

UKRAINE MISSIONS NEWS

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IVAN SKOLEBA'S NEWS FOR FEBRUARY...

Greetings, our dear brothers and sisters in Christ. These last couple of weeks have been very tough to us and we think that the whole world has felt the same. Mankind has been challenged but until now it was hard to realized that something like this pandemic is happening to people in the 21st century. But reality is reality, and the quarantine that the whole world is on now is a great problem for all. People have different explanations as to why all that is happening. Some see it as people being manipulated. Various rumors and fears spread around. But we, Christians, should remain faithful to God, no matter what is going on around us.

At Church, we have agreed to have online worship services. So, we did it last Sunday and then Wednesday for the Bible class. We try to encourage one another, call and text/email one another. We help those that cannot buy food on their own and we gave masks and hand sanitizer gels to those that need them. Big thanks to you for the aid that we use at this trying time to help not only church members but hospitals as well. We have distributed masks, hand sanitizers, disposable lab coats today. This is a hospital in our area that has a huge load of patients every day. Doctors are very thankful to church of Christ for help. We are in need of masks, gloves, sanitizers and disinfecting detergents. The doctors gave us a list of things they are in dire need of now. We collecting funds to buy those things. We love you and pray to God on behalf all of us.

Ukraine is under lockdown for another month. Food stores are the only places that still work and big supermarkets allow only 5-10 people in masks to be in the store at the same time. They take temperature and if someone is sick, they call for an ambulance or keep the sick ones from entering. So far, people have some food and money so they act civilized. However, nobody knows what future holds. Lord knows and we ask Him to show mercy to us.

Each Monday men have online meetings to plan weekly activities for this congregation. Besides, we continue building our meeting place. At this point interior works are being done. Thank God we have the roof, windows and doors. This allows us to move on and we pray that enough money will be found to help us complete enough to the point where occupancy will be granted and we can move into our building.

COMPASSION IN SERVICE!

"Dear Brothers and Sisters, thank you very much for helping us to help the Church and also the hospitals in such difficult times. Today we gave out masks, gel, disposable gowns. This is a hospital in our area that has a heavy workload and many people every day. The doctors are grateful to the Church of Christ for their help. They do not have protective masks, gloves, gel and detergents. The doctors wrote a list of what they needed most, and we are now raising money to buy these things. We love you; we pray to God for all of us."





In photos I am sending: We continue working in Zelena and building our assembly place. Pictures show lumber being treated with a wood preservative. Sveta is having a class with Freya. Plastering of the main auditorium is almost finished.

Thank you, brethren, for prayers and financial support. Without you we, Lord's Church, would not exist in this location! We love you and thank you for support and prayers.

We were pleased to hear the news that President Trump wants to renew the right to pray in schools. It is a great step forward and an example for other countries.

Ivan and Svitlana, Church of Christ in Ivano-Frankivsk, Western Ukraine

REPORT FROM THE PAZIY FAMILY IN KRAMATORSK!

The ABC school to teach English is doing good. More and more children are introduced to God and our English program. This year we have a good crowd of young souls—1st graders. One group has more kids than chairs in the classroom.

Parents are waiting in the hall, some of them attend evening Bible classes sometimes. Trying to welcome them and want them to be more interested in Bible.

We plan to add one more teacher next year. This will be a sister from the Church: very talented young woman, she teaches now at local regular school. Praying she will be with us next year. The school is working every day, afternoon classes starts at 3 p.m. and finish at 7 p.m. About 100 kids are in the school now. Since the quarantine continues till the end of April, the school is working online.

In February we had winter retreat with Jeff Abrams and Mark Pozey. 110 people went to Svyatogorsk (the nice small place onside of Kramatorsk). It was so blessed to have this time together and very thankful to those who make this possible for us. Jeff, Mark, those who never come but are always present with their contributions and prayers with us and for us. Please accept our love back, we are thankful for your thoughtfulness and love.

We have finished the after-flood work around the church building finally: walls, ceilings, furniture. Thank you to those who sent support, you are welcome to visit us and you will have a nice room to stay with a nice service: tea, coffee, pies and cookies!

Our big annual winter fellowship was successful. This year we got together not right after morning worship service but after evening one. Christians wanted to spend more time together, eating dinner and looking through some pictures, talking and enjoying the time together.

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I continue to go to Konstantinovka once a month. The present preacher Oleg Fofanov is a great young man, he has been preaching there for six months.

ZELENA!



"We continue working in Zelena. We visit on every week and the assembly grows at times. When weather permits, they join us in worship in the city."



I was asked to video Bible lessons for the Churches of Christ in Ukraine. I recorded five lessons so far. The necessary equipment was purchased for the best quality of the video. You can go to https://www.tserkovhristova.com/. The aim of the page is to strengthen the churches and to preach to those who has not come to Christ yet.

The situation in Ukraine for now with coronavirus pandemic. The congregation is doing her online services and during the week Bible classes. Each Sunday about eight Christians come to worship, the rest are watching online.

The quarantine will continue until the end of April. Last Sunday we visited some of the members of the congregation and gave away some of Oksana's homemade bread. We are trying to see and encourage the Christians; we were also encouraged a lot. Next Sunday some other members will be visited. In Ukraine the situation is this: 548 infected with the virus.

Hope all of you will be safe, you are in our prayers and please keep us in yours, love in Christ Paziy's Family (Vova, Oksana, Rita, and Dima).

RUSLAN SKOLEBA SENDS NEWS...

Good day, dear brothers and sisters!

I would like to mention right away that by God's mercy none of our members has contracted the corona virus as of today. We trust Got to protect you from this disease as well. We always think of you when we pray especially as we face the current situation and we pray for all people as well. It is a great test for our faith, it is a test for those who do not believe in Him as well.

Despite the epidemic and all restrictions, we teach classes, worship online, and fellowship on the phone. Work in God's vineyard goes on regardless. God is telling us something and we have to listen to Him and hear. We, Christians, know that the Living God controls everything. Even though we cannot be physically with our brethren, with the help of new technologies we still fellowship one another and study the Word of God.

I would like to let you know that the World Bible Institute continues working online. We would love for all of this virus crisis to be over so we can carry on with our joint plans this year, Lord willing.

Heartfelt greetings go to you from Church of Christ in Ivano-Frankivsk. May God bless you!

PAVOLD TUZNICHENKO'S NEWS...

Love and greetings to you, my dear brothers and sisters. As I pray, I always thank our Lord and Savior for you, for your love, support, and prayers that we and other churches of Christ all over the world are in need of. Your care and concern encourage us giving us energy, optimism and assurance as we labor in God's vineyard. I thank the Lord for bringing His people together for us to have great fellowship and partnership.

Here is my report for the work done within March. I take great joy in working in God's vineyard, and teaching the correspondence course. Together with my students, we have studied "Life is eternal" and "What every Christian should know." In the course of this study we have seen that in eternity man is united with God and achieves fullness of understanding and fellowship with

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



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Him. Jesus came so that "everyone believing in Him will not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16), which is also the purpose of our salvation. Fullness of eternal life will be possible when all are resurrected, at that point God will renew His creation and will make it all imperishable and eternal (Rev 21:5). Eternal life is also called "Kingdom of God." We have studied many other things critical for our growth in spirit. To my great regret, due to the lockdown caused by the corona virus pandemic, we have to do a lot of things online and physical interaction with people happens very seldom. Please, pray with us asking the Lord to free us from this pandemic so that we could continue working in God's vineyard with a greater zeal.

As always, I pray and ask the Lord to give strong spirit to those that have decided to follow Him. I pray fervently for the Lord to give me wisdom and love and be a better laborer in His vineyard. Brethren, please, pray with me for the Lord to add as many as possible to His Church; for growth of His Church throughout the world; for people that have not come to the right path to follow Christ; for peace in this country. Please, pray for my family, for my children to enjoy good health, and for me to be a worthy father and teacher of spiritual matters to them.

I always pray for all of you. Thank you for your help, love, and support. Good health, God's love and blessings to you.

With love, brother Pavlo

IMMADI IS IMPACTING INDIA...

Greetings in the merciful name of our Lord Jesus Christ. You are in our daily prayers and special prayers. We are watching on TV that corana virus is spreading more and more in America. This virus is spreading all over the world. You are always in our thoughts and prayers.

Sir, our country India is locked down. Our Prime Minister and Chief Minister of our State announced this. Police is not allowing any one to go out. But as a preacher , I am unable to stay at home. I am visiting places and preaching. I had informed you about a person Ramu who obeyed Truth. He was in Methodist denomination. But he and his wife and another person obeyed Gospel some months back. They live in Gummadala village near to Tandur. I was visiting that place now and then and preaching.

We are in lockdown since last Sunday. But I along with brother Ramu were able to go to Gummadala two days back and preached. No buses and trains are running. Public transport is closed. Ramu has a motor Byke on that we travelled to that village when you (David Lawyer) and brother Don (Eads) visited us, you bought me a motor byke.

Thank you very much for your love. That byke became old and not working. So I and Ramu went to Gummadala on his motor byke and preached. Three persons obeyed God this time also. Again we walked five miles to give baptisms. I send you few pictures of baptisms. Kindly pray for the new souls. Now total six obeyed in that village. I am hoping that some more obey soon.

I and the preachers here convey our hearty thanks for your love. Because of your love only, we are able to preach. Thanks a lot for your kind heart. We never forget you in our lives. Thank you very very much for your kind alms. We are daily thanking God for both of you. The widows Masamma, Balamaisamma, pentamma are conveying their thanks. All the preachers sending their thanks.

Please remember us in your valuable prayers. Closing with love, yours Immadi