

Ukraine Missions

a ministry of Dalraida church of Christ



Photo to the Left: Ruslan, Pavold and Svetoslav are out delivering food and medicines to those in need during the pandemic's lock down in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine.

MAY 2020 UKRAINE MISSIONS NEWSLETTER!

The 2020 May UKRAINE NEWSLETTER is now ready for you to read. This newsletter communicates how the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact the Lord's Church. We have reports from Ukraine, Nigeria and India.

Open the May 2020 newsletter and rejoice in the great good being accomplished! Opportunities continue to open!

Several other points of news & notes...Kathy Cadden (Columbus, MS) had knee replacement surgery but complications developed and surgery was needed to try to correct ligament tears. She asks for our prayers. She will be in a hospital/rehab facility for 3-4 weeks.

I am scheduled to speak in Summer Series the next two Wednesday evenings in Andalusia, AL and at Dalraida. Dalraida's lesson (17 June) will be live-streamed and you are invited to join us. *The lesson will explore how God gives us a wonderful opportunity to choose to begin all over with past mistakes and embarrassments erased!* I developed this lesson first when speaking in 2003 at the Cold Harbor Road Lectures and it has continued to develop through the years. It is a message of amazing hope to those drowning in hopelessness. It will be on Dalraida's YouTube channel or you can go to our web site and click on the link (<https://www.dalraida.org/>).

A SPECIAL PLEA...we are sending a container to Honduras to an orphanage that has a vocational school. The children are taught useable employment skills. They will receive jobs in Honduras upon their graduation. The school needs good power tools (and other tools) for the training. If you can donate these tools please send (ASAP) to the Dalraida church building (3740 Atlanta Highway, Montgomery, AL 36109).

We continue sending updates on other actions that are not included in this month's newsletter. Be sure to check the website often.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

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After unloading two trucks from CURE,
some workers have a moment of
stoic reflection!

(Will Tucker, Dean Sanders, Nick Revels, Daniel Moore,
James Thebo, Gif Gifford, Nick "the Viking" Berryman)





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“WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO YOU, OUR DEAR AMERICAN FRIENDS, BROTHERS AND SISTERS, FOR YOUR KIND HEARTS, FOR YOUR PRAYERS ON OUR BEHALF AND ON BEHALF OF THE CHURCH HERE. WE PRAY TO THE LORD FOR SUCCESS OF OUR JOINT CAUSE TO SAVE HUMAN SOULS.”

Another month of unbelievable actions has passed. The reports from all over tell how the impact of the shutdown over COVID-19 has impacted the everyday activities that many took for granted. In May we loaded just one container. This was loaded out of Holly Springs, MS and is in transit to Guatemala. Jerry Max Morgan and Jerry Moore loaded 30,205 pounds valued at \$125,440.00! In June we have plans to load at least three containers as shipping lanes begin to reopen.

A sad reality of earthly life is physical death (Hebrews 9:27). The passing of one who is near and dear is always saddening. And the list continues to grow. In May I received shocking news that our brother Steve Cochrum had not shown up to preach. When the brethren went to check on him, they had to get the Sherriff's office to enter the locked house and they found Steve's body. He had suffered a massive heart attack. Steve was a faithful gospel preacher for the Knob Creek congregation. Steve was a great encourager of my efforts in Ukraine. He is definitely missed but I am thankful that as Inspiration assures us, *“we are of good courage and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord”* (2 Corinthians 5:8).

A BIG Thank You! to the readers and supporters of the efforts recorded in each month's newsletter. Your words are always a source of strength. One of these encouraging notes comes from Chattanooga, TN, *“John, it is SO encouraging to get the upbeat news from Ukraine and other areas you serve. You are all in my daily prayers; may God continue to bless each of you and grant you great success as you strive to save souls. Much love, Jeannette.”*

THANKS TO ALL for your partnership in the gospel!!

—John L. Kachelman, Jr

IVAN SKOLEBA'S NEWS FOR APRIL...

Dear brothers and sisters! This whole month we have been on the lock down but some of the restrictions are being lifted little by little. As soon as the lock down was eased some the number of infections in Kyiv went up, and people in Ivano-Frankivsk still die of the virus so at this point we really don't know in what way the restrictions will be lifted in future.

We pray for the world to get rid of this problem as soon as possible so that people can ease out of restrictions.

THE CHURCH DURING LOCKDOWN!



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We continue worshipping online and there are three assemblies every week: Sunday, Wednesday and Friday. Besides there are more profound classes at the Bible School twice a week. Anybody having a desire to study the Bible in-depth is welcome to join those classes.

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Everybody looks forward for the lockdown to be lifted so that we can get together and see one another face-to-face.

We had planned to have a prayer session at our construction site last Friday to pray together, cut the grass, straighten things out, and dump construction debris. We had hoped it would stop raining (it rained with thunder and lightning all month) and we would get together, cook shish kebab and treat the Church to it. But heavy rain showers forced us to move it to the next Friday. It is still cold even though the summer is on its way. There has been freezing weather at night so our gardens and orchards will not yield good crops. People are worried as that is their yearly supply of food.

We pray for the Lord to show mercy to people so that they would open their hearts and eyes to His Word and Law. We also pray that He will make it possible for us to go on and complete the construction of our church building. This being our year of evangelism, the Lord has blessed and protected us from all evil people and persecutors.

There is a great need to pray for the young Church in the village of Zelena. Satan is at work using his people to slander God’s children. Bogdan’s family is being called a sect (cult) and other derogatory names. Bogdan’s brother, Olexiy, and his wife do not want to have anything to do with them calling them traitors and apostates. It is so hard to spread the Word of God in Western Ukraine because people are so deeply rooted in their traditions. We pray asking the Lord for help, grace and protection. All that is overwhelming to Bogdan and his family. Children also hear that.

Finally, our container has been cleared this month. However, the recipients from the Medical School cannot come to pick their load till June 10 because the place where they plan to store it is not ready yet. Rules change with governments and it should be understood. We try to do what needs to be done and make sure we do not break any rules.

This month, we have helped Freya with food, clothes and household supplies – as much as we have been able to collect. She is having her exam session at the University. She is thankful for help and plans to join us online upon the exams. She needs some things for her room in the dorm and shoes.

Besides, Olga, an elderly resident of the city, who asked us to help her, has thanked us for the little aid we offered her – she did not have food or money to buy food. Olga was very surprised when we responded to her request. She had run out of food but everybody turned her down. She has a loan that eats up all her money.

We are planning a trip to Zelena to support Bogdan and his family, to help Ivan and Lily and encourage those who used to come to classes to listen to the Word of God.

We are so grateful to you, our dear American friends, brothers and sisters, for your kind hearts, for your prayers on our behalf and on behalf of the Church

INDIA

“We once again thank you with folded hands for your loving sacrificial helps...How is the situation there...due to corona and lock down there is no work. Poor people and Christians are suffering for food... Most of the Christians in India are poor. I purchased rice and onions, one oil pocket and gave to few poor widows and Christians. I did this from your kind alms which you send me every month...we thank you with our whole hearts for your kind alms.” (Immadi)

here. Heartfelt thanks go to you for your great help given to us. We pray to the Lord for every family, for all of you, our dear ones, for your health and for success of our joint cause to save human souls.

Our schoolchildren have completed their online classes successfully even though there was too much to study and it took a lot of time for their parents to help them with the new format of schooling. But they succeeded and are on summer break now, while university students are not finished with their exams yet. We pray for their success as well.

Big thanks to you, our dear brothers and sisters. Our family and Church are sending heartfelt regards to all of you.

In Christian love, Ivan and Svitlana

RUSLAN SKOLEBA SENDS NEWS...

Greetings, dear brothers and sisters!

I thank God for another opportunity to share good news with you and to let you know that the lock down restrictions have not stopped our ministry in God's vineyard to our community.

Even though some restrictions have been lifted there is still no permission to have full-scale “face-to-face” worship assemblies. We continue worshiping and teaching classes online.

To my mind, this online experience that was forced upon us, might be a good tool for future evangelistic work. From this time there have been various family members of the Christians who also hear the teaching even if they did not want to listen to it previously. The situation has caused some people to look up to God. Thus, the Word of God is being planted in their hearts. Besides the online teaching, the men of the congregation support the needy ones with food and medicines. We have also been able to clear the container so we can begin distribution.

I know that travel plans for many of you are in limbo. I hope that this will not last long. John is still expected to come and discuss different issues.

I am sending greetings on behalf of the congregation. We love you and we are one in the Lord! Your prayers and support are invaluable. Through you many are helped and God is honored.

Thank you for your multifaceted support. We keep you in our prayers. May God bless you and keep you in good health at this trying time.

With love and respect, Ruslan

PAVOLD TUZNICHENKO'S NEWS...

Love and cheerful greetings to you, my dear brothers and sisters. May peace, love and grace abide with you always. I am thankful to the Lord for you and your prayers. Besides, I pray to the Lord asking Him to give us wisdom, love, understanding and desire to take care of one another so that we can labor more in God's vineyard, gather as many heavenly treasures as we can, and save many more souls that are in dire need of God, His grace and love.

I continue helping Christians with their household needs and concerns as much as I can. It is so wonderful to hear words of thanks and to realize that

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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you can use your God-given talents to help others especially at such trying time that so many are facing.

Thank you very much for the container that you shipped in December. I am happy to let you know that the container has finally been cleared by Customs and we are ready to give the things that came for Emmanuel and his group at the Medical Institute. I have talked with Dr. Denis who is the Head of the organization and he says that due to the virus lockdown the students cannot go to the Medical School so they have classes with a group of students in the place where they plan to store their supplies. He asks us to wait till June 10 until the students are done with their exams and the place can be used as storage.

Finally, we can distribute the goods among those they are assigned to. Big thanks to you for our joint prayers for help with the documents.

I still teach the Correspondence Bible Course to my students. It is by this means I always find something new in the Bible that is personally instructive. It is wonderful that the lock-down has not interfered with our studies of the Holy Scripture and we have still been able to help one another grow in spirit.

I always pray to the Lord asking Him to give strength to all people that have decided to follow Him. I also pray to the Lord to give me wisdom and love to be a better servant in His vineyard. Dear brethren, please, pray together with me for the Lord to add as many as possible to His Church, for the growth of the Church all through the world, for those people that have not come to the right path to follow Christ, and for peace in this country. I always keep all of you in my prayers. Thank you for your help, love, and support. May you always enjoy good health, God's love and grace.

With love, brother Pavlo

NEWS FROM INDIA...

My dear loving brother David and sister Gennie, Greetings in the merciful name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Sir how are you and how is sister Gennie? We once again thank you with folded hands for your loving sacrificial helps. Sir just now our federal government announced that religious places including church buildings will be open in the second week of June. Sir how is the situation there? Are the church buildings open there?

Sir, due to carona and lock down there is no work. Poor people and Christians are suffering for food.

Most of the Christians in India are poor. I purchased some rice and onions, one oil pocket and gave to few poor widows and Christians. I did this from your kind alms which you send me every month. Sir we thank you with our whole hearts for your kind alms. We always thank God for you and for sister Gennie.

You are always in our prayers. Kindly remember us in your valuable prayers.

Closing with love Yours, Immadi

NIGERIA CONTAINERS

This donation is like a cup of cold water given to a thirsty person, especially for hospital in rural areas. We remain eternally grateful to you.



CONSTRUCTION UP-DATE...

Thank you very much for prayers and spiritual support of the Church in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine. These things become vital when trials come which we are facing now. We always pray for all of you. We have enjoyed favorable weather lately and workers have installed roof drainage and sealed the roof underneath. Now the roof looks neat, all finished. Besides, with the recent financial help, we are able to continue plastering the walls in the building. This is one of the important steps towards gaining occupancy of the building.

As I have already written you, our next steps will be:

- Designing and running water and sewer
- Designing and running electric and fire lines
- Water barrier for the floor
- Prep floor
- Ramp, bannisters for staircases inside and outside
- Designing and running heating system - this should be done before freezing weather

This is what needs to be done in order to get the occupancy documents for the building.

Glory to God and big thanks to brothers and sisters for their hearts which the Lord opens up to support this project. I am sure that what we are doing will be used by many generations to teach and spread the Good News throughout the world.

With love, Andrew Lagno

APPRECIATION FROM NIGERIA...DR ZIK'S 2 CONTAINERS!

"May I on behalf of this hospital express our immense gratitude to you for items donated to us on 8th December, 2019. This donation is like a cup of cold water given to a thirsty person, especially for hospital in rural areas. We remain eternally grateful to you. Thanks. Dr. J. I. Agbaroji"

"I am writing to acknowledge the donation of medical equipment and supplies to our clinic, Ihunna Enyinnah Specialist Clinic, Umuahia. Specifically, we appreciate your donation of an operating table, urinary catheters, colostomy bags and blankets, in addition to many consumables. I pray that God will continue to use you to improve medical services in our region and country. Thank you very much, sir. Your faithfully, Dr. Mike Okezie Enyinnah, Consultant General Surgeon/Medical Director."

"The United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) wishes to acknowledge receipt of your donation of Three (3) bales of 180 blankets each to the refugees and another One bale of 180 blankets shared to UNHCR supported health facilities offering care to Cameroon refugees. The UNHCR is currently responsible for 51,723 Cameroon refugees who crossed the border to Neighboring communities in Nigeria due to the crisis in the Anglophone Region of Cameroon. Your donation was timely as it coincided with the cold season in our operation. Be assured of my highest appreciation. Mulugeta Zewdie, UNHCR Ogoja"