



# UKRAINE MISSIONS NEWS

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- Encouraging news from brethren in western Ukraine!

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**"IN AUGUST, WE DISTRIBUTED 25 BIBLES AND 7 NEW TESTAMENTS WITH OUR ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER. ON BEHALF OF THE CHURCH, HUMANITARIAN AID HAS BEEN DELIVERED TO THE REGIONAL AND DISTRICT CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS. OUR WOMEN HELPED THE NEEDY WITH CLOTHES AND FOOD. WE GAVE SHOES TO ORPHANS FOR THEIR NEW SCHOOL YEAR THAT STARTED 01 SEPTEMBER. PEOPLE GIVE THANKS TO ALL AMERICANS THAT HELP UKRAINE."**

August 2018 is now a closed folder. As I was pulling reports and photos for this monthly newsletter *I copied 464 items into the folder!* That amazing number highlights just how slam-packed the activities were. During August we prepped and loaded SIX containers (4 in Houston, TX; 1 in Montgomery, AL; 1 in Judsonia, AR) that are now on the high seas destined for Ukraine, Ghana and Uganda; I was reported to two congregations on our efforts (Don England's wonderful class at College and the loving Crosby church of Christ); we continued construction on the church building in Ivano-Frankivsk; we planned for 4-5 loadings in September; and constantly worked on the upcoming trip to Tanzania and Ukraine.

The loading of the first container from the Dalraida congregation was exciting as members eagerly seized the project. The entire month focused on getting all prepared for loading. The loading event was a big party with over 44 coming to help. Another exciting aspect of the loading was the way that sister congregations and individuals partnered with us to fill buckets, contribute funds to purchase bucket items, and contributed clothing and shoes. We had help from many but a special shout-out goes to these Alabama congregations of the Lord's Church who joined with us in this effort—Eva, Gurley, Maysville, Meridianville, Prattville, Wetumpka, Woodlawn (Florence), and University (Montgomery). We also received a large amount of school uniforms from Alabama Christian Academy! Click this link to see more on this loading: <http://www.kachelman.com/ukraine/blog/>

I would love to write more about the events of August 2018 but I will let pieces of the reports speak for themselves!

THANK YOU for your financial support, your encouraging communication and your physical labors in these efforts! Read the following reports from your brethren and rejoice in the marvelous good that is being accomplished in the Name of our Lord and Savior!

THANK YOU to each reading these newsletters! Without your support the events reported could not be possible.

—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

## The Reality

*"These are some pics from Zaitsevo. You can see what condition people live in. There's a request from them. I'll translate it later."*



## GHANA...EMMO'S CONGREGATION...

When you consider Providential workings, you cannot miss this obvious highlight. We have chronicled how Russia's invasion and occupation of portions of Eastern Ukraine drove the Medical University to relocate in Ivano-Frankivsk. This move brought Emmanuel into contact with brethren and he has been a constant source of encouragement and work since his arrival. His dream is to return to his homeland and establish hospitals and clinics by which the Lord's gospel can be heralded.



One of the containers loaded in Houston was destined for Ghana but it was refused. The container was already loaded and shipped and on the ocean. I asked Emmo if his congregation would take it and he eagerly agreed. Below I have combined communication on this turn of events. The container is now going to Emmo's congregation and we are scampering to find shipping funds to pay for expenses. If you want to help

please let me know. We need HELP!

*Hello Dear John Greetings from Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine.*

*By His grace I have arrived in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine safely yesterday. Thank you all for continue prayers and support. Thank you for your Agape love, support of my dream and prayers.*

*Please I have received all the documents you sent. I have sent it to our agent processing it with Ghana Government. We needed to do renewal of our NGO certificates which has caused a little bit delay. My Team is working on it assiduously. I am always in touch with my Team in Ghana who are working on the process.*

*Please the agent asked for the original documents which will be required by the Ghana customs upon the arrival of the humanitarian aids at Tema Port, Ghana. Can it be EMS to us please?*

*Please the Lord's Church is registered as Church of Christ, Ghana by Trustees for all Churches of Christ in Ghana. My congregation leaders are currently making inquiries on how they can receive it since this is the first time our congregation is about to receive humanitarian aids from abroad.*

*The Brethren in my congregation is ready to accept it and they are so much thankful and grateful on behalf of the entire congregation for your immerse support and Christ-like love.*

*The church has a school from Pre-School to Junior High School which is in serious needs of resources (especially school chairs & tables, cabinets etc). They run the school at very low tuition fees to help the needy among the Lord's Church children/wards and the community to have access to quality education and most importantly to nurture the children with the Good News (The Gospel). The school is in very difficult stage and in great need of resources to help uplift its image.*

*Just this week we met to seek for funding to upgrade their Pre-School to a Modern Pre-School, support basic school, and also introduce God-Centered Mentorship/Scholarship Program in the school, all in the effort to promote the Lord's Church and uplift the image of the school in our community. We did not know how this help would come but then your email arrived about*

## DISTRIBUTION IN THE LORD'S NAME!



Vinnytsia Psycho-Neurological Clinic. 60 men. Didn't want pics taken. But are very thankful!!!



This is how doctor's office looks at one of Air Force units



Ukraine military who helped get food, clothing and supplies to elderly & disabled

*this container with school desks!*

*So, with this great humanitarian aids from you, shall have a great impact on the school and help immensely with the above objective. God richly bless you and all those who contributed towards such a noble course.*

*On behalf of my entire congregation and myself, thank you for your continues remembrance, Christ-love, mentoring and supporting our congregation with such great humanitarian aids. We are forever grateful and thankful to you and your entire Team/all the Saints who contributed.*

*Thank you and God bless!!! In His service, Emmanuel*

## BITS & PIECES OF GOD'S WORKINGS...

Hi! This is from Vinnytsia. They received a request from the Military and Civil Administration of Zaitsevo, Bakhmut District, Donetsk Region. The front line is going through this place. They ask for shoes but they actually need everything. Ukraine's Army delivers bread and other groceries there because it's too dangerous for our guys to go. Many elderly cannot evacuate and are trapped. Ukraine's Army is assisting the elderly and those who are abandoned.



John, this is a children's group for needy families. They received 50 pairs of shoes. All are HAPPY! THANKS!!

Children's Camp on the Dnieper River. 120-130 children from poor families, deaf, and Down children. But they are happy! Received linens and washing detergents.



they could use more hygiene supplies, school supplies and candy!

Psycho-Neurological Clinic for children. There are 40 there now from 3 to 18 years old. The institution is City Municipal Center for Social and Psychological Rehabilitation of Children. These are orphans whose parents have been denied parental rights. These children are there now. Children from Vinnytsia (since it has municipal jurisdiction). The clinic is in a fairly good condition but as any other place like that

## FROM VINNYTSIA



Children's Day presentation at Svitlodarsk Arc in Donetsk Region. Big thanks to churches of Christ on behalf of the children from the Children's Home in the village of Luganske, Donetsk Region.  
Sincerely Yours,  
Sergiy Buravel



An 8-year old girl named Khrystyna has bad asthma. Her mother is a single parent, Svitlana. She is a PAC at a medical unit in Lugansk (considered to be "grey zone"). She helps the military in distribution to orphanages and needy families. She doesn't drink alcohol or smoke. Her daughter needs hypoallergenic shampoos, liquid soap, wipes, etc. Besides that, she needs allergy meds and I asked Sergei to make sure that there is a list of American substitutes for those made in UA or Europe.

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## *IVAN SKOLEBA REPORTS FROM IVANO-FRANKIVSK, UKRAINE...*

Greetings dear brothers and sisters!

Thank you for your prayers and support of our ministry in Ivano-Frankivsk.

We continue assembling at our rented place three times a week. Our Sunday worship service lasts from 11.00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Wednesday Bible class is from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. On Friday we get together for a prayer meeting.

In August, we distributed 25 Bibles and 7 New Testaments with our address and phone number. On behalf of the Church humanitarian aid has been delivered to the Regional and District Children's Hospitals. Our women helped the needy with clothes and food. We also gave shoes to orphans for their new school year that started 01 September. People give thanks to all Americans that help Ukraine. We are facing rough times now. There are many IDP's that are angry with people, government and God. We try to encourage them and help as much as we can. Some of them come to our Bible classes.

Nicholi, Volodya Didukh's brother, started coming to Church. He has family issues. He and his wife are divorcing. They have 2 children. Olga Petrivna, the Chief Doctor from Ugornyky, has asked us to pray for her son Vasyl. His wife wants to divorce him and as his mother, Olga is stressed over it. Please, pray with us on behalf of these young families.

We are getting ready for our fall campaign in those towns and villages that receive humanitarian aid from us. We look forward to having our Dalraida brethren to help us in this effort.

We continue building our assembly place. We are about finished with staircases between the floors and have done prep work for pouring the intermediate flooring. At this point we have run out of funds to continue and we are very concerned that we will have to suspend the work due to this fact. We have already sent a more detailed report on the work and our needs to brother John. We are so grateful to all of you for help. Walls have been built and we must build intermediate floor and roof over now before winter comes and freezing weather destroys the brickwork. Dear brethren in Christ, please, help us see the work through. We will greatly appreciate any amount that you will kindly donate towards construction. Please, help us raise necessary funds!

In Christian love, Ivan and Svetlana

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## *PAVAL REPORTS FROM IVANO-FRANKIVSK, UKRAINE...*

Greetings and much love to you, my dear brothers and sisters. May

## RUSLAN'S SERMON

*Masha wrote us this, "I ask God to help Ruslan apply everything he preaches about in his family life. His sermon was very good, it took my breath away and I was nervous..."*



peace, love and grace be always with you. I always thank the Lord for you and your prayers. I pray asking the Lord to give all of us even more wisdom, love, understanding and desire to take better care of our neighbors, to labor more in God's vineyard, to gather as much treasure in heaven as possible, and to save more souls that need God and His loving mercy.

Besides, I would like to report on the work done last month. I assist with Bible teaching and help conduct Sunday assemblies where we worship our Lord. I take part in the life of the Church, which is very busy. I visit with people, encourage them, and help with the distribution of humanitarian aid. I try to help members with their domestic issues as much as I can. It is so wonderful to hear their words of thank as you realize that you are able to serve others with the gifts that God has given you.

I would like to thank all of you for the relief containers that you have shipped here. We give commodities to all who are in need and continue preaching the Word of God and evangelizing in many places.

I continue teaching correspondence Bible classes to my students, which helps me learn something new from the Bible as well. We have studied "Foundation of the Christian Faith and Personal Evangelism." It is a very instructive subject, which helps us understand where we should stand firm and what is needed to be a more zealous worker in God's vineyard.

I have a prayer request to you, dear brethren. Please, pray for one of my students who is in hospital taking treatments now. I ask the Lord to give her strength and overcome the disease. I trust that very soon she will resume studies.

On top of all that, I continue working as much as I can helping at our construction site, making our future worship place better. I would like to thank all of you for your support of this construction project. Without your help we would never have done as much.

We look forward to the fall visits of several American brothers and sisters. We pray for your trip all the time.

Peace and grace to you. I always keep you in my prayers. I thank you for your love and support and wish good health, God's love and grace to you.

In Christian love, brother Pavel

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## *SNIPPETS FROM UKRAINE...*

**From Kramatorsk (Vladimir & Oksana Pazyi)...**We had one-week VBS (120-150 people, kids primarily) and one week of camp in Dnepr (200 miles from Kramatorsk). It was our 16th camp. About 400 people got their time of inspiration and some felt relieved since they continue to live in war zone. Our English Bible School continues and we have many new students this year (preschoolers and first graders). Our stable number of kids are 130-150.

**From Bella Tservka (Dennis Sopelnik)...**As for our local congregation we had a wonderful 3-day VBS in the end of August. Every day we had about 35 children. It is a very good number because not many parents are willing to let their children attend all the activities. My family, Church and our students' body send their greetings. We are very appreciative of your efforts and faithfulness in helping our ministry.