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Photos: The Judsonia warehouse warriors loaded a container of clothing for Moldova's orphans. Hundreds of hours and immeasurable energies go into the preparation and loading of every container. All is done on a voluntary basis!
THANK YOU!!



AUGUST 2020 UKRAINE MISSIONS NEWSLETTER PART ONE!

The 2020 August UKRAINE NEWSLETTER Part One is now ready for you to read! There was a great amount of news reported during August. I had a difficult time deciding what to include and what to omit. Even when I thought I had all whittled down there was still too much for one newsletter. So, in a few days you will receive "Part Two."

The Church in Ivano-Frankivsk continues to work in the community. The impact of this is evident in a number of positive developments reported from the Regional level and also from neighboring Regions in the west.

We continue sending updates on other actions that are not included in this month's newsletter. Be sure to check the website often.



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“MAY THE LORD BY HIS GRACE REWARD AND GIVE HUNDREDFOLD TO ALL WHO ARE PART OF OUR JOINT WORK, TO ALL WHO LOVE THE LORD WITH ALL THEIR HEARTS, TO YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND FOR BEING A PART OF OUR LIFE.”

August 2020...Thankfully we can mark off another month as “done” in this crazy year. Perhaps the most visceral lesson of this year is the anxiety, perplexity and fear of the unknown that results from the constant contradictions that we receive from the infectious disease “experts” who are the puppet masters of the governing officials. My head is swimming from the constant barrage of do this, no do this, no do this in this way. During August my daily Bible reading has been Isaiah-Ezekiel. The historical backdrop of these prophets is *identical* to August 2020. Listen to Isaiah 59:4, “No one...pleads honestly. They trust in confusion and speak lies; They conceive mischief and bring forth iniquity.” There is another option to forlorn perplexity...a bold challenge to evil!

A quote that continues to be very encouraging to me, when facing pressures to surrender to worldly perplexities, comes from 1914 and the bloody fields of France. General Ferdinand Foch served as the Supreme Allied Commander during World War 1. When faced by an apparent failed situation and Kaiser’s advancing German army, Foch sent this message: “*My center is giving way, my right is retreating, situation excellent, I am attacking.*” (A message to Marshal Joseph Joffre during the First Battle of the Marne, September 1914).

The Christian does not consider the option of surrender *because* our God is greater than any opposition that Satan can throw at us! Jeremiah 17:7, “*Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord and whose trust is the Lord.*” For encouragement read Isaiah 36-37 and underscore the emphasis of “trust.” This is where we are today. Instead of perplexity we can be blessed with boldness because we TRUST in the LORD God Almighty!

Here are reports of the victories the Lord’s Church experienced in August 2020. This is part 1 of the August 2020 report. There were so many victories that I could not decide what to omit. So, part 2 follows in a few days. *We are advancing, not retreating; we remain steadfast and unmovable, never surrendering!*
—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

‘Backs to the Wall’ communiqué, Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig Tuesday, April 11th, 1918, “Many amongst us now are tired. To those I would say that Victory will belong to the side which holds out the longest...There is no other course open to us but to fight it out. Every position must be held to the last man: there must be no retirement. With our backs to the wall and believing in the justice of our cause each one of us must fight on to the end. The safety of our homes and the Freedom of mankind alike depend upon the conduct of each one of us at this critical moment.”

THE HARVEST OF THE WORD OF GOD!

"The sower went out to sow his seed"

Zelena

"Greetings, dear brothers and sisters! We would like for you to rejoice with us. At 12:30 p.m. yesterday, 2 young people were baptized. They are Tatiana and her husband Peter. This family lives in the village of Zelena. Thank you, dear, for your prayers and support. Glory to God and our Lord!
We love you!"



IVAN SKOLEBA'S NEWS FOR JULY...

Dear brothers and sisters!

We have had a cold and rainy summer in Western Ukraine this year. Older people say they do not remember having such a summer for the last 50 years. Due to the pandemic people pray more and ask us to pray for various life's problems. Unfortunately, the virus continues spreading and statistics say that the number of infections is going up especially in Western Ukraine. Thank God that the Church is still allowed to assemble for worship, provided all the safety requirements are met and the number of people present is acceptable. In addition to those assembling is those staying home who listen to sermons and lessons online. There are from 9 to 14 families like that. Also, those living far away worship with us online.

In August, we studied a series of lessons on "Being Perfect in Jesus Christ" on Sundays, and the Gospel of Matthew on Wednesdays.

On Fridays, we have a prayer session and pray at home for the needs of the Church and on behalf of those that we have come to know giving out humanitarian aid and Bibles.

With the humanitarian and financial aid from our American brethren we have been able to help the needy from the Church with food and medicines. People are very appreciative and grateful to God and they cannot hold back tears as it seems incredible to them that American Christians are so kind to Ukrainians. They always want to know how Christians live and what the situation with African Americans is at Church. We often pray for your country and the people for the Lord to bless you with peace and the government with wisdom. Our country has been drained by the war in the East so we can relate to the difficulties you are facing now.

It is sad to say that many have lost their businesses and jobs due to the extended lockdown here, thus there is a growing number of people asking the Church for help. Of course, we try to talk to everybody about the Lord, repentance, and baptism for the forgiveness of sins because things will go even worse without repentance. For many in our community the Church has become the last resort.

All the members that have received aid send their heartfelt thanks to American Christians for thinking of us and standing by our side at such troubling time. Valentina Petrovna and Galyna Ivanivna receives food and medicines on a regular basis. During this month we also helped Inna, Larisa and many others from time to time as well. Brother Oleksiy asked us to help pay his brother's surgery. He has cancer and they had spent all their savings on surgeries and treatments. Our Church was able to support this family at that rough time. Oleksiy prays thanking God for his Christian family and thanking our American brethren for their help. Despite all hardships, we continue sharing the Holy Gospel with people.

We would love to share good news with you, please, rejoice with us. Three souls have entered into the covenant with the Lord having been immersed with the biblical baptism for the forgiveness of sins. These are Zoriana (who is Luba and Yaroslav's granddaughter), Peter and Tanya from Zelena (these are Bogdan and Galyna's son and daughter-in-law). Together with Svitlana, we continue teaching evening Bible classes in Zelena twice a month. There

Konstantinovka

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(Vova Pazy)



are three Christians there now and two more are planning to be baptized. They study the Bible and some other aspects of the Bible's teaching as they were brought up Catholic. These two are Galyna and her father Peter. Bible class attendance in Zelena is 8-11 for adults, and 4-8 for children.

Since the village of Zelena suffered from the flooding more than any other place, the Church helped those who come to Bible classes and suffered damage from the flood. They received medicines and food since their crops had been destroyed. We bought grains for them to grind and make flour for bread, which would be less expensive.

Svitlana teaches children while getting to know women. She uses relief items shipped by the congregations coordinated by John Kachelman. Four boys attend children's classes all the time: Vitalik and Nazar are 8 years old and Misha and Andriy are 7 years old. These have already learned many Bible stories. They have learned to pray and have memorized some Bible verses. They are always glad to see us and try to do all assignments given. We pray for all of our boys to become true Christians when they grow up. Besides, Sviatoslav and Timothy, our grandson, study the Word of God and make a good success.

We ask that you join us in these prayer requests for all brothers and sisters:

We continue praying for the family of Ivan and Lily. Ivan is still suffering depression and has stomach and digestive problems as a result. Please, continue praying with us on behalf of all the people that have heard the Gospel so that they will make the right choice in their lives and will turn to Christ.

It has been three weeks since Polyna and Mykyta, a young couple, first worshipped with us. They moved from Kramatorsk, Donetsk Region, to live in Ivano-Frankivsk. Please join us and pray together for the Lord to keep them safe and for them to get adjusted to the culture and to find peace and joy in Ivano-Frankivsk and in the Church here.

We continue praying for sister Olga, our brother Volodya Kuriy's cousin. She is very ill. She has a prolonged depression and at times she sits for hours just staring at something. She has a 12-year old son. He sees his mother's state of mind causing him anguish and anxiety as well. Her family members are clueless as to her state and thus cannot be encouraging and supportive.

On top of it all, we continue praying and asking the Lord to help us complete the construction of our meeting place so that the church could meet there. Our congregation has saved 35,000.00 grievna to make a baptistery and it is already being built in the new auditorium. All members give toward the construction as much as they can. Our plans and prayers at this point are for water and electricity to be run into the rooms.

The Church is facing a very difficult and stressful time. All of us work hard to manage everything as we do need to follow through the line with what we started. Some people had time in summer to go on vacation. The lockdown puts all of us in a limbo and makes long-term planning impossible. The Ivano-Frankivsk administration will decide whether to toughen the lockdown restrictions after September 15. Our dear brothers and sisters, we know that

Ivano-Frankivsk



“Greetings, dear brothers and sisters! We would like for you to share in our joy! Zoriana, Luba and Yaroslav's granddaughter, was baptized today. One more saved soul has been added to the Kingdom of Christ. Big thanks for your prayers and support. Glory to God!”



America is facing a very challenging time and we always pray for the Lord to keep his children safe and to give them peace.

We pray for the war in Ukraine to stop so that people won't be killed any more. We ask the Lord to straighten out our government.

We appreciate your prayers and help very much. Thank you for your letters and kind encouraging words. They are so refreshing and helpful. It is hard to imagine just how we could have survived and could have done all the work without the support from American Christians and the Lord's Church in the USA at this trying time for all of us.

Glory be given to the Lord for His Holy Church, for His Son Jesus Christ and for the unity of His Church.

Our deputies, village mayors, doctors and all that receive shipments that John Kachelman and churches of Christ give, are sending their big thanks. With the aid sent from you they are able to help people living in villages, districts and cities of Western Ukraine.

The population of this Region is 1,379,072, including the urban population of 593,750 (43.05%) and the rural population of 785,322 (56.95%). Density of the population is 99.21 per square meter. There are 15 cities, 24 settlements and 765 villages in the Ivano-Frankivsk Region. The largest cities are Ivano-Frankivsk, Kalush, Kolomya.

May the Lord by His grace reward and give hundredfold to all who are part of our joint work and to all who love the Lord with all their hearts.

Big thanks to you for your understanding and for being a part of our life. Cordial greetings to you, our dear American brothers and sisters, on behalf of our family and the church of Christ here in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine.

In true Christian love, Ivan and Svitlana

BENEVOLENCE NEWS...2 CONTAINERS WILL LOAD EARLY SEPTEMBER FOR IVANO-FRANKIVSK!

Hi Brother John, we really need all the things in Ukraine you listed. Now we have many patients, all hospitals are filled with people and there is not enough of everything from soap to sheets. Thanks to everyone who helps. This week I had several meetings with people who work in the regional administration and in the villages. This is Dovbenko Mikhail Vladimirovich, Besarab Sergei Mikhailovich, I spoke with his secretary, we were scheduled to meet next Monday. Also, I talked with two rural heads. Vitaly from Zelena and Anatoly from Stary Lists where Volodya and Julia are. And this morning I was in the Department for Humanitarian Work. All these officials said that they would support us and there would be no problems with documents and container clearance. Everyone is very grateful to the churches of Christ for their mercy and help and support of this work. If you still need to learn something write. Regards, Ivan

PAZIY FAMILY SENDS NEWS FROM KRAMATORSK...

Quarantine: Quarantine in our country has been introduced since the end of March and has now been extended until the end of summer. For the first

Emmanuel Returns to Ghana after graduating from the Ivano-Frankivsk Medical Institute



Hello dear brother John, greetings from Ghana! By His grace I arrived safely in Ghana. We were in 2 weeks mandatory quarantine in our capital, Accra. All is set for me to return home today. Thank you dearly for your immerse support, prayers and encouragement to complete my studies successfully in Ukraine.

Thank you for showing me a better way to be a vessel for Christ and His Church which I hope to actively put into practice in Ghana and beyond Lord willing. Thank you for your prayers, thoughts, support and agape love. I'll keep you updated please. Looking forward to the day we shall meet again Lord willing. I am eternally thankful and grateful. May the good Lord continue to protect you and replenishes you abundantly with good health.

In His service, Emmanuel

two months, meetings of any kind or no more than 10 people were prohibited. Our building has a large area, so we kept a sanitary distance without any problems. As of today, we, as a church, gather and hold all our meetings. Some of the Christians are still at home and do not come, because of the danger of getting sick, at list they said that.

Worship: We began to broadcast all our meetings on the social networks of our community. It was new to us, but today it is the norm for our worship. Those who need the Lord Supper, we deliver to them, and they participate with us during our broadcast. This is our page on Facebook, we are up date it almost every day, with new information, sermons and lessons, I know it is in Russian, but you can see our activities. <https://www.facebook.com/kramachurch/>

ABC'S school: During quarantine we can't work according our regular timetable, but that parents who would like that their children finished had opportunity to visit our school. Oksana divided classes and have no more than 4 students in one time. So, we caught up our material in June.

Singing conference: In Slavyansk, about 15 miles from Kramatorsk, Stas and Anya Kuropyatnikovs (a minister of Lvov) held a song conference and taught the nearby communities how to sing. It was good to know that you can sing much more beautiful to God.

Youth meeting: Sasha Rodichev (minister of Dnipro) organized a youth meeting on the territory of our community. Where did the young Christians come from different places in our region. There were good lessons in the games and, as they say, a wonderful atmosphere.

It is satisfying that both Sasha and his wife Lena, as well as Stas came out from our congregation. They grew up here as Christians and now serve in other churches of Christ. They are happy to come and help with such events in Kramatorsk.

Baptisms: As you know, I continue to come to Konstantinovka, I try to do it at least once a month. Oleg the preacher baptized a young girl named Victoria. A good addition to the Church.

Camp Americraine: This year, due to the coronavirus, our camp Amerikraine will be postponed to the end of August and sadly reduced from 400 to 250 people. But we are looking forward to this visit and the arrival of our friends.

In general, the atmosphere in the community is good, no one is forgotten, and we try to pay attention to everyone who needs it.

Our classes are held as before. Sunday 10:00 Service; 11:30 Bible lesson. Tuesday: 10:00 Bible Lesson; ABC school: 18:00 Bible lesson. Thursday: 10:00 and 18:00 Bible Lesson. We study the Books of Psalms, Leviticus, Colossians, Romans.

Dear Friends, thanks for your support our family in Lord's work, if you have any questions feel free to ask.

With Love Vladimir, Oksana, Rita and Dima Paziy.

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