But they want to have a "Plan B" just in case. Also, Andrew said that windows would cost us more. He is to explain why the increase. They will be delivered this coming Tuesday.

From: Andrew Lagno
Sent: Monday, December 23, 2019 2:56 PM
Greetings, brother John!

My family is sending you their heartfelt greetings. I apologize for the delay in sending you a report on the roof and second floor expenses. As for insurance, we have to inquire into this and check out different insurance companies (their coverage and insured values), to give a grounded feedback of this issue.

We have received all materials for the roof but haven't been able to install due to the rain. In such weather we need to work inside to save money. We have to provide materials and work for the workers on time. We lose money on downtime.

It would be good for the workers to work inside in bad weather and do things like plastering and pore filling as well as moisture proofing and floor cement screed.

I realize that the funds haven't been raised for these works yet so this is what I suggest. We have agreed with the company that is making our doors that they will install all outside doors and will begin making interior doors at 30% prepay. When they make all the doors we'll have to pay them up. Thus, we can use that money for interior works in order to keep workers until roof is finished. What do you think of this?

Truck is bringing windows at lunch time tomorrow. Window fitters will begin installation right away. We have come across some minor issues with big windows in the auditorium. When the estimate was calculated it was not realized that they would stand on top of one another. So when measurements were taken the engineering department informed us that we had to either have an additional frame or use aluminum. I will get details tomorrow as far as the window installing goes and will update you on it.

Thank you for prayers and love, Andrew

It is still snowing so metal roof cannot be installed. But there have been windows installed on the first floor and almost the entire auditorium is now plastered.



The above provides the most recent reports on the construction on the meeting house for the Church of Christ in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine. Amazing progress has been made. The plea in May to help raise funds for the roof was met with generosity. We received sufficient funds to continue and just as the final payment deadline of 15 December approached, we received the funds to make that payment!

What has not been published was the fact that several donors had said “when” the roof was paid then they were ready to step forward with funds to make the building livable—windows and doors. When the needed funds for the roof were committed, it opened the way for the other funds. Your efforts were phenomenal! I thought we would have enough funds to install the heating so the building could be utilized by the Church, but the decreased values in the exchange for the US Dollar seriously impacted the funds for heating. Because of the “depreciation” of the US Dollar and the increase of material costs the roof cost was an additional \$20,000.00. But in spite of these downward economic factors, the progress has been marvelous. Look below at the comparative stages between December 2018 and December 2019.

The metal roof is purchased and ready to be installed. The mounting runners for the roof have been installed but the remaining work has to wait for a clear (no snow and no rain) week. As you see the moisture barrier was installed so the project is protected (to some degree) from the harsh elements, but we need to get the roof on as soon as possible. Please pray that God will allow a break in the weather for this to be finished.

Here is a contrast (the recent photo does not have the windows on the first floor or the metal runners for the roof) from April 2018 and December 2020...



Late April 2018



Early December 2019

Thank you to all who responded to the plea to get the structure roofed-over and dried in before the harsh winter arrived. We are almost there and a good week of dry weather will allow the brethren to get the metal roofing installed.

Your Ukrainian brethren send this message: **“This is good news, thank God! Many thanks to all the brothers and sisters for their help. WE Pray GOD TO HAVE ASAP TO USE THE SERVICE IN A NEW ROOM. LOVE YOU. THANKS!!!”**

All of this PLUS the usual activities of the congregation are taking place in Ivano-Frankivsk. For a report on the usual activities of the congregation be sure to read the newsletters posted on our web site! If you would like to help your brethren complete this construction please send a generous donation to:

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