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JUNE 2021 UKRAINE MISSIONS NEWSLETTER!



Above Photo: June 28, 2021 the Dalraida Church of Christ received 288,288 bottles of hand sanitizer. This was the group that responded to the call for help. They had just unloaded 144,000 bottles and were waiting for the second truck to arrive! L to R: Freddie Johnston; "Gif" Gifford; Seth Martin; Dwight Davis; not pictured but present was Larry Brady who works with Panama Missions and Doug Schofield. We are in process of distributing this donation throughout our network of contacts!

Here is the June 2021 UKRAINE MISSIONS Newsletter.

Another month has concluded and incredibly we have begun the second half of 2021. In this month's reports you will read of the wonderful works our brethren are doing in Ukraine. There are a number of specific examples of the good progress being made.

Anya has sent several encouraging reports on the trade schools that are in progress in nine different orphanages in Ukraine. I am thankful to JERRY MAX MORGAN for launching this invaluable work. As you read Anya's reports you will read that several have been graduated from the orphanages BUT NOW they leave prepared for a job in that location. This is a new work, and it is still developing. There are so many positives that can result from this effort.

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"THE RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN LIFTED IN UKRAINE AND WE ARE BACK WORKING HARD WITH ZEAL AND DILIGENCE IN THE KINGDOM OF OUR HEAVENLY FATHER."

The year 2021 is half spent! It is amazing how quickly these six months have passed. Ivan aptly describes the time as "zipping-by." We definitely are in a better position now than at this point last year. Today we are closer to the Lord's return and the cessation of earthly trials and the beginning of the existence on the eternal sphere that we are now preparing for ourselves!

An amazing event during these first six months has been the distribution of hand sanitizer that was made available to us. Since January 2021 we have received and shipped 18 truckloads of hand sanitizer! Most of these have been shipped into foreign nations (Haiti; Malawi; Moldova; Togo) and were EACH valued at \$165,564.00! The hand sanitizer has been distributed within the USA: *the Graymere congregation* (Columbia, TN) took some of their mission trip to the Apache Nation Reservation; brethren from *the Dalraida congregation* have supplied a number of schools, clinics, disabled adult care facilities, summer camps, elderly care programs, and veterans' clinics in the Montgomery area with the product; Larry Stowe took 500 bottles for use by the inner-city work in Montgomery; *the Cedar Grove congregation* (Andalusia, AL) provided the entire student population with individual hand sanitizers (Covington County, AL); the Cedar Grove brethren also utilized the hand sanitizer in bags of benevolent supplies to nursing homes, adult care facilities, and the needy. A critical person in the overall success has been Charita!! The numbers are amazing—**1,224,288 BOTTLES have been received and most have been distributed!**

Adding to what we have done in Montgomery...the brethren in Holly Springs, MS have also distributed hand sanitizer to a number of locations. Because of shipping delays the product they had was short-dated and we could not ship overseas. They distributed locally to summer camps and to Freed-Hardeman's *HORIZONS* and Mid-South Youth camp. I am not sure of the numbers distributed but it was significant!

And, we still are offered TEN FULL TRUCKLOADS of hand sanitizer (58,500 in each load!). These can be distributed either to international or stateside locations. If you are interested in receiving this please let us know ASAP!

In this month's newsletter are reports from Ukraine that I think you will find very encouraging!

THANK YOU for your prayers, encouraging words and financial support that makes possible these reports.

—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

GIVEN IN THE LORD'S NAME

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

Greetings dear brothers and sisters in Christ. Time really slips past. This summer month has zipped-by like one day and we have come closer to meeting the Lord.

The restrictions have been lifted in Ukraine and we are back working hard with zeal and diligence in the Kingdom of our Heavenly Father.

The month of June was busy and rewarding. It took 7 months for 2 relief containers to get approved and cleared and there were many people in need of the things shipped in those containers. So, *more than 150 people have received humanitarian aid since the shipments cleared Customs.* All of them are grateful and open to hear the Word of God. We try to use every opportunity to show through deeds and words the things commanded by the Lord. We talk to people about salvation, the Lord's love, and the Church of Christ. Those who receive help thank the Church with tears in their eyes. They pray for our work. Indeed, it has become even more difficult to survive, especially in the countryside.

Our needy members received good summer clothes as well as heavier items. The villages of Zelena, Mala Kamianka, Grynivka, and Zhuravno of Lviv Region, received clothes and shoes.

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In the village of Grynivka, where Volodya Kuriy's aunt lives, we were told that had it not been for our aid, they would not know where to get clothes. Their clothes had worn out and their children had outgrown their clothes and they did not know what to do. Prices at stores were too high for them to buy.

Sveta gave a pair of shoes in one of the villages to a woman by the name of Tatiana. They were on the tight side for her and the decision was made to give them to the first person they would fit. Another woman came (Valentina was her name). She tried them on and gave a cry of joy. Then with tears in her eyes she explained that she had prayed to the Lord and He answered her prayers. The shoes were so nice and comfortable for her and even the color was what she had asked the Lord for. She did not have money to buy shoes and did not know what to do but God heard her. She had not spoken to anyone about that need of hers not wanting to be a burden to others, she had prayed and received an answer to her important need. The Lord paid attention. Glory to our Father forever and ever!

Maria, Volodya's aunt, had not been to Church for a long time. She had stopped coming after the death of her husband and then just would find various excuses not to come. She thought we would turn her down and would not help her but when she asked for help, we even gave her a ride home. She got a lot of good clothes and burst into penitent tears. Then she said she would love to come back to Church because we had not stopped loving her and thinking of her. God knocks at the doors of our hearts in different ways.

Here is another example. Luba Atamanchuck comes from the village of Zhuravno and there are four families there worshipping online with us and joining us for Wednesday Bible classes. We met through humanitarian aid and some of them already consider being baptized. We keep them and their

CHILDREN'S CLASSES IN VILLAGES



needs in our prayers. Maria, Luba's sister, has broken her arm and she has asked us to pray for her speedy recovery.

Dmytro Dmytrovych, Director of the Disabled Men's Home, received items for his residents. There are 300 men there. Dmytro Dmytrovych sends heartfelt thanks on behalf of the staff for the long-term support of the Disabled Home. Many American brethren have visited this Home and have seen the needs of the disabled men there. John Kachelman took a group of Americans there. Dmytro sends special thanks to John and he is always supportive of us when we have to deal with the administration. John helped to equip their new canteen and Gary and Ron from Hillsboro helped to equip their medical unit, assisted in getting medical supplies, wheelchairs, bed linens, pillows and blankets. These things have been given to them with your help, dear brethren. This work brings forth its fruit and improves living conditions of people victimized by the Communist system. These people have great needs.

We have studied the following lessons this month: Esther and Her Calling; Deuteronomy 26-29 – on Wednesdays. Sunday sermons addressed these topics: Our Daily Choice; What Should We Lean on in Life; Our Priorities. All men are diligent about this ministry. We always try to get the younger brothers involved serving God and people.

Construction of the Church building is progressing little by little. We are running power inside and do other inside jobs. Besides, we work on improving the site. Prices for materials have greatly increased but we try to be frugal.

Thank you, dear brethren, for help and prayers. We keep all of you in our prayers and thank God for our unity in the teaching of Christ and for His unconditional love to us.

In Christian love, Ivan and Svitlana

RUSLAN SKOLEBA'S NEWS...

Dear brothers and sisters! Greetings to you and best wishes on behalf of the Ivano-Frankivsk congregation. We thank God for making it possible for us to assemble and praise Him. Thank God, all members are alive and healthy. We look forward for the time when you can come here for fellowship. Construction of our Church building goes on. We do what we can ourselves.

We help single and needy members with food, which is possible only with your assistance. You have a great part in everything that's happening here.

May God bless you and your families. With love and respect, Ruslan

PAVLO TUZNICHENKO'S NEWS...

Peace and grace to you. Once again, I am happy to send my love and greetings to you, dear brothers and sisters. I am always thankful to the Lord for people's hearts He opens up to support the less fortunate ones with such love, understanding, and sympathy. Big thanks to you for the support you provide so that the Word of God can be preached all over the world.

Here is my report for the work done during June 2021. We continue giving away humanitarian aid to various medical institutions, orphanages, schools. We also give away food and clothes to people in Ivano-Frankivsk and the

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entire Region. Everybody receiving aid is so grateful to you for it. They thank God who works through you and me on this earth.

Big thanks to you on behalf of all of us for the relief containers that you shipped here. The aid has been distributed to those in need presenting good opportunities to evangelize and preach the Word of God.

Our Correspondence Bible courses go on and I still have students to teach and the material we study is very instructive to me as well. We have studied the following topic: "Basics of the Christian Faith and Personal Evangelism." It is a very practical study giving us a better understanding of the things we should hold onto and ways to bring forth more fruit in God's vineyard.

I help as much as I can in the construction of our Church building where we will worship our Lord. Big thanks to you for the help with the construction. Had it not been for your support we would have never reached the point where we are now.

As always, I pray and ask the Lord to give a strong spirit to all those who have decided to follow Him. I pray asking Him to give me wisdom and love to be a better servant in His vineyard. Please, pray together with me for the Lord to add many more people to His church; for the growth of His church all over the world; for those who have not come to the right path to follow Him; for peace in this country. I keep all of you in my prayers and thank you for your help, love, and support. Good health, God's love and blessings to you!

In Christian love, your brother Pavlo

VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTERS REPORT...BY ANYA

I wanted to send you photos from Alexandria orphanage! We managed to finally visit them on Saturday. In fact, I scheduled it so that I could be there at the lesson. It was super-hot that day (40C, record-breaking). Everyone was talking and running around and needed attention, especially the little ones, but I managed to get some photos.



They were working on the dolls, but on Monday Inna sent photos of the older children making masks! They were really good, plus, very handy because we still need to wear masks.

They taught me to make a flower bow-tie for one of their cute toys! These children are very kind, they have made some toys for themselves to play with and they also gave me a bag of toys to take home, so that I could share them with other children in orphanages or rehab! They know that I visit several orphanages and they wanted to share!!! I was deeply touched!

Little red head Kira with a cat on her shirt is also Inna's student, like many other little ones, every time I come I see that she's a cute little trouble-maker running around non-stop Hehehe 😊

Also, I want you to meet one really cute girl Nastia. She is on the photo by herself holding a toy in a kind of greyish stripy shirt. Nastia is a graduate this year. And she told me that she would like to become a seamstress! She likes the lessons with Inna very much. I have

FACES IN THE VILLAGES YOU HAVE BLESSED!

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talked about it more and from what I understand they will try to get Nastia into a trade school and apply for several fields and see where she will be taken and where the conditions are better. But in any case, she will still return to the orphanage after the lessons in the trade school, so she will continue studying with Inna! And I will hope that she will manage to get into this field, if she really wants it!



I have received photos from Inna. She is inventing new things for them to try in terms of sewing. She says that even little ones are getting better, even though it is still hard for them to cut straight and hold the needle and use it. But step by step and things will get better, it just takes time. All of the kids are very enthusiastic about the lessons. 😊 Inna made a postcard with the kids.

Here is the news from the Blind orphanage...We got them more things to use for the massage room. We managed to find very handy devices that include special massage stick, balls and so on. There is a very interesting device, it is a mat and a pillow, they are used for influencing blood circulation and relaxing the back and neck, the circles are rather sharp, there is also a device for fingers and special mats for feet, etc. Ludmila (the lady teaching massage) says so many thanks to you!

This orphanage has "specialized" classes/groups. They are the ones that lag behind other children in mental development due to their visual disabilities and other special needs. They had lessons to learn planting and taking care of flowers, bushes, soil, etc. It is a project for such children during warm time of the year. It is easier for them, as they cannot learn the massage. In fact, Kremenchuk has a trade school that takes graduates willing to study landscape design. Some time ago Jerry helped them with spades, buckets, gloves, and other gardening items. This is really wonderful that kids can learn so much and try their skills in such fields!!!



Yulia, our hairdresser instructorQQ in Gradizhsk is saying thank you so much for all your help! It is tremendous support for all children who are enjoying their lessons with her. Children of different ages come and show interest in this field and both boys and girls. We bought a really cool professional hair curler with adjustable heat, wave length and height! They did not have such, so the girls will be thrilled! Other things were covers, sprinklers, etc. I am sending photos of hairstyling all done by

the students!!! As you can see, the kids have done such a great job! They are very talented!

Inna is planning to make a special developing toy for Yulia's rehabilitation center. It is soft with tiny objects inside that you can find, like buttons and it can be taken apart! 😊



Lubov, the principal assistant at the TB orphanage, is saying hello to you and many thanks! The staff is happy that they will have the materials to work with. This is the greetings that all send to you because of your compassion and love that offers these children a future!