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September/October 2021 UKRAINE MISSIONS NEWSLETTER!



Photo: Calen Colquitt spent his time in the village Zelena teaching in the schools and conducting home Bible classes. Here is one of the school classes that he visited.

Here is the September/October 2021 UKRAINE MISSIONS Newsletter.

It has been a difficult task to condense two months of reports and actions into one. I have had to omit many wonderful things. But I think the reports will give you an indication of the wonderful happenings with which you have been associated. Here are just a sampling of the reports:

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THANK YOU for your involvement in this amazing work!

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Read the report at:
<https://www.kachelman.com/ukraine/blog/2021/10/08/report-12-october-7-2021/>

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“I ALWAYS PRAY FOR YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP, LOVE, AND SUPPORT.”

This newsletter combines reports from September and October. The schedule was crammed with actions and no time to send a report for each month (and now it is November!). During these months, you had constant reporting on the mission trip and the amazing actions that developed. I continue to receive communication and updates from all involved in the meetings and contacts made. I know you were encouraged by the trip reports from Caleb, Gif and Nate as they sent back their impressions and thoughts.

After arriving back in Montgomery, I traveled to Pearl, MS where a nursing home donated 58 beds/mattresses for our shipping. Four congregations assisted in the project. These beds were shipped to Ghana. I hope to get a separate report out on this wonderful day.

Following the project in Pearl, MS I traveled to Columbia & Nashville, TN where I joined brethren who had taught a medical seminar with HMI in Ivano-Frankivsk (This is the seminar that Drs Gary Jerkins, Ron Swang and John Durham have conducted three times. They enlisted the partnership of many Christians in the medical profession and made a big impact in Ukraine! The seminar this year was the largest yet.). In Nashville we had a delightful meeting with the Majority Leader of the Ghanaian Parliament. This official came to explore the possibility of developing assistance for his country. Our dear brother Emmanuel arranged this meeting and is working to help the Lord’s Church have a big impact in Ghana.

I returned from Tennessee and unloaded two truckloads of PPE supplies from CURE (Ft. Smith, AR). These supplies will be shipped to some, unknown at this time, place.

While I was in Ukraine the Montgomery warehouse was a beehive—we prepped, loaded and shipped out containers to Moldova, Nigeria and Panama. We also received another shipment of 27 pallets of the 8 oz hand sanitizer that we need to distribute quickly.

The trip to Ukraine was very profitable. The Church is doing well and the construction on the meetinghouse is progressing. They plan to begin meeting in the building at the New Year.

And, this is the time of the year where I need to send out support requests for 2022. I do appreciate those who financially support me so that the events, actions, projects and accomplishments that are reported every month are possible. THANK YOU!

I could write much more about the past two months actions but I want you to read the good reports from those who are your partners in the Lord’s work!

—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

*THE LIGHT,
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One family that had received aid from us before, asked for help again and said they would like to come to Bible classes. Those were Yura, his wife Masha, and their children Misha and Natasha.

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

Greetings to you, dear brothers and sisters in our Lord Jesus Christ. Another month has passed and brought us closer to meeting our Lord. Our life flies so fast that we fail to do a lot of things as we run out of time. But we thank God for everything, for all opportunities He presents to us every day. September was a good and warm month. The men of the congregation were able to catch up on construction works, and finished wiring of the first floor. Now we are getting the auditorium ready. If everything goes as planned and without a hitch, then we would like to have our first worship assembly in our new assembly hall in December. We are bringing all our strength into play to reach this goal.

We continue helping people, giving away aid to the needy, hospitals, and children's homes. We preach the Gospel. Some change their thinking to faith. But it depends on how open their hearts are. Some heed and some get angry saying, "Where's that God? Look at what is going on around us."

And it is not only the pandemic that hurts Ukraine badly but also the war that has been for seven years. It is a great problem causing discouragement. Despair is in the eyes of many people. Even young ones cannot stand it and leave the country looking for better conditions.

We thank God for church of Christ, where our Lord protects His children and takes care of them. We are grateful to all of you, our dear brothers and sisters, for your prayers and your gracious love to us. We thank you for our brethren who come to teach classes here – brother John Durham who came a week ahead of John Kachelman and taught good Bible classes with practical illustrations. Then John Kachelman came and continued teaching on the Book of Colossians, which he started while he was here last time. His lessons built up and inspired the Church. Those were uplifting lessons that encouraged our Christians and reminded us of our unity in Christ. Besides, John Kachelman visited Yaremche where he gave an American flag to Mayor Andriy Ivanovych that our brother Chip McEwen had sent. The mayor was thrilled and gave many thanks and invited American youth for a visit to make plans for future joint events.

October is now over. The month was filled with joyful events. One more soul entered into the covenant with the Lord through immersion. Glory to our Creator for salvation that is still open to people who want to reconcile with God and receive forgiveness of sins.

Petr, the father of our sister Galyna, spent several years meditating on this step. He would come to discuss different topics and ask questions dealing with the Holy Scripture when we were there on Sundays. He always had many questions for he read the Bible.

John Kachelman immersed Peter and told him that he was to set up an example for others. Peter's eyes were glowing. He made up his mind not to do sinful things which used to seem alright to him. And people were astonished to see him give up things he had done for many years.

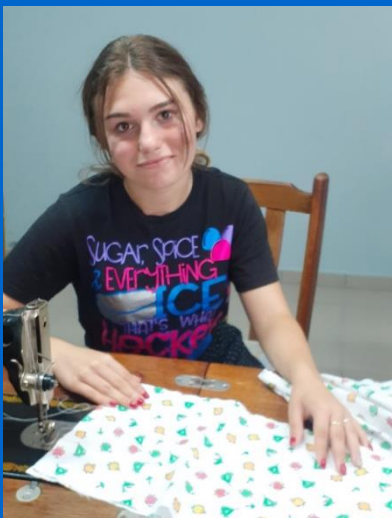
In October we could move without restrictions and we could meet our American guests and have fellowship with them being encouraged and built up in spirit. The time we spent together was blessed with joyful fellowship and good lessons.

ANYA'S AMAZING REPORTS ON THE TRADE SCHOOL CLASSES!

Dear friends,

I have more photos from Alexandria (sewing school). Kids have started couple of new projects. Inna says it's a very important project that will open doors for them in life! Thank you so much for it!!! The sight orphanage is working hard to teach kids new things and letting them use new devices that you have helped to buy. Thank you very much to everyone for making it possible. Your work really helps change lives :):)

Most kids in the orphanage come either from very poor background or have grandparents taking care of them.



Together with John K we visited a children's shelter that had received different supplies from the Church to help the children and the staff in their hard but necessary job. John's son-in-law (Brian Coggins) has gathered a group of brothers and sisters interested in helping the needy. So they work with the Church and had sent toy bears made by sisters at Church. Children at the shelter were excited to get those toys. Besides, we brought office supplies, clothes, hygiene supplies and bought medicines for these children. On top of that, we bought table cloths and a commercial kitchen sink on behalf of the Church.

The Director of the shelter, VasyI, used to say that all religious beliefs were good in their own way. After seeing the compassion, this time he said he was open to talk with us about the Lord and to hear the teachings of church of Christ.

John Kachelman also visited Mykulychyn, namely, the hospital which we had helped. Many people were thankful to the Lord for those helping them at such a trying time. John visited Ugornyky as well, where he met with Mayor Lubov. He gave a blood pressure device to their medical unit there. Unfortunately, with the beginning of a lockdown we could not visit either the school or kindergarten.

John was able to meet with doctors of a District Hospital here and the Dalraida church and those who support John's work gave funds to buy desks and cabinet for one of the doctor's offices where the men of the congregation had repaired the floor and walls.

Our brothers Caleb, Gif and Nate from Dalraida visited us as well. They edified the Church, and had a good fellowship with brothers and sisters. Our younger members were able to spend time with young Christians from America. Such fellowship is very good and instructive for young people allowing them to learn more about one another's life and ministry. Our Church grows and we need to see how big churches function. These three young brothers were a great example and encouragement.

We made a good progress with construction in October. The first floor is wired now and we have moved to the second floor. In October the boiler was purchased and a boiler house built. So now heating work has begun.

The Church here is very thankful to all helping us in our ministry as we preach the Gospel, share the Word of the Lord, and draw others to Church of Christ through our lives so they would find peace, joy and salvation for their souls.

Big thanks to the Hillsboro Church for the seminar they held at the Medical University where Ukrainian teachers and students could see American Christians in action. The seminar will help Ukrainian medical students in their challenging profession of helping people. We thank brothers Gary, Ron and Henry who labor in the mission field in Ukraine help us to serve our Lord in many ways. Big thanks to all who took part in the conference. We thank or dear sister Patrice and all participants and all those who made the conference possible.

We already have FIVE Christians in Zelena and there are four more families that come to classes that Svitlana and I teach every week. One family that had received aid from us before, asked for help again and said they would like to come to Bible classes. Those were Yura, his wife Masha, and their children

Greetings from Yulia, all kids love learning more and practicing more. Yulia gave out many hair pins from our September delivery! The kids are very excited with these items! Thank you so much for everything, it's absolutely great! She also says that she has some new students visiting her classes and there seems to be also a bit more younger ones. This makes it harder to work, as they need to be careful cutting the hair, but the earlier they start the better they will master things thru playing and such.

I have some photos from TB. They now have a new teacher. The previous one had to retire due to bad health issues. Now the lady who is teaching sewing seems to be very active and nice. Her name is Alexandra.



Alexandria orphanage decided to make stuffed toys for the kids' exhibition and will give them away after this.

Misha and Natasha. We continue praying for Ivan and Lily's family. Ivan has a drinking problem, and Lily is thinking of being baptized.

There are two large families that are our concern – one has seven boys and the other has eleven boys and one girl. These families are in dire straits. Please, pray for this ministry.

The fourth wave of COVID lockdowns has been announced beginning November 1. We are being warned that events could be held and public places visited only by fully vaccinated people. Fines are high so we have decided to worship online until we can assemble again.

Please, pray for the Church here, for our members, and for our growth in spirit.

Big thanks to you, dear brothers and sisters, for making missionary trips to Ukraine possible. The Kingdom of God is growing all over the world despite hardships. God always has zealous hearts that are concerned and do all they can for His glory. We love you and thank you for prayers and support.

In Christian love, Ivan and Svitlana

RUSLAN SKOLEBA'S NEWS...

Greetings to all of you on behalf of the Church here!

This month has been full of guests. First was John Durham who taught a series of classes as he usually does when he comes to Ivano-Frankivsk. John Kachelman inspired us with the word from God that He put in his heart. All of us were happy to see Gif and meet Nathan. These two brothers met with the men of the congregation to discuss all the questions that Johnny suggested in his email.

Please, do not worry about those who visit us because they are home here. Those who have visited us will understand.

We are thrilled with Caleb's classes in Zelena and are thankful for them. Everybody liked them very much. Big thanks to God and you for providing ways for these people to come here and share the Word of God with us. Everybody visiting us this month has been to many points of our full-scale ministry. I am sure that all the visitors have shared their impressions and the work done within the time you did not come to Ivano-Frankivsk and is being done now, which is both construction and growth in spirit.

It was a great pity that Chip could not come. We were looking forward to having the remaining group come and were thankful that Caleb recovered but great sorrow because Chip was not recovered.

We are making a good progress with our church building and we thank God and you for that. We are forever thankful that you have not abandoned us but continue supporting our work. We keep you in our prayers. May God keep you safe in this pandemic.

Thank you for your concern and support. Every visitor whom God brought here these two months has demonstrated this attitude.

May God bless you and your families with His love and grace.

Sincerely Yours, Ivano-Frankivsk brethren and Ruslan

PAVLO TUZNICHENKO'S NEWS...

Please take a look at the photos! They are saying hello and thank you for the help! Inna wanted one extra sewing machine, she wanted a specific one, and she found one in a very condition, but it's used. I asked why she agreed for used, but new, but she explained that she wanted this brand and type and it was from another country and more reliable. I paid for it and they are waiting for delivery. She'll send pictures when it's there.

Thank you very much for helping this orphanage! It's a great skill to learn! God bless everyone who helps you do such great things for the people of Ukraine!

Hugs, Anya.

Ps: could you please pray for my friend Tanya, was diagnosed with breast cancer. Should be operated in December thank you.



My dear brothers and sisters, love and greetings to you. I thank our Lord and Savior for you, for your love, support, and prayers that all churches of Christ throughout the world need. Your concern and care encourage us to labor in God's vineyard with optimism and assurance. I give thanks to the Lord who brings His children together so that we can enjoy fellowship and work together.

Here is my report on the work done during September and October. As always, I rejoice as I continue to labor in God's vineyard where I help conduct worship services on Sundays and am involved in the busy life of the Church, fellowship.

We continue the distribution of humanitarian aid that you ship here talking to people about the Great Creator who opens up our hearts to these actions. And it is my hope that they will make the right choice and will join in with God, not Satan. We have given aid to medical institutions, orphanages, and schools. We also give away food and clothes to people in Ivano-Frankivsk and villages around it. Those receiving the aid thank God and you for the work He is doing through us. A lot of clothes and medical equipment have been given away. I want to thank you for the relief shipments you have sent to Ukraine to help people needing the items you took time to collect with such love.

We started repairing a doctor's office in one of our clinics. I continue teaching the correspondence Bible course to my beloved students. It is a pity though that some of them have been concerned more with their daily routine and have not taken enough time to study the Word of God. I pray to the Lord on their behalf to give them wisdom so that they will understand there is no sense in clinging to worldly things that come and go and that they must strive to follow our God for our choice here on earth will decide where we will be in eternity. Other than that, classes are going well. I ask God to bless me in this ministry giving me wisdom to teach the truth untwisted. Brethren, please, pray with me about it. I hope that through this ministry the Lord's family will grow by at least a few souls.

Thank you for the containers that you ship to Ukraine to support those needing the items that you collect with such love. I ask the Lord to bless you in everything you do. May He bless you with good health so that you can work in His vineyard for many more years. We look forward to your next trip to Ukraine so that once again we will have a good outreach and fellowship.

Our construction is going on. We have almost finished the extension for the boiler that will heat the building. We are finishing up the repairs of a doctor's office in one of the hospitals here.

I'm so thankful that you helped our American brethren to come to Ukraine so that we could spread the Word of God and mature in spirit together with them.

I always pray to the Lord asking Him to give a strong spirit to those who have decided to follow Him and I also ask Him to give me wisdom and love to be a better servant 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 who have not come to the right path to follow Christ, and for peace in this country.

DISTRIBUTION IN THE LORD'S NAME!



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Please, pray for my family, for my children and their health, and for me to be a worthy father capable of teaching spiritual matters to them. I always pray for you. Thank you for your help, love, and support. Good health, God's love and grace to you.

In Christian love, brother Pavlo

NEWS FROM ANDREW LAGNO...

Congratulations, dear brothers and sisters.

We hope you are well. You are always in our prayers. Thank you for your congratulations and support.

My wife and I continue our ministry in Yaremche. We meet people, families, visit an orphanage. We try to keep in touch with everyone with whom the Lord brings us together. This time we brought and distributed buckets and blankets for children, which were given to us by brothers and sisters from the Church through Chip. Please accept the sincere gratitude from every child who will be able to enjoy the warmth of your hearts.

We also carry out humanitarian work with the local hospital and clinic where we handed over much-needed medical supplies. A new, long-awaited ECG machine was brought to the clinic and handed over that Chip had shipped. The joy of this help cannot be expressed in words, but you can see the happy faces of the staff. Also, a device for detecting COVID, gloves, protective masks, gowns and more. For which everyone was very grateful and the staff and visitors.

We communicate with staff, management, and patients about reconciliation with God in Christ. We come across people of different views and try to draw their attention to self-reading the Bible.

We hope you remember Volodymyr, a guy who suffered from violence as a teenager by drunken and unbalanced boys. As a result, he was hospitalized with a skull injury and became disabled. He lives with his grandmother, Mrs. Galina, on whom he is very dependent. We visit them and also try to introduce him to God's word that can change his life. He listens to the audio bible and connects to the Church's online ministry. They asked you to thank you all for your prayers and support.

We miss you, we hope to see you soon, we pray for you and your families. May the Lord protect everyone!

With love in Christ, Andrew and Marina Lagno

FROM GHANA, EMMANUEL SENDS THIS REPORT



Hello dear brother John, greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Happy blessed Lord's Day.

THE CHURCH IN IVANO- FRANKIVSK

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Once again, thank you dearly for your passion towards the Lord's Church and impacting humanity with God's love that opens their hearts to His Words. I am always grateful for your support, encouragement, edification and guidance.

Yesterday, I fellowship with a new Congregation in Akim-Oda, at Eastern Region of Ghana (above photo). A Community with population over 60,000. I am currently working at a private community hospital in the Town. Together with the leaders, we are planning to introduce Community Medical Outreaches combined with Evangelism.

Please, Honorable Annoh-Dompreh Frank, Minister of Parliament and Majority Chief Whip of Ghana's Parliament, the sponsor of your humanitarian aid (60 Electric beds and mattresses) plans to visit USA from 1st November, 2021 and return to Ghana on the 6th November, 2021. Please, he will like to visit you, Charita and your Team to express our gratitude in person for your great humanitarian support, and hope to foster long term collaboration.

Please is it possible for you to give him the opportunity to visit you? (NOTE: *This meeting was arranged in Nashville, TN by Gary Jerkins, Ron Swang, John Durham and those that went to conduct the HMI medical seminar in Ukraine in October.*)

Thank you dearly for your great efforts in hosting Honorable Frank in your awesome State on my behalf. Please do extend my heartfelt gratitude to the brethren and to your good self as well. This mean so much for me, the Lord's Church in Ghana, HMI organization and our dream projects for our Motherland, Ghana (especially, HMI Christian Medical School including its own Teaching Hospital Project Lord willing in future to serve Ghanaians, Africa and beyond to train "Great Physicians" as our Conference seeks to do).

I know your meeting with him will boost our relationship with him and aid us to gain his assistance in clearing future humanitarian aids you will send through our NGO, HMI Ghana for the Lord's Churches in Ghana Medical MISSIONS and Outreaches as a medium for Evangelism in various deprived communities across our country.

You and your entire Team in the Lord's Army at Dalraida continues to be in my daily thoughts and prayers.

Thank you for all that you do for the Lord and His Church as well as humanity across the globe. I am always inspired and encouraged anytime I receive your email with the great works by the Dalraida congregation. The saints from here send our brothers and sisters at Dalraida greetings in the Lord.

I am eternally grateful for your support and guidance. Thank you for your exemplary works for the Lord's Church and humanity. God bless! I am praying for the good Lord to use me and my Team in Ghana to advance His purpose for His Church and win more souls for Kingdom through your great essential humanitarian assistance.

I hope to visit you in person one day Lord willing. I am looking forward to a day to welcome you and Team HMI-USA to Ghana, and visit you too if possible, Lord willing.

I am eternally grateful for your continued support, prayers, edification, encouragement, and guidance. God richly bless you and your entire family. Praying for you and the entire Team always. Emmanuel

BEARS OF LOVE



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FROM INDIA, IMMADI SENT THIS REPORT TO DAVID LAWYER

My dear loving brother David and sister Gennie

Greetings in the merciful name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Sir, I bow before both of you for your great love and concern for me. Yes sir, your doubt is right, I was not feeling well more than 20 days. Now I am recovering. I and the preachers here thank both of you for your love and kind alms. Thank you very much. We are able to visit many places and preach because of your mighty and sacrificial helps. Thank you.

Bhansuvada is a place 320 miles away from Jadcherla. It is in North. We have to cross Hyderabad our state capital to reach that place. It is a forest area. There a tribal man Bhojya lives. Some months back, I met him in a Gospel meeting. He invited me to preach in his place and surrounding forest area. I had been to his place last week and stayed 2 days there. There is no direct bus service to his place. From Jadcherla to Hyderabad one bus. And from Hyderabad to Kamareddy one bus and from Kamareddy to Bhansuvada another bus. I travelled in 3 buses. His place is Nayak Thanda which is 3 miles from Bhansuvada. we walked 3 miles and stayed 2 days and preached. But God is very kind to us he blessed our efforts. Two men and four women are baptised. All praise go to God. And all credit goes to you. As we find in Romans 10:15, and how shall they preach, unless they are sent? Brother you are feeding us every month and sending us to preach. Thank you sir, all credit goes to you and to sister Gennie. We thank with our whole hearts. I send few pictures tomorrow. Please pray for new souls.

We bow before your love for your regular mighty sacrificial helps. We are daily remembering you in our prayers. Please pray for us and for my health.

Closing with love, yours Immadi



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