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JULY 2021 UKRAINE MISSIONS NEWSLETTER!



Above Photo:

The Cedar Grove Church of Christ in Andalusia, AL was the first to get loads of the hand sanitizer and distribute it in the Lord's service! Here is a group of the ladies there who fills personal bags for the Savannah Terrace Care Facility and two hospice units in Andalusia, AL. In addition to helping the congregations, the Church also helped the Covington County Schools, Laverne, AL, Crenshaw County hospital, and the Laverne schools!

Here is the July 2021 UKRAINE MISSIONS Newsletter!

In this newsletter you will read amazing happenings in Ukraine. There was so much that I had to select and edit only a few events. One event lacking in the newsletter is the distribution of hand sanitizer from our Montgomery warehouse. We have been constantly involved in distribution. I will prepare a report later but I wanted to highlight some of the action here. When the Governor's office heard that we were willing to give away the hand sanitizer, we received tremendous assistance. At this point it appears we may have distributed in the Lord's Name into every county in Alabama!

The Governor's office sent a statewide letter advising the availability and scheduling pick up times. Here is a copy of the communications: "Good afternoon Mr. Jones, Thank you for submitting your request. **We are very thankful for this donation from the Dalriada Church of Christ.** We have you on the list for pickup of 1 pallet of the 3 oz hand sanitizer and 2 pallets of the 8 oz hand sanitizer on Monday, August 9, 2021, at 10:00 AM. This donation will be used to serve 900 families and 1,800 weekend kids food bags in Sylacauga and Birmingham, and in five counties in Central Alabama."

Larry Stowe & Jack Jackson have been persistent and the congregation is receiving some positive PR <https://www.alabamaneews.net/2021/08/04/montgomery-church-donates-hand-sanitizer-to-pike-road-schools/>

From the Pike Road, AL School's Facebook post we were told: "It looks like we have had 121 likes, 4 comments and 2 shares. The overall reach of the post is 3,319, which is well above average for posts we made in July. Here is a link to the post: <https://www.facebook.com/pikeroadschools/posts/1849945125212664>



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Bible classes in Village Zelena continue. We have adult classes and classes for children.

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“IN THE LORD IS OUR POWER!”

The second half of 2021 began with constant activity. At home we continued receiving requests for hand sanitizer and responded to requests from many churches, school systems, elderly focused works, healthcare facilities and veterans' groups. A number of congregations are utilizing this as a means of showing compassion and concern to their communities.

Efforts focused on overseas actions continue to be slowed by the absurd increase in cost to ship humanitarian aid containers (Charita received a quote of \$11,000 to ship into Ukraine to a location that previously only cost \$5,000 +/-). During July we loaded three containers—Honduras (out of Holly Springs, MS), Ternipol, Ukraine and Toretsk, Ukraine (out of Ft. Smith, AR). Our Judsonia/Searcy, AR location has been on “hold” to load three containers (1 to Guatemala, 2 to Ukraine). Our Montgomery, AL location has a warehouse stuffed with approximately 300,000 bottles of hand sanitizer; 21 pallets of PPE supplies; and, 24 pallets of new medical disposable supplies. This is in addition to the inventory that was already there. We are being held hostage by the lunacy that has taken control of worldwide shipping!

Even in the midst of this world's upheavals and obfuscations, the Lord's Church is marching onward! Efforts in many locations are very encouraging. In this month's newsletter you are able to read a select number of these reports—there are just too many to include all!

Thank you for your prayers, encouraging words and financial support that is so critical in these tumultuous times. Your generosity helps us to assist thousands throughout the world in the Name of our Lord!

—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

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

Kind regards to you, dear brothers and sisters! Times flows fast just like waters of a rapid stream. And this month has flown just like one day. The month of July brought strong storms with lightnings and showers to Western Ukraine preceded by sweltering heat.

We praise God for we were able to worship at our meeting place without any restrictions. People still catch COVID and we do observe precautions. Here, in Western Ukraine, the situation has greatly improved and now we have access to various groups, schools, hospitals, children's homes. There are fewer infections, people take vaccines to be able to travel during the summer break. We take care of the Church and try hard as we can to help people understand that man lives not by bread only but in the spirit, we also need food and support through the Word of God. With this purpose in view, we teach Bible classes and pray on a regular basis.

LADIES DAY HOSTED BY THE LYSETS CHURCH!



Vova and Julia opened their home for the women that attend the Lysets Church. We first played water balloons and different ones tried to catch them. I was asked to teach a short class. I talked about Esther.



At our Sunday assemblies, we studied the following topics: “Christian Awareness”, “Apostle Paul’s Ministry”, “Our Awareness and Commitment to Our Ministry”, “Understanding of What it Means to Be a Christian in the World”. Examples were taken from Ephesians, 1st Corinthians. These sermons stressed how important it is for us, followers of Jesus Christ and His Church, to understand and remember that we should change ourselves and share the Word of God with other people telling them about God’s grace, about salvation and reconciliation through Christ. We observe God changing people, using different circumstances for us to have right priorities in life. Indeed, wonderful is His work and glory be to Him forever and ever! Church of Christ has gained a good credibility in Ivano-Frankivsk and the Region. Through our good deeds we are known and talked about.

This month, a Christian couple from Chernivtsi visited us – Nicholy and Tamara. They moved to Ivano-Frankivsk. They might place membership with us and we pray for their children to join the Church. The children live in Ivano-Frankivsk.

The men of the congregation help the needy members as well as those who we support and teach. For example, we met a man by the name of Valentine at a parking lot. He is retired and moonlights as a watchman at the parking lot. About a year ago he told us that his wife was sick and he had borrowed money and was paying it back so they hardly had money to live on. We decided to help the family with food on a monthly basis. They were very surprised and thanked God. They are open to the Word of God and read the Bible. We invite them to Church but they are still afraid to attend and be criticized by people for attending a church that rents rooms and does not have its own building.

The local people have a hard time to accept that Orthodox cathedrals are not the only places to worship God. They learn tradition at their mother’s knees, which has been the case for 400 years, thus it takes a long time and much pain to change that mindset.

The men of the congregation work hard to complete construction of our church building. Work goes on even though somewhat slowly and a good progress has been made. We have to deal with a lot of paperwork as a result of Ukraine’s integration into Europe since many construction norms and standards have changed and caused us additional expenses. Big thanks to you, dear American brethren, for the financial support of this construction. Had it not been for you we would never be able to build such an awesome building. The city is closely watching us and Orthodox priests have set some people against us. Praise God who is protecting us. We ask the Lord to bless this work richly and everybody who’s a part of it, so that many souls in this area could find peace at Christ’s feet.

We pray for God to keep our members from going abroad for jobs and for them to be able to find good and worthy jobs in this country. Although four members had to leave for Check Republic, Poland, Germany and Holland to work there, they always join our live streaming as they realize the importance of being a member of the Church.

Our work and teaching in Zelena continues. It is the hay season now and Bogdan’s family is busy making and storing hay, which they will use to feed their cattle in winter. Despite working hard, the whole family always attends services. Their relatives come to classes as well and we talk much about the Lord and His Word.

CHILDREN'S TRADE SCHOOL



The sewing lessons at the Alexandria orphanage: Inna has 3 boys in her groups and they are doing a good job. The latest project was making shopping bags...Finally, we managed to get an overlock sewing machine to take care of the fabric edges. They are very happy about it! In general, things are going really great! The kids are enjoying the lessons and Inna is very creative and enthusiastic!



Bogdan has a brother by the name of Alex, whose wife is sick. A nervous breakdown caused her blindness. She has had an emergency surgery and we pray for her eyesight to come back so that she could read the Bible. Besides, we keep Luba Atamanchuk's sister in our prayers. She fell and broke her arm. We pray for the arm to heal since she lives in the village where there is always much work to do and working with only one arm is a challenge. Our benevolent work in the village of Mala Kamianka goes on as well. Our daughter-in-law's sister and her husband went to Poland to work and Maria is watching their kids because there is nobody else to help them out in this situation. She is all by herself watching seven children.

As for construction, we continue working on electric power lines. I reckon we should be done with it by the middle of July. Now we need funds for the heating, sewage and plumbing. Prices on all materials increased in July. We try to do a lot of work on our own but materials are expensive and prices go up all the time. May the Lord help you and open up opportunities to you in the work that you do and in everything you do to support us. Together we sure will see this project through. Ruslan, Koyla and other men are busy wiring the building. We hope to be done with it before the deadline.

Anya went to Germany while on school break. She would like to earn her own money. She will come back in September to resume her studies at the Medical University. We look forward to seeing some of you in fall. We always enjoy our fellowship with you. Every trip here that you make is a blessing to us because more people come to church after your visits. We love you and always thank God for His overwhelming grace to be a part of the Kingdom of Christ our Savior together with all of you.

We love you! Greetings from my family. In the Lord is our power!

RUSLAN SKOLEBA'S NEWS...

Greetings, brothers and sisters! I'm thankful to God that I can write you. I remember everybody who came to Ukraine and whom I know personally. Indeed, those were blessed times of fellowship but you fully understand it in the course of time. And now we are blessed for you remember us and support us though not with your physical presence but with prayers despite the changes that God has introduced in the life of mankind through COVID. May the Lord bless you and your families for this.

Church is doing fine here. All men are busy working on the construction as well as church ministries. Now, we are wiring ourselves. Brother Andrew will write more about construction in his report.

We know that you're planning a trip here. We pray and ask God to help you carry out these plans.

Best regards from the Church in Ivano-Frankivsk and from me personally.
Sincerely yours, Ruslan

PAVLO TUZNICHENKO'S NEWS...

I am sending my love and greetings to you, dear brothers and sisters. May peace, love and grace abide in your lives. I always thank the Lord for you and your prayers. Besides, I ask the Lord to give wisdom, love, understanding and concern for our neighbors to all of us so that we could work even harder in God's vineyard and gather more treasures in Heaven, and save more souls that are in desperate need of God, His grace and love.



I continue teaching the correspondence Bible course and the recent tests were a success. It is encouraging to see people show zeal and desire for the knowledge of the Word of God. Please, continue praying for these classes that I teach and for my students so that they will apply the knowledge gained in the course of studies and bring forth plentiful fruit in God's vineyard.

I rejoice being involved in the busy life of the Church and helping with humanitarian aid distribution. We gave away large portions of aid last month. Those receiving it gave special thanks for clothes and shoes, which you lovingly collected for those in need. Besides, we gave away various medical supplies, wheelchairs, potty-chairs, crutches, walkers, hospital beds. I trust the Lord that many more people will be added to the army of Christ through this aid. Please, pray with me for the operations to continue.

We look forward to your upcoming trip here so that once again we would have great fellowship with you building up one another. As usual, I ask the Lord to bless with a strong spirit all those that have decided to follow Him. And I fervently pray for Him to give me wisdom and love to be a better laborer in His vineyard.

Brethren, please, pray 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 people who have not found the right path to follow Christ, for peace in this country.

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

In Christian love, your brother Pavlo

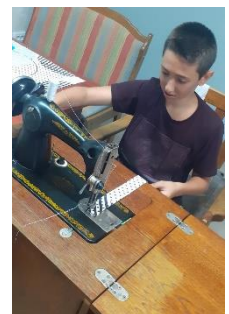


VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTERS REPORT...BY ANYA



The sewing lessons at the Alexandria orphanage are going on actively, Inna even has 3 boys in her groups and they are doing a good job. The latest project was making shopping bags. They are quite handy and the kids enjoyed doing it. In fact, they made a lot and even shared with their teacher/mentors and such. I bought them a special fabric that is rather hard and slick for this purpose and these bags can be used for drawing with acrylic paint.

Finally, we managed to get an overlock sewing machine to take care of the fabric edges. They are very happy about it! In general, things are going really great! The kids are enjoying the lessons and Inna is very creative and enthusiastic!



The Sight Impaired orphanage, as you remember, asked for more things for their planting and taking care of plants classes. We've done some shopping for the massage room as well, but most of the things we bought were for the planting room, I have used some of the extra money that Jerry has sent for this.

We bought many tools/devices for them to use, pots, soil, seeds, they are thinking about remodeling one small room as a sort of "greenhouse." They need to fix the floor, put shelves and special lighting. They haven't figured the cost yet, this is just an idea for the future. And it will be done gradually, of course. Maybe we'll get shelves, then lighting and such. The teacher is working on this.



FACES IN THE VILLAGES YOU HAVE BLESSED!



“Our work and teaching in Zelena continues. It is the hay season now and Bogdan’s family is busy making and storing hay, which they will use to feed their cattle in winter. Despite working hard, the whole family always attends services.”



I have photos from TB Orphanage, I made a delivery at the end of the month. The staff thanks you very much for the help provided. They will have a new teacher for sewing and she seems to be quite creative and energetic, so they should have a lot going on.

We bought many meters of fabric, special puffy stuff for making toys or oven gloves, lots of ribbons, thread, wooden measuring meter, special soft fabric (sheets of different color) to cut out decorative pieces, rubber threads, silver/gold decorative threads, etc.

Dear friends, can you please, pray for my mom Larisa, she's going to another doctor tomorrow, last week after the ultrasound she was told to consult a kidney specialist and oncologist due to lymph nodes on the neck that are enlarged and a polyp in the kidney. Please, pray things aren't that bad...And please, also pray for dad, Alex, we'll go to another city on the 22nd to consult a surgeon for operation. Dad's shoulder isn't good, because due to the childhood broken bone and wrong operation now so many years after it's causing problems to the tendon and can ruin it completely, which may result in total loss of hand movement. And such operations aren't done in our city.

Thank you for prayers, Hugs, Anya

WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP IN LYSETS...BY TANYA

I would like to say a few words about the women's fellowship in Lysets July 30. Vova and Julia opened up their hospitable home for the women that attend the Lysets Church and their children. I was kindly invited as well. Different activities were planned and everybody had a great time. We first played water balloons and different ones tried to catch them. Both adults and children laughed their heads off and had a good workout, too. We had a meal afterwards—vegetable/sausage/cheese skewers that the children had put together and then I was asked to teach a short class. I talked about Esther and we had a very good discussion during the class and long after it. Nobody wanted to leave. We sure need fellowship like that because it draws us closer, helps us understand the Word of God better and refreshes our spirits. Big thanks to Vova and Julia for the invitation.



Left to right at the back: Julia, Valentine (neighbor's son), me, Sasha and Yana with Nika in front of us, Luda (Sasha's mom), Alina (Sasha's cousin), Anya (Sasha's husband's sister), Left to right up front: Evangelina (Alina's daughter), Mathew (Anya's nephew), David (Anya's son)

BILL & LYUBA WHARTON...GREATLY APPRECIATED!

“Hi, John. Thanks for sending us the most recent data about the building project in Ivano-Frankivsk. Yesterday evening I was allowed 30 minutes in an elders’ meeting. I spent a good bit of my time describing the need for the building in Ivano-Frankivsk. As the meeting closed, the elders asked that I send them a proposal for any priority activities in our ministry. I hope they will respond favorably. Thanks for your help in this endeavor.”