

Ukraine Missions

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Photos: The first Ladies Class Ivano-Frankivsk Church of Christ. "Friday last week, we had our first women's class.

Actually, it was more like a fellowship to get to know one another better. Julia put together a quiz with general questions, such as: what is your favorite breakfast meal? when did you first hear about God? what phobias do you have? and the like. Just general questions for the sisters to get comfortable talking to one another and to open up more. We'll continue with such fellowship at least once a month. We would like to use different formats: sometimes it might be a class discussing some Biblical topics; at other times it might a fellowship meal; at times we might get together for a project, such as making something for orphanages, hospitals, needy people, etc. So, it won't be just the class format all the time but different activities. It's wonderful and so encouraging that we have finally started off with ladies' fellowship/class."

OCTOBER 2020 UKRAINE MISSIONS NEWSLETTER!

The 2020 October UKRAINE NEWSLETTER ready for you to read! This month's report contains a number of encouraging events. We continue sending updates on other actions that are not included in this month's newsletter. Be sure to check the website often.

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UKRAINE MISSIONS NEWS

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“Because of you, many have heard and are hearing the good news Gospel, and many are saved. Around 6,500+ are now saved. Thank you very much. As it is written in Romans 10:15 preachers need to be sent. Since you are helping us to go and preach, we ARE going and preaching. You are sending us. Please remember us in your valuable prayers.”

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“YOU SET A GREAT CHRISTIAN EXAMPLE FOR US. YOU CANNOT IMAGINE HOW MUCH YOU HELP THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE”

The month of October has concluded and its passage continues to lengthen the traumas of 2020. Highlighted in October are a number of worldly facts that irritate and distress Christians. During October I taught the Wednesday evening Auditorium class at the Dalraida Church of Christ. I used the Epistle to the Philippians for the class. Each week I summarized Inspiration’s counsel on how the Christian can maintain “joy” in the midst of thieves seeking to steal that joy. The lessons are posted online and you are invited to go to the website and study this [critical message](#).

We have been informed that our warehousing in Montgomery, AL will be lost. Another renter is willing to pay 14 times more a month that we were paying. We are now in frantic operations of scheduling as many loads as possible and then deciding what to do with the inventory remaining. At this point from Montgomery, before the Thanksgiving Holiday, we will load 4 containers (1 to Panama; 1 to Ukraine; 2 to Nigeria). In addition to operations out of Montgomery we are loading containers from Holly Spring, MS (1 to Nicaragua; 1 to Guatemala) and from Searcy, AR (1 to Ukraine).

In spite of this world’s tribulations and anxieties, we find joy and rejoicing in the Lord’s Church! In this newsletter you will find encouraging reports and announcements. As you take advantage of these you will find that joy that “passes all understanding in Christ Jesus”!

Thank you for your continued support in these efforts.

—John L. Kachelman, Jr

IVAN SKOLEBA’S NEWS FOR OCTOBER...

Greetings, dear brothers and sisters. Thank God, one more month has flown past and it seems like one day. Nothing bad has happened this month and no one from the Church has contracted the corona virus. Inna and Sviatoslav had caught a cold and were absent from services last Sunday. We always try to support and encourage them.

We continue assembling twice a week in our rented facility. Our Sunday worship attendance is 18-25. In addition to these there are 5 to 10 families who worship online with us. In those worshipping online there are some who have never been to Church among them. These are among those we have helped with money and food. THANK YOU for helping us survive such difficult times. We rejoice being united in spirit with you.

Our men Ruslan, Andrew, Pavlo and Oleksiy try hard to be a part of worship serving at the Lord’s table. They help the members and are actively involved

BIBLE INSTITUTE AT BELA TSERKVA

In October a new wave of the coronavirus commenced. The educational institutions close their physical doors and most likely we won't be an exception. The numbers of infected are climbing up every day. The official statistics are lower than real life because the testing for covid is very pricey and even if one can afford it, there's a long waiting list. The hospital system in Ukraine is not capable to deal with the pressure and many doctors quit.

Our students and teachers are not panicking. Many Gospel meetings and seminars are postponed or hosted online. Another major problem, common to all the congregations all over the world - decreasing attendance. Congregations of 30-40 Christians currently congregate 20-30 at best.

May God keep you safe. The Bible Institute from Ukraine sends our love and many thanks for your financial support.

Your brother in Christ,
Dennis Sopolnik

in humanitarian work. We are about to receive two containers so we are busy making room in the warehouse to unload them. THANK YOU for the aid that you collect and for the containers you load and ship to Ukraine. Besides, doctors, teachers and all our members send their big thanks to all those that take part and help John Kachelman. You set a great Christian example for us. You cannot imagine how much you help the people of Ukraine. The majority of families cannot afford things that you send us. This aid provides opportunities for us to become closer to people and to preach the Gospel to them.

We just had elections and many people that now have elected power have assumed leadership positions. These are people that have been sympathetic and supportive of the Church. We pray for God to give them wisdom to govern the country and their locations as they should. Andriy Ivanovych, the contractor that helped us with construction, has become the Mayor of Yaremche. Anatoly Romanovych has become the Mayor of a united village community in the Tysmennytsia District (he was for a long time the Mayor of Starry Lysets). These are places we have worked with evangelizing and helping.

We want to use this opportunity and help improve life in the Lord so that many more people would repent and be baptized.

Thank you very much for your prayers and support. You are always in our prayers.

In the Lord, Ivan and Svitlana

JULIA'S REPORT ...

Greetings to the brothers and sisters in Christ who living in USA!

I would like to share with you some news that your heart will cheer up and you know that God is keep inspiring people to do good work for His Kingdom here in Ukraine.

The first month of studying we start online because public schools were closed on a quarantine. We had an idea to make a bags of school supplies and give them out to kids from poor or large families in our area. In October we start teaching kids in a small group and be glad to see each other again in person. We have started from reviewing the material from previous year! All kids just love to learn something new from the Bible.

Hope your Church is doing good. We praying for the whole world to stop that virus and don't let devil make frighten us!

In Christ, Julia Didukh



RUSLAN SKOLEBA SENDS NEWS...

Dear brothers and sisters!

Greetings to you on my own behalf and on behalf of the church in Ivano-Frankivsk. Things are fine with us despite the pandemic. Many cities and districts have found themselves in the red zone again after the elections. This city is in that number. However, we continue assembling and working in God's vineyard in spite of all that.

LADIES BEGIN STUDY & FELLOWSHIP



“Julia put together a quiz with general questions, such as: what is your favorite breakfast meal? when did you first hear about God? what phobias do you have? We had some snacks as sisters tried to bring something.

Anya said a few introductory words explaining that fellowship is commanded by God. I hope we'll continue with such fellowship at least once a month. We would like to use different formats so, it won't be just a class all the time. It's wonderful and so encouraging.”



Please, for our sister Ira who is sick. We plan to unload containers tomorrow. It is a great aid to this Region since politicians do good works only before elections. Hope you're fine. May God bless you and your families for the work you do.

In Christian love, Ruslan

PAVLO TUZNICHENKO'S NEWS...

I am happy to send my love and greetings to you, dear brothers and sisters. I thank our Lord and Savior for you, for your love, support, prayers that all of us and all churches of Christ on earth need. Your concern and support encourage us so much giving us enthusiasm to labor in God's vineyard with optimism and assurance. I am thankful to the Lord who brings His children together so that we can enjoy fellowship and co-work.

During October I continued laboring in God's vineyard. This gives me great joy as I help with Sunday worship services to our Lord. I am involved in multiple Church activities: visiting people and distribution of humanitarian aid to different medical institutions, orphanages, and schools. We help people in Ivano-Frankivsk and in villages around it with food and clothes. All who receive aid thank you and God who works through us in this world.

Our correspondence Bible school goes on and I enjoy working with my beloved students. I pray to God and ask Him to bless me in this ministry giving me wisdom to put the truth untwisted across to people. Brethren, please, pray for that as well. I trust with all my heart that through this ministry our Lord's family will grow by at least several people.

Thank you for the containers that you have shipped to Ukraine to help those in need of the things that you worked hard to collect with such love. May the Lord bless you in everything you do. May He bless you with good health so that you will always labor in His vineyard.

I am sending BIG thanks to Ron Swang for his love, care and support. I hope that we will get to see one another so that I can thank him in person. We look forward to the time when you can visit Ukraine again to plant the Word of God together with us and to enjoy our good fellowship.

I always ask the Lord to help those mature in spirit that follow Him. I pray fervently for Him to give me wisdom and love to be a better laborer in His vineyard. Let us pray together for the Lord to add to His Church as many as possible all over the world; for those people that are not on the right path with Christ; for peace in this country. I keep all in my prayers. Thank you for your help, love and support. Good health, God's love and blessings to you!

In Christian love, brother Pavlo

A NOTE FROM SVETA...

Big thanks to you for your kind heart. I pray for the Lord to give you back hundredfold for the support and help that you provide for the church in Ivano-Frankivsk. I ask the Lord to keep your family safe.

As we are facing trying times, God's children need help, encouragement and support from one another more than ever.

TWO CONTAINERS ARRIVE!

Containers from Holly Springs, MS and Montgomery, AL arrived and were unloaded!



Our family is sending our warmest regards to you.

Ivan is busy as usual having many meetings with different people. Anya is doing good at her studies and always talks about God and the Bible with her friends. She studies English and has already had her B2 exam in it. She also studies German and speak well these 2 languages.

Ruslan and Mariah are sending their kindest regards as well. They visit the village of Mala Kamianka. There is a small group there which they always help with humanitarian aid and talk about the Lord. There is an elderly woman in Ivano-Frankivsk that Mariah has known for a long time and is sending you greetings. She has received many humanitarian items from us after the death of her husband. Ruslan helps Ivan with church work and keeps in touch with many in Ivano-Frankivsk and the village.

There is a group of 4 Christians in the village of Zelena and about 10 more willing to see us and to study the Word of God. There's also a small group of children (7) there – 4 come to all classes and 3 come now and then. And all of them thank you, dear brothers and sisters, for the good that you have done.

May the Lord bless you and yours richly!

In Christian love, Svitlana

THE SEASTAR KIDS OF UKRAINE!

DR GARY JERKINS saw a need to train the young people through the work of local congregations in Ukraine. He initiated a camp that would teach biblical truths and promote leadership. That developed and now not only the camp continues but qualifying students are awarded scholarships to attend Institutes. This is funded by an annual sale. With the pandemic this has become largely online. Those in the Nashville, TN can attend with the usual guidelines. But here is an online link if you wish to help!

“We were unable to have our SeaStar Kids summer camp but our Scholars continue to do well in school. We were able to use some of our camp funds to assist with some medical costs for some of our SeaStar Kids and their families. We were able to make arrangements with Hillsboro and are scheduled to have our SeaStar Kids fundraiser November 13 & 14 in their fellowship hall. I have attached an invitation to the event. Maybe you could share this with your middle Tennessee connections to generate some interest in this event to help our kids and Scholars.

“Those interested can buy online at www.SeaStarKidsStore.org November 15 - December 15. The site has all available hand-painted Santa figures, nesting trees/Santas/snowmen, and a large assortment of carved boxes – all the same items you would have seen at the in-person shopping event.

“One more thing folks can do: take a SNEAK PEEK on our online store website, www.SeaStarKidsStore.org from now until the in-person sale on November 13 and 14. All items will show as ‘out of stock,’ but that is only until the official sales start in two weeks. Sales are TAX FREE and SHIPPED FREE. They are also HAND DELIVERED ANYWHERE IN THE NASHVILLE AREA. If you indicate that the item is a gift, we’ll ship it directly to the desired address, along with a greeting from you.”

ELECTIONS



Masha was the Head of one of the election polls. Here she is in the pic telling all those people what and how to do things.

“We have some good news. A young couple Alexey and Alesya were baptized for the remission of their sins. They have 2 children and one more is on the way. Their way to church is a very interesting story. As a child Alesya was brought up in a boarding school for children from dysfunctional families. Our sister Tamara would visit her as a teenager and tell her about God. Later they lost connection and wouldn't see each other for a long time. Recently they reunited. Alesya and her husband started coming to Church. The gospel touched their hearts and they decided to make a covenant with the Lord. We never know when the seed we are currently planting will come up and bring good fruit. We hope this story will be an encouragement to some who don't see immediate results of their preaching.” (D. Sopelnik)

SUMMER CAMPS IN UKRAINE PREPARE FOR 2021!

Another good work that is being done to reach the young people in Ukraine is the summer camps coordinated by Mike Lawson. He sent this note:

“It is time to begin putting the disappointments of 2020 behind us and begin looking forward to 2021 with hope. In 2020, about 20 men, women, and young adults had made plans to participate in the 2020 Ukraine Missions Summer Camp mission. But the plans and dreams crumbled in the face of international lockdowns due to the pandemic. I do not know what 2021 will bring, but I believe that with trust in our Father's love we begin planning for the 2021 Ukraine Missions mission to Ivano-Frankivsk in Western Ukraine.

“My request to you: If conditions permit safe gatherings and international travel would you be open to participating or considering a mission to Ukraine in late May-early June 2021?”

“I am not asking for your commitment, but your consideration should conditions permit a large group to travel without fear of falling ill to this contagion. If you are so inclined, please reply to mlawson@ukrainemissions.org [your e-mail or other contact preference] or by text to (865) 207.0114. You will be added to a 'Team' e-mail list for updates and to answer your questions.

“Please pray for the end to the Covid-19 pandemic and for the safety and success of missions and missionaries throughout the world.

“In His Service, Mike”

IMMADI'S NEWS FROM INDIA!

I had asked Immadi if he kept track of how many had been baptized over the years since we met. I went to India the first time in 1991 and have been supporting ever since. (David Lawyer)

My dear loving brother David and sister Gennie, Greetings in the merciful name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Sir, we sincerely once again thank you for your great love and concern for us. I was sick. There was change in my diabetic levels. Due to that I was very sick. I went to Hyderabad and met a specialist. Now I am ok by the grace of God. Sir, I wrote you a mail on 19th of this month along with pictures of baptism. It seems it did not reach you. Along with carona we experienced heavy rains until last week. Perhaps communication was not good. Please forgive me. I am forwarding pictures and letter. I and the preachers here bow before you for your great love.

Thank you very much for sending your kind alms. Sir, you are the backbone of this work. Because of you, many have heard and are hearing the good news Gospel, and many are saved. Around 6,500+ are now saved. Thank you very much. As it is written in Romans 10:15 preachers need to be sent. Since you are helping us to go and preach, we ARE going and preaching. You are sending us. Thank you very much. You are in our daily and special prayers. Please remember us in your valuable prayers.

Closing with love, yours Immadi

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