

Ukraine Missions

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JANUARY 2021 UKRAINE MISSIONS NEWSLETTER!

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Welcome to 2021! This is the first newsletter of the NEW year. We begin the year with great excitement and positive expectations that things this year will be so much better than last year.

Read the attached and rejoice in the good reports. THANK YOU for your financial support, your constant prayers and your loving-kindness reflecting the love of the Almighty God.

THANK YOU to all involved in this amazing work! “For He who requires blood remembers them; He does not forget the cry of the needy” (Psalm 9:12).

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“DESPITE THE STATE OF THIS WORLD WE CAN STILL MINISTER IN OUR LORD’S VINEYARD...WE PRESS FORWARD IN SPITE OF ALL HINDRANCES THAT ARISE OR MIGHT ARISE.”

We enthusiastically welcome the New Year after having endured the past year. Some things are so good when they are left behind, and 2020 is definitely in that category!

The new year brings the beginning of a new volume of reports, exciting plans, and enthusiastic dreams that will be realized in our efforts for the Lord. In addition to the usual actions, that are in themselves exciting, I have a list of exciting developments that will occur in 2021:

Mission Trips will resume! I, and others, are planning to travel to Ukraine in the spring and fall as in previous years. The exact dates are not yet confirmed but the spring trip could be as early as March!

We will start a new operation center in Columbia, TN. This will join our centers in Montgomery, AL, Searcy, AR and Holly Springs, MS that cooperate to send the good news of our Lord’s love, life, death and resurrection through benevolence actions.

We will be able to resume construction efforts on the Ivano-Frankivsk operation’s complex and finally receive occupancy certificates so the brethren can assemble inside their building.

We will exceed our numbers in shipping containers and probably reach a new record for shipments, distributions, and follow-up actions. Thus far in 2021 we have shipped 13 containers! For February we already have planned containers to Guatemala (2) and Ukraine (2).

Thank you to so many who are joined with our efforts in this mission. Your partnership in the gospel is encouraging. Your participation is a wonderful strength when the devilish world weakens our resolve. Your fellowship in love is a wonderful blessing!

—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

IVAN SKOLEBA’S NEWS FOR DECEMBER...

Dear brothers and sisters! The month of January is coming to an end. We have had cold and warm spells from minus 20 – minus 25C up to +10C. There have been bad snowstorms and blizzards in the mountains.

With temperatures going up and down like that, many people suffered from high blood pressure and heart diseases. Our brother Yaroslav, who is 94

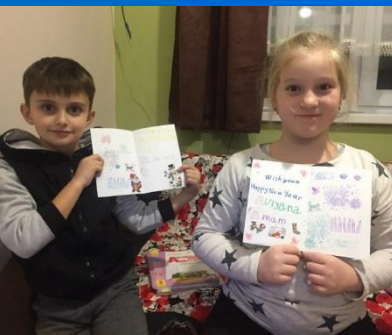
JULIA'S GOOD NEWS



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years, once again was on the verge of death. And this time again, by the mercy of the Lord he didn't succumb to the attack. Yaroslav is doing OK now.

The following incident happened in the mountains. A young man got lost in the snow and crawled for two days not knowing the direction he was going in trying to get to the main road. Rescue team found him with frost-bitten limbs. We also prayed for his survival. Thank God, our members have not been harmed.

Lockdown caused us to move back to online worship. We have 12-14 families worshipping with us on Wednesday and 21-26 families on Sunday, that is 50+ people.

We have studied the Book of Revelation on Sundays and are in chapter 8 now. We stress that the Lord loves each one and is waiting for each one but it is a personal choice. Those that reject the love of the Lord will be lost and we explain what awaits them.

We studied 1st Peter on Wednesdays and have already started 2nd Peter.

Friday is a prayer session day with many prayer requests as more and more people ask for prayers about what is happening around.

Our utilities have gone up again so many have to pay all they earn and nothing is left to live on. Such has never happened in this country before. People ask the government not to increase prices but to raise salaries. And there are more prayers and prayer requests now. We pray on behalf of our government asking the Lord to instill God's fear in their hearts and to give them wisdom to govern the nation and for them to pray to God for wisdom themselves.

When the strict lockdown is over there will be quarantine restrictions still but we will be able to worship in-person in a group no larger than 20 people. But there is still open the offices to visit administration and discuss matters with them. Lockdowns should end by mid-February and all return to normal.

We try to support and encourage each member of the Church as well as those we study the Word of God or talk about the Lord with. At the beginning of this month before the lockdown, we visited the neediest ones and took some food and medicines to them.

We have had some classes and discussions with some large families and orphans out in the country. Thirty-two children received presents consisting of food, toys and clothes.

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We have received and unloaded three containers with relief items. Now we are waiting for approvals from Kyiv to be able to open the storage and distribute aid to individuals, hospitals and those in need, especially orphans. Two containers have been cleared and the other two are still in the process. The paperwork is still at the Cabinet of Ministers.

People thank the church for help and concern, for opportunities to study the Word of God. Those who cannot come to in-person services for different reasons are thankful for telephone streaming. A family living in a village 100

A CONTAINER SHARED!

We have loaded medical supplies for Toretsk today. All things are new and very good. Ruslan, a manager from this hospital in Toretsk, came to take humanitarian aid. We loaded into their truck things they had picked and besides we gave them 2 beds with mattresses from the last container. Hope, we all have done a good job. The truck will come to Toretsk on Thursday.

Ruslan says that there are many COVID patients in their hospital and the aid they got - masks, sanitizers, gloves - will be of great help to them. Thank you, dear brothers and sisters. We have just received a note from Dr. Sergiy, "Ruslan, our manager, received the cargo for Toretsk. Delivery is on its way. We will take pics of the load as well as a video report. Big thanks great job! When Ruslan is back, we'll give personal thanks to all".

Toretsk posted this:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JARzUgwwz6E&feature=youtu.be>



kilometers away from us has been worshipping like this with us for almost one year. They send their greetings to you, our American brothers and sisters, and look forward for the building to be ready for them to come and visit with the Church. And other people pray and look forward for our church building being ready for occupancy.

Love and greetings to you on behalf of the church and our family. May the Lord give you hundredfold for your kind hearts, prayers, and all the aid that you provide for us and the people of Ukraine. Ivan and Svitlana

RUSLAN SKOLEBA SENDS NEWS...

Dear brothers and sisters! Thank you once again for your prayers and support that you provide for the Church in Ivano-Frankivsk.

There have been a lot of holidays this month and we have had some problems with the clearance of humanitarian shipments. We unloaded the last container on Friday.

We rejoice that despite the state of this world we can still minister in our Lord's vineyard! We keep you, your families and churches in our prayers. We know for sure that all things are possible with God, even those that seem impossible to man. Thus, we press forward in spite of all hindrances that arise or might arise.

Please, pray on behalf of our older members and those who are sick.

May God bless you and your families. Ruslan

PAVLO TUZNICHENKO'S NEWS...

Love and greetings to you in the New Year, my dear brothers and sisters. May peace, love and grace be with you always. I thank the Lord for you and your prayers. I hope that you had a good and joyful New Year season. I ask the Lord to help us be wiser, more loving, understanding and concerned for our neighbors so that we can be better workers in God's vineyard, gather as many treasures in heaven as we possibly can, and save many more souls that need God, His love and grace. Please, pray with me for the Lord to add to His Church as many people as possible, for the growth of His Church all over the world, and for those people who have not come to the right path to follow Christ.

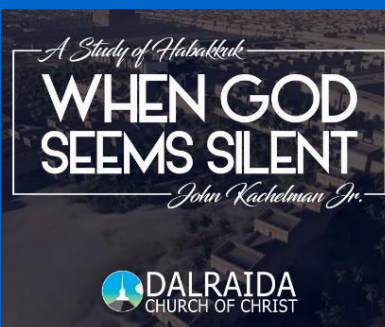
I enjoy being a part of the life of the Church so much fellowshiping and encouraging people, distributing humanitarian aid. Of course, our government hinders our humanitarian work dreaming up new requirements but I am not concerned because the Creator is with us and if our work is pleasing to Him, we will overcome any problem.

Big thanks to you for the container that just arrived in Ukraine. We have already unloaded and cleared it, even though it did not go without a hitch. The shipment will be distributed among those needing things that you shipped. I also help the members with their domestic needs. It is so good to hear words of thanks and to realize that you can use God-given gifts to serve others.

LAST 2020 CONTAINER UNLOADED



New Bible Class Posted:



<https://www.dalraida.org/2021/02/04/when-god-seems-silent/>

The correspondence Bible classes that I teach is on winter break so that students can review and digest the topics studied.

I always ask the Lord to give strength to those that have decided to follow Him. I also pray asking the Lord to give me wisdom and love to be a better laborer in His vineyard. My dear brothers and sisters, please, pray with me for the Lord to add many more people to His church, for Church to grow throughout the world, for those that have not come to Christ yet, and for peace in this country.

I always keep all of you in my prayers. Thank you for your help, love, and support. Good health, God's love and grace to you!

In Christian love, your brother Pavlo

A NOTE FROM JULIA...

Hello dear brothers and sisters in Christ! I am glad to report you about our work here in Lysets Church of Christ, Ukraine. First of all, I want to say sorry for the lack of communication in December. We had holidays for two and a half weeks and after I was sick (not COVID). Now I am glad to share some news with you.

We successfully finished our first semester at "Smart Fox" kids' club. We review all the material we have learned about Jesus. I try to make the kids understand that not only Jesus' birth is important but His death on the cross and resurrection also. We made a lot of Christmas crafts. Some parents were saying that they see improvement in their child's English knowledge. That was pleasant news for me.

Our new semester of studying has started and we are dedicating it to learning the heroes of Old Testament and will try to learn by heart the names of the books in the Bible and its order.

I want to tell you about our ladies gathering. As I told previously, we meet once a month and spending time together praying, doing some crafts and sharing what we have on our hearts. This helps our Church to get closer because the majority of our Church are ladies. This inspires us to serve each other and other people. I will add some pictures of our ladies' class and the Church.

At the end of January, we were at the winter retreat which is organized by Lviv Church of Christ and brothers from US. We took some members of our Church. It was wonderful time in one Spirit together. Our kids have seen other kids from Christian families and it was a good example for them, knowing that they are not the only one in faith of Jesus Christ in their age.

To sum up, I want to say that many of these events have happened because of your help. I and the Church here are very thankful for you and for such great work which we are doing together.

In Christ, Julia Didukh

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