

Ukraine Missions

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Above Photo: A wedding in the mountain village of Zelena, Ukraine.

SEPTEMBER 2020 UKRAINE MISSIONS NEWSLETTER!

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The monthly newsletter for SEPTEMBER is attached. We will again read of the good work that is being done and gain insight to our brothers and sisters thousands of miles away. THANK YOU for your continued support and encouragement in these efforts!

Several have asked about travel plans to Ukraine. Travel restrictions remain at least until the end of October. Several are eager to go and there are a number of officials in Ukraine that want to meet. Plus, we want to visit the construction site and eyeball its developments. The pandemic has definitely caused 2020 to be an exceptional year!

During October I am teaching the Dalraida auditorium class. We are studying the Epistle to the Philippines. The classes are live streamed and then posted on the [Dalraida](#) YouTube channel.

I also want to urge you to visit brother Bill Lockwood’s [website](#) and subscribe to his YouTube presentations. Bill brings a focus of sanity to the chaotic anarchy that is wreaking havoc in the United States of America. Bill is foremost a Christian and gospel preacher and you will appreciate his biblical [insight](#) into our situation.

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“This is in Zelena. It's Misha - the other Galyna's son. He's marrying a French girl whom they call Katrine but I'm not sure what her original name is. Sveta said she was called Katrine but her real French name was different.”

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The month of September 2020 is now in the history books! The Lord's Church continues to be involved in a number of activities in spite of the COVID/19 fear-mongering. It is encouraging to hear that many congregations have returned to in-person assemblies and separate Bible classes are available once again. We continue hearing that the pandemic scare is lessening. Those who are vulnerable, because of existing physical conditions, continue to be cautioned and be pro-active regarding their health. Of course, this has always been the wise biblical counsel—that one should make personal choices regarding his health. Unfortunately, it is in this sphere of earthly life that Satan's temptations are the strongest—man is often able to control his life but his personal choices regarding health are his greatest vulnerability. This is the point Inspiration stressed to the Corinthian Church in 1 Corinthians 6:12-20. However, this is often the point that is generally ignored and a lack of self-control regarding health choices is excused.

Thank you for your support and encouragement in all our efforts. I hope the reports in this month's newsletter encourage you

—John L. Kachelman, Jr

IVAN SKOLEBA'S NEWS FOR JUNE...

Greetings, dear brothers and sisters in our Lord Jesus Christ. In our prayers we always thank God for you as we deeply appreciate your support of the Church and our family and your prayers on our behalf. Despite all the fears thriving around us associated with the pandemic and restrictions that it has brought in our lives; we go on studying the Bible and teaching Bible classes on Wednesday as well as worshipping on Sunday. In this midst of all the restrictions and traumas, we strive to preach the Gospel without ceasing for it is the main task of this Church. It is now, during this difficult time, that we can see even clearer that God designed churches of Christ help people not by words but in our deeds.

This pandemic has caused many businesses to go bankrupt in this city and in the Region. People have lost their jobs and have been impoverished. This has resulted in many becoming bitter and very angry to one another. The Lord

THE CHURCH'S WORK FOR THE COMING SHIPMENTS

"We continue as best we can to serve the Lord in this location. Please read our last reports on success that the Lord is providing for our labors. We are ready for the coming containers. I'll go to the HAC Committee when we have all docs translated. We have been already assured that all will give their approval unanimously."



has shown many people what should be their priority in life as they build their inner-tent on the rock, which is our Lord and His Word, instead of sand.

We send a BIG thanks to all who have preached to us and have supported us in the spirit of love and truth. At this point, we still assemble in-person with an attendance of 18-23 plus there are from 9 to 12 families that join us online for Bible classes and Sunday worship. All of us try to help one another and those in need with food and humanitarian aid. Big thanks to you for giving us such a resource.

John Kachelman sends newsletters to us from which we can see and read of the great aid that your congregations provide for people all over the world. These words of the Lord are indeed true, "I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was sick and you visited and supported Me." Glory to God for His wise and true words and for the unity of spirit and work in churches of Christ.

We continue working at construction of our church building. As of today, there is still a lot to do, but we have already built the baptistery although we still need to run water and power to it. We pray for the Lord to help us complete the first floor so that we can start worshipping there. I am sending you photos of the people and children we work with and whom we help both by words and in deed.

THANK YOU! WE LOVE AND PRAY FOR ALL OF YOU AND FOR AMERICA ASKING THE LORD TO PROTECT YOU SO THAT YOU REMAIN A GREAT EXAMPLE FOR PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD AS GOD'S CHILDREN.

Sincerely yours in Christian love, Ivan and Svitlana

LOVE IN ACTION...

THIS is a family affected by the floods, we brought them food and spoke the gospel. This is a woman Maria and her son-in-law Myron. Maria's daughter died. The son-in-law has contracted diabetes. They have been hit hard by the floods and the indifference of the authorities.



RUSLAN SKOLEBA SENDS NEWS...

Dear brothers and sisters!

I hope that things are remaining the same, and even lessening, there as far as infections go. We hope that none of your dear and near ones is sick.

We thank God for his love and care. Within this month this city managed to get into the severe infectious red zone but thank God, it did not mess up our church work and worshipping assemblies. Our men continue working in different spiritual areas. We support the needy with food and medicines. We are busy helping all that ask us for help with humanitarian aid talking to them about God. We offer a BIG thanks to God and to you for different ways that are provided us to share God's truths with others.

May God bless you and your families. Ruslan

MINISTRY WORK IN IVANO- FRANKIVSK



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PAVLO TUZNICHENKO’S NEWS...

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I continue teaching correspondence Bible course. Recent tests showed good results. It is encouraging to see the desire and zeal in studying the Word of God. We continue helping with our meeting place construction: we haul construction materials, clean, mow grass on the site and around the property.

The work in God’s vineyard gives me a great joy as I take part teaching Bible classes, helping with numerous church activities, meeting with people, distributing humanitarian aid. Everybody receiving the benevolent aid appreciates and thanks God who works through us on this earth. Please, pray for the work to go on. Almost all school desks that we repaired were distributed – some to Zelena and some to Stary Lysets. Schools like them very much and send their big thanks for them. We would like to thank you for the containers that you have collected and shipped to Ukraine. Now, we are doing all necessary paperwork so that we can receive and clear them and I would like to ask you to join us as we pray for the Lord to bless our efforts.

We look forward to having you here again so that together we would study the Word of God and share it with others. Big thanks to you for those brethren that you support to take the Word of God to all corners of the world.

I pray for all of you and your families wishing you good health and God’s love. May your charity pay you back with a hundredfold of God’s blessings.

In Christian love, Brother Pavlo

OUR SHIPPING EFFORTS DURING THE COVID SLOWDOWN



During September we were able to schedule two loadings. The brethren in Holly Springs, MS collected, sorted and loaded a container that went to Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine. The value of that container was \$228,878.25. They loaded 19,590 pounds! From Montgomery, AL we loaded another container for Ivano-Frankivsk. That container was valued at \$266,640.00 and weighed 36,801 pounds!

We are working on several shipments that we hope will load in October. We will load from Montgomery two containers for Honduras and one container for Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine; from the Judsonia, AR warehouse we plan to send one container to Kherson, Ukraine. The end of the year is also a busy time for Larry & Betsy Brady and the brethren working with them. They are working on the container for Panama Missions that will ship their “Christmas Blessing Boxes” to orphans. The Holly Springs, MS brethren are also busily engaged in several actions during this time.

BENEVOLENT WORK



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THE CHRISTIAN’S ANCHOR OF HOPE!

I received the following from our brother James Gammon. I think his thoughts should be highlighted during these stressful times.

“The world faces numerable uncertainties. Among the chief ones are those facing the USA, which has always been a nation rife with imperfections but has continued to be the world's steadying influence. Now, even many US individuals face economic, health, and political uncertainties. Somewhere in this list may be uncertainties facing your, your family, or friends, et. al.”

“However, a few select have cause for optimism. Only the New Testament-converted-Christian has a God-given reason for optimism. This hope is certain only if that Christian is faithfully cooperating as a servant with The Christ, from the innermost heart/thoughts to the outermost actions.”

“The Christian’s CERTAIN HOPE”

“Who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast” (Hebrews 6:18-19).

“The noun ‘hope,’ when used in the New Testament, does not imply a wishful attitude but rather a joyous and confident expectation in something promised that will certainly come to pass—in most cases, something good. Note especially the few times it is used with a descriptive adjective.

“*First*, in a stirring benediction, Paul tells us that our good hope comes from both ‘our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father’ (2 Thessalonians 2:16). Furthermore, such hope is given to us along with ‘everlasting consolation,’ or comfort, that shall last forever. The Father and Son have done this ‘through grace’ that brings eternal salvation.

“*Second*, we are taught to be ‘looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ’ (Titus 2:13). This blessed hope can be none other than ‘our Saviour, and Lord Jesus Christ, which is our hope’ (1 Timothy 1:1). He will certainly return, and this return will be glorious.

“*Third*, we have a hope that is actively alive. ‘The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead’ (1 Peter 1:3). We have been (past tense) born again from the dead just as surely as Christ has been raised from the dead, for His resurrection accomplished it.

“Our hope, under grace, is guaranteed by Jesus Christ: ‘A better hope...by the which we draw nigh unto God’ (Hebrews 7:19) than that which was possible under law. In fact, it is a glorious hope (2 Corinthians 3:11-12) by comparison. This kind of hope can be “an anchor of the soul.”

WEB POST...JOHN KACHELMAN, JR.: “CONSIDER YOURSELVES WARNED, AMERICA!”

