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APRIL 2021 UKRAINE MISSIONS NEWSLETTER!



Above Photo: Alexandria Orphanage's teaching the children seamstress skills so they will have a life-skill after they leave the orphanage when they turn 18 years old.

Here is the April 2021 UKRAINE MISSIONS Newsletter. This month's edition contains a number of very encouraging reports including Ghana and India.

Among the encouraging reports is this message from Pavlo:

*I always ask the Lord to give strength to all the people that have decided to follow Him. And I also ask the Lord to give me wisdom and love to be a better servant in His vineyard. Brethren, please, pray with me and ask the Lord to add more and more people to His Church; for the growth of His Church all over the world; for those who have not found the right path for follow Christ; for peace in this country. I pray for all of you. Thank you for your help, love, and support. Wishing you good health, God's love and blessings.*

**THANK YOU for your support in the efforts revealed in this report!**

Our dear brother Emmo in Ghana sends this message to his brethren: "Once again, I am thankful and grateful for guidance and good Christian resources you continue to provide. God richly bless you. Thank you for your continue support, prayers and guidance. Please extend my best regards to your family and the entire brotherhood."

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# UKRAINE MISSIONS NEWS

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David's sweet smile from Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine

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***“With all diligence, we share the Gospel with people letting them know that mankind is given an opportunity to overcome their wrong doings.”***

The month of April has ended and life is gradually returning to pre-COVID routines. The restrictions are being lifted and this is allowing our brethren to return to worshipping assemblies. As you will read in this month's reports there were still some high counts at the beginning of the month, but as the month ended and early May came the situation became much better in some nations. Many of the States in the USA have removed the strangling protocols and in Ukraine many of the "red zones" have reopened. It is certainly liberating to enjoy worshipping assemblies without sections taped off, exit protocols and mask mandates. Many Bible Classes have resumed.

Our efforts to ship benevolence commodities continue to be slowed by the worldwide COVID. Many are trying to "catch up" on the lost activities of 2020 and logistics are a nightmare of confusion, delays, and uncertainties. Illustrating this is a note from one of the large transportation companies: *"Rates include 2 hours free loading time. Rates subject to equipment/space/trucker availability. Please note: port schedules are no longer fixed and if a vessel schedule changes while we're loading, we may be subject to a \$250.00 redelivery charge plus \$30.00 per day yard storage and \$40 per day for chassis until the container can be returned to the port or rail ramp."* This simply means: You cannot be confident that any schedule or appointment is absolute. If you load you are subject to indefinite fees that quickly become impossibly costly! How would you like to contract with such disclaimers in order to schedule loadings? Charita has been pulling her hair out trying to navigate these slippery appointments!

The reports this month are encouraging. THANK YOU for your involvement in these efforts to teach the grace and mercy of the Lord God Almighty throughout the world!

One encouraging report on our efforts was a YouTube report from Kherson Oblast, Ukraine. This shows the partial distribution of a container shipped there from the **LRI Warehouse Warriors in Searcy/Judsonia, Arkansas**: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BHdJ1X\\_Kx04&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BHdJ1X_Kx04&feature=youtu.be) Thank you for your encouragement, prayers and financial support that makes the reports in this newsletter possible.

—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

## IVAN SKOLEBA'S NEWS FROM IVANO-FRANKIVSK...

Greetings, dear brothers and sisters.

In April, we had in-person assemblies at our meeting place, where we had great fellowship. But people still get sick in the country and we don't know



## DISTRIBUTION OF HOSPITAL BEDS



“I am happy to be a part of the busy life of the Church. The humanitarian aid was given away in large quantities in April. People were thankful for clothes and shoes collected by you with such love and concern. We gave away a great amount of medical equipment, wheelchairs, potty-chairs, crutches, walkers, and hospital beds. I hope through this aid many more people will join the army of Christ.”

what to think about vaccination so we are very cautious and follow safety rules. But it is so wonderful to be together, to see and hear one another. Our worship attendance is 23-25 plus up to 15 online spots. We studied the Gospel of John on Sundays and First Thessalonians on Wednesdays. On Fridays we have a prayer ministry. We pray for our members, for those we have been in contact with but they have not entered into covenant with God yet. We also help needy Christians with medical, food and clothings.

Our ministry in the villages of Zelena and Mala Kamianka with small groups of Christians goes on.

One large family from Mala Kamianka asked us to help their little daughter who needed a surgery. Because of our help to hospitals, we were able to get this family help and our plea was not turned down. The surgery is scheduled for the beginning of May. The family does not have the money to buy medicines so they need help with that as well. Many people in Zelena lost their jobs and need help. With all of the other trials striking Zelena's Christians, there is a threat that Bogdan's plot of land might be taken away from them. It is on this plot that the family uses to make hay for their cow. Please, pray with us for these needs.

The fire engine for Lysets was cleared in April. Kyiv Administration stalled the approval and we could not have it cleared for six months. Mayor Anatoly had to go to Kyiv to get the approval for clearance. Besides, the container with clothes has not been cleared and has been locked for six months. People cannot wait to get clothes and ask us all the time, especially those families that have had such a need for many years. Their children grew up wearing relief clothes. They continually pray for those involved in this challenging ministry.

Vita and Kirusha sent a picture with a thank-you letter saying that they had survived thanks to the Church and the aid that was freely given by the Church. When they were left on their own, they did not have money to buy clothes, diapers and other necessary items. Kirusha is four years now and he is sending greetings to the Church and you, dear brethren in America.

Valentina's family has also survived with the help from the Church. Valya, Zhenya and Julia send thanks and greetings.

Besides, there's Dima and his sister Katya with their mother Luda whom we have helped with basic needs for many years. All of them read the Bible now and join our worship online.

April was a month overwhelming with concerns and fear of Russia pulling and deploying her troops along the Ukraine's border. Ukraine started drafting men to protect the country from a possible attack. Many were depressed and anxious. We have prayed for people to wake up, cast aside sin, and join the army of the Lord to fight sin on earth. So that wisdom, peace and kindness will win and Church will be built up in spirit all over the world.

With all diligence, we share the Gospel with people letting them know that mankind is given an opportunity to overcome their wrong doings and to gain peace, joy, good conscience and love.

We try to encourage young people and those whose faith is not strong enough to fight off Satan's trials and temptations.

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trees that have already bloomed out. Bees freeze as they are unable to find food. Even migrant birds came back later than usual. Please, support us with prayers for these needs.

We always thank the Lord for you, our dear brothers and sisters from America.

May the Lord bless your generous hearts hundredfold for everything you do to help us and the Church in Western Ukraine.

Our love and heartfelt regards to all of you! Ivan and Svitlana

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### **RUSLAN SKOLEBA SENDS NEWS...**

Greetings, dear brothers and sisters!

I thank God for another opportunity to write you. We are blessed to have brethren that are not indifferent to our living in Ukraine and provide critical aid to those they have never met.

Finally, the red zone restrictions have been lifted in our Region. Now we can assemble in person to praise our Lord. Besides, we continue helping those in need. We support single members with food because prices have gone up some again. Recently, we have distributed relief hospital beds. Everything we do is only possible because of your help and support. We send you big and sincere thanks for all that you do.

I shared with you before that my wife and I help a family with seven children. Please, pray for their youngest child. The baby is nine-months old has eye problems and cannot hold head (muscular dystrophy). The family is very poor so they have to ask people in the village to help with expenses. They are going to Ivano-Frankivsk in the middle of the next week for treatments. How long those treatments will last and how much they will cost is unknown at this point. Please, pray for God to show His powerful arm to them through such trials and to heal the baby.

Thank you for your concern for us and our problems in Ukraine. We look forward to having you here. We hope that some of you will be able to come and visit us very soon. I am sending your warm regards on behalf of the Ivano-Frankivsk church.

With love in Christ, Ruslan

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### **PAVLO TUZNICHENKO'S NEWS...**

Love and greetings to you, my dear brothers and sisters. May peace, love and grace abide among you always. I thank the Lord for you and your prayers. And I also ask the Lord to bless all of us with wisdom, love, understanding and desire to help our neighbors even more so that we would work harder in God's vineyard and gather as many heavenly treasures as possible and save many souls that need God, His grace and love so much.

Here is my report on the work done last month. I continue teaching correspondence Bible classes. The recent tests were successful. It is so good to see people study the Word of God with such desire and diligence. Please, continue praying for the classes that I teach to my students so that they would apply the knowledge gained from classes and be productive in God's vineyard. I am happy to be a part of the busy life of the Church and the

## LABORING IN THE SNOW & COLD!



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The Lord's Church here is holding fast to the Bible and trying to follow God's directions. Our Congregation elected Elders and Deacons for the first time in December 2019 after over 40 years of existence. Their office is new to them and they are doing their best to hold on to the Lord's instructions. There are few challenges, but the good Lord shall see us through successfully.

distribution of humanitarian aid, which was given away in large quantities in April. People were particularly thankful for clothes and shoes collected by you with such love and concern for those that needed those things. We gave away a great amount of medical equipment, wheelchairs, potty-chairs, crutches, walkers, and hospital beds. I hope through this aid many more people will join the army of Christ. Please, pray with me for the work of charity to continue.

I always ask the Lord to give strength to all the people that have decided to follow Him. And I also ask the Lord to give me wisdom and love to be a better servant in His vineyard. Brethren, please, pray with me and ask the Lord to add more and more people to His Church; for the growth of His Church all over the world; for those who have not found the right path for follow Christ; for peace in this country. I pray for all of you. Thank you for your help, love, and support. Wishing you good health, God's love and blessings.

With love, your brother Pavlo

## A KIND NOTE FROM KOFORIDUA, GHANA...

Hello dear brother John, greetings from Koforidua, Ghana. Thank you dearly for your continuous support and guidance. Please hope all is well with you and your entire family as well as the brethren.

Please I have been given a four-weeks assignment to lead a discussion with our Congregation Youth on the topic: "Christian Influence." Please I need your guidance on the proper approach I can use, and if you can share with me any resources on the topic.

By His grace all is well with me and my entire family. By His grace, I am done with my Ghana Medical Board Licensing Exams, and we waiting for our results and possible posting to start our two-years mandatory Internship. For now, I am back to my city with my family.

The Lord's Church here is holding fast to the Bible and trying to follow God's directions. Our Congregation elected Elders and Deacons for the first time in December 2019 after over 40 years of existence. Their office is new to them and with effects of COVID-19 Pandemic, they are doing their best to hold on to the Lord's instructions. There are few challenges, but I know the good Lord shall see us through successfully. By His grace, I am working with other brethren with health background to support the Evangelism efforts, dubbed "Engaging the Lord's Church in Health Ministry." We are still in preparatory phase and once, we get the Team fully set, and start proper planning, I will keep you updated for your guidance please.

Please I have received an urgent request from a Member of Parliament of our area, New Juaben South, Koforidua and a Deputy Minister of Trade and Industry designate for Ghana (Hon. Michael Okyere Baafi). Our Regional Hospital CT SCAN has broken down beyond repair. He has been tasked to help secure one for the region with a population over three-million people.

I had a meeting with him to get his assistant to obtain Government Waiver/support for our organization which he has agreed to help. He has agreed to even offer a big LAND at a very strategic location in our town for our "CHRISTIAN MEDICAL SCHOOL" as well as willing to have a ZOOM meeting with you and core TEAM HMI-USA to discuss details about the project. I told him about the great help your organization gave our organization in 2018 with the humanitarian aid you shipped to us in Ghana and the challenges we faced.



## NEWS OF THE ORPHANAGE TRAINING

We have divided the kids into 2 groups, because little ones are also interested in learning, but they should have a bit different approach. They started with the doll to see how it goes.



The older children are learning well and progress is amazing.

He is willing to assist us to secure all the needed authorization should we get any such offer in future to help the needy in our country.

Once again, I am thankful and grateful for guidance and good Christian resources you continue to provide me with. God richly bless you. Thank you for your continue support, prayers and guidance. Please extend my best regards to your family and the entire brotherhood.

In His service, Emmanuel K. nimo

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### A NOTE FROM OBULAPULAPURAM, 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? You are always in our thoughts and prayers.

I and the Preachers here sincerely with our whole hearts thank you for your great love. Because of you many people are hearing the Good news Gospel and are saved by obeying it. Thank you for your great love. We always bow before you for your great love. We thank you for your kind alms.

COVID's second wave is very severe here. It is spreading very rapidly and many are dying. But we are safe by your valuable prayers and by the grace of God. Thank you for your prayers.

Obulapulapuram is a small place which is north to Jadcherla. It is 200 miles away from here. I arranged a two-day Gospel meeting there. This is summer here and good for village preaching. People in villages do not have work in summer. Good number attended and heard the Gospel with great attention. Three people gladly obeyed Gospel. We walked four miles for water to give Baptisms. We went to a tank and baptized. I send you pictures of Baptism soon. There were some thorny bushes in the water. These are bubble tree bushes. A thorn pierced into my left foot. I got severe pain. I immediately taken tetanus injection. I went to the doctor and he did small surgery and removed the thorn. I suffered one week. But by God's grace I am ok now. I have diabetes but God cured me from this thorn's pain. Please pray for my health.

You are in our daily prayers. Please pray for us and for the work here.

Closing with love, Yours Immadi

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### A NOTE FROM TAMIL NADU, INDIA...

Dear and Respected Brother John L. Kachelman in Christ, Grace to you, and Peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I am very happy to inform you that. Today morning a young woman named Sangetha (age 25) were baptized into Christ at Cauvery River Bank. Kindly pray for the new born baby. Please continue to pray for the ministry we do.

Please write us and encourage us. May the Father continue His blessings upon you, and your family. My wife Pichaiammal is admitted in the hospital today because, virale fever. Kindly pray for her.

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



"I sent this photo of the electrical grounding that electricians do, we help them. Next week we will start making paving slabs for the construction of the territory. Thanks for your help. Now we will not have to buy such expensive materials, we can do everything ourselves."



We pray the Heavenly Father for His blessing for you in your efforts to teach and preach God's Word in your area.

Please give my regards to all the saints. Thanking You! In service to Him Who died for us,

K. Thangaraj, Evangelist Turmeric City Church of Christ  
Tamil Nadu, India

## VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTERS REPORT...

Dear friends, I have some update for Gradizhsk orphanage. I got some photos from Yulia (the lady teaching hairdressers/barbers). We talked of their needs and I got them a hair trimmer machine in a professional shop here in Kremenchuk and some brushes and disposable collars, pins, pony tail holders, etc. They were very happy and said thank you very much!

This is update about Alexandria. The staff have finally managed to find a very nice lady to teach kids sewing and doing crafts. Her name is Inna and she has been teaching sewing for 12 years in the local seamstress school. I have talked to Jerry about support for Inna and I have already sent it to her for the month. Thank you all for making it possible. She has had couple of lessons already, and divided the kids into 2 groups, because little ones are also interested, but they should have a bit different approach. They started with the doll to see how it goes.

We were able to get more things for TB orphanage sewing classes. We got fabric and very good scissors (it says kitchen scissors on the cover, but we bought them in a specialized shop and the ladies highly recommended them, as the blade is just right for cutting and so on. Also, different beads, sparkles for decoration, lace, needles, chalk, measuring tape, etc. all those handy items they need for the class. They are saying thank you so much, as fabric and a lot of other things are quite expensive and it means a lot to be able to have a choice of things for studies!

The visually impaired orphanage in Svitlovodsk sent photos after the chair delivery. We also got a special device for them that shows lines on the feet where they have to massage and how these lines are connected to some of the body parts, etc. And the massage chair is meant to be used to massage the neck zone better and certain parts of the back. They need 3 chairs like that total to equip the room, and I promised we'll get 2 more in the upcoming months. (they aren't very cheap, actually) And she also has a list of other handy things that she needs. Ludmila has already ordered some more massage devices, I think called rolls, when she gets them I'll send a photo. And we got 3 covers for their massage tables, you can also see them on the photos.

Hugs to everyone, Anya

PS: please, note that I can't go inside anywhere because of quarantine, so teachers are making photos themselves, so some may be not the best quality, but I still hope you can use them in your newsletters.

