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MARCH 2021 UKRAINE MISSIONS NEWSLETTER!



Above Photo: The Church of Christ meeting March 2021 in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine. In addition to this good number there were others that joined in the worship via their phones.

The March 2021 UKRAIBE MISSIONS newsletter is now available. I spent most of the month in Ukraine. But while I was in Ukraine a number of activities continued in Searcy, AR, Holly Spring, MS, Columbia, TN and Montgomery, AL. In Montgomery there were several eager groups that made the warehouse beehive buzz with activity! Here are a few photos:





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John L. Kachelman, Jr.

March 2021

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“BY THE LORD’S GRACE. I HAVE ESTABLISHED TWO DIFFERENT CONGREGATIONS IN AND AROUND ERODE CITY, AND HAVE BEEN PREACHING THE GOSPEL ROUND-THE-CLOCK. IN INDIA NEARLY 80% PEOPLE ARE IDOL WORSHIPPERS. MY HUMBLE REQUEST, PLEASE PRAY FOR INDIA ENTER CHRIST.”

The March 2021 newsletter is finally published! The month was crammed full with the mission trip to Ukraine and then returning to a packed schedule of sorting materials for shipments and travel. The activities have not slowed any and my schedule is still crammed, but I have taken time to get this report to you.

The mission trip went very well and the reports are posted online for you to read if you failed to receive them. The Church in Ivano-Frankivsk is doing exceptionally well considering the on/off lockdowns and restrictions from COVID-19. The most recent news is that the lockdowns have been lifted and like a number of States in the USA the governing is permitting freedoms that have been restricted. The last Sunday I was present saw a wonderful assembly and even more joined us on their telephones.

The Ivano-Frankivsk congregation continues to be active in surrounding villages and towns. Andrew and Marina are actively exploring moving to Yaremche and devote fulltime work to the activities they have only been able to give part-time service to over the past few years.

We continue to fight opposition on the national level of governing, but the decentralization process has opened doors on the Regional level. I met with a number of Mayors who are eager to assist us and support our efforts.

I am encouraged by the partnership of our “super team” in the Lord’s work. CURE (Ft. Smith, AR) continues to be a vital supply source of commodities to ship and they join in loading containers from their location. CURE will load two containers of hospital beds for Kherson and Zaporozhe in the coming weeks. The LRI crew in Searcy, AR continues to receive, sort and load containers. They are scheduled to load a container for Guatemala that will be distributed by the Lord’s Church there. The Holly Springs, MS crew (Jerry Max Morgan and Jerry Moore) have been involved in loading containers shipped to Ukraine and Central America. Our newest partner is Global Missions of TN located in Columbia, TN. This is a work that is a part of the Wayne Chapel Church of Christ in Waynesboro, TN. They are currently working with Searcy on the Guatemala container and are also working with the Graymere Church of Christ (Columbia, TN) in a mission effort to ship supplies for the mission team going to work on the Apache Nation reservation in AZ this June. The Montgomery, AL team has loaded a container for Ukraine and is working on a shipment to Tanzania, Panama as well as another container to Ukraine in the next few weeks. Montgomery is to receive two tractor-trailer loads of hand sanitizer that was directed to us by FEMA. This will be shared with a number of locations.



Seamstress/Sewing training in the Svitlovodsk Tuberculosis Orphanage



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NEWS ON THE ORPHAN TRADE SCHOOLS

Tuberculosis Orphanage was very happy to get some fabric and sewing stuff, as that's rather expensive to buy today. So, we got them total about 40 meters of fabric of different colors and textures, also got them thread, zippers, and a ton of different buttons including some decorative ones, we got them also about 30 meters of different lace, too! that's quite exciting to know that now they can try different things and be quite creative :) thank you.



For massage training we got them some towels, large and small, also disposable paper towels, napkins, anti-bacterial soap, creams and massage oils, wet wipes, etc. Basically for now that's what they needed and that's what is used out quite fast. They are thinking about some other things, the teacher will be in touch with me. I have some money left after the shopping, so we can still use it to get more stuff for them.



Kathy Cadden in Columbus, MS continues working to close out her warehouse operations and recently sent 20 pallets of wheelchairs and parts to a group in Georgia that assists the disabled. AND...coordinating the logistics for this cobbled together "super team" is our dear *Charita Shteynberg* who has been pulling her hair out over transportation woes the past few months!

In addition to these activities my March was filled with finishing the edit for a new book on the prophecy of Isaiah and a study of Ezekiel while in Ukraine! The Wednesday night study on Habakkuk is concluding. These lessons are available online at the Dalraida website:

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

We are just beginning the fourth month of 2021 but it seems as if we have put in a year's work!

Thank you for your encouragement, prayers and financial support that makes the reports in this newsletter possible.

—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

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

Greetings, dear brothers and sisters. We always thank God for you because through you the Lord has given us an opportunity to reconcile with Him as you preached the Gospel in Ukraine. In March, we were especially delighted to see John Kachelman and to attend classes that he taught. Christians have been deprived of live fellowship during the pandemic and are greatly exhausted because our area often becomes the "red zone" where in-person assemblies are forbidden. But we were able to gather by 12-15 people for fellowship and classes.

Besides, we continue helping people and different medical institutions that we visited together with John. All doctors and teachers thank you for the aid and prayers on behalf of Ukraine.

It is through your support that we have been able to plant church in the highland village of Zelena. There were 37 people present on Sunday and about seven families were worshipping online with us when John was here. Besides, Bogdan and his wife Galyna came to Ivano-Frankivsk for worship. Galyna was baptized and now their whole family is joined together in the Lord.

Gospel is preached every day here and the Lord through His Spirit and His grace finds and brings people to His church time and again.

The whole world is going through trying times. Satan wants to destroy the chosen ones, to plant doubt and to bring souls to ruin. Pandemic, war, economic crisis, reforms in Ukraine – all these things are impossible burdens for our society. And Church of Christ is the ultimate shelter and the only hope of salvation for many who have lost their hope, for at Church they find joy and learn to trust God.

Our government has promised to ease the lockdown in April which will allow us to return to our normal fellowship. A few members of the Church have had corona in March. Thank God they have had a light course.

Dear brethren, please, continue praying on our behalf for the Lord to see all of us through this time of tribulations. Big thanks for your prayers and support.

In Christian love, Ivan and Svitlana Skoleba



For hairdressing classes we got them many really nice hair styling things for making different styles of hairdos and also tons of pins and pony tail holders, hair bands, styling buns, and such. That's because the girls spend a lot of time making some hair styling there and such. So they were very thrilled to get all those items. And of course, we got other things, like hair sprays, conditioners, hair oil, mousse and what not. That should be handy both for boys and girls to learn more things. They have quite a few boys interesting in becoming a hairdresser/barber.

THE FRUITS OF THE GOSPEL!

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RUSLAN SKOLEBA SENDS NEWS...

Greetings, dear brothers and sisters!

We thank God who allowed us to see brother John this month. It was a great blessing to us. Brother John taught very good and encouraging classes. I think he did not have time to be bored with us. John passed your love and greetings onto us. We hope that he had a good trip back home. From the time he arrived our city has been the "red zone" but in spite of that, God made it possible for us to assemble and study His word together with our brother.

We are still the "red zone" this week but some restrictions are being lifted.

We still worship online at this point but I think it won't last much longer maybe just this week.

We ask you to, please, pray on behalf of our church members as many are sick and some have COVID. Some are still recovering from the virus.

We hope that all of you are healthy and nobody is sick.

Besides, there is a family in the village where my wife and I work and we support the villagers with some things from the relief shipments that you and John provides. We buy food for them when we can. There are seven children in the family and they do not have any civilized conditions to live in.

We thank God and you for moral, spiritual and financial support. We always keep you in our prayers. Love and greetings to all of you from your brethren in Ivano-Frankivsk.

May God bless and keep you safe.

With love, Ruslan

PAVLO TUZNICHENKO'S NEWS...

Peace and grace to you. I am happy to send you my love and greetings, dear American brethren! We always thank our Heavenly Father for your hearts that are open to support us both physically and in spirit and to pray for us with such love, understanding and sympathy all the time. I am thankful to our Lord for He is always with us through His love and grace and makes us stronger in spirit and in physical aspects year by year. Besides, I pray and ask the Lord to bless and strengthen us as we live our allotted time so that we could labor with more zeal and help as many people as possible to come to Christ and become God's children. So that they will understand that God is our Father and He will never abandon us if we trust Him and rely on Him in all life's situations. Just as our earthly parents, our loving Heavenly Father provides for our needs; responds to our requests which we present to Him in our prayers; comforts and helps us; gives us wisdom to make right choices in different situations.

I would love to share my report on the work done during the month. We continue giving away humanitarian aid. However, due to the lockdown, things do not work out quite as quickly but we do all we can. I also help the members of the local congregation and those that have not joined us yet doing as much as I can and with great pleasure always remembering that our deeds should testify to our being the children of God.

LABORING IN THE SNOW & COLD!



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I continue teaching the Bible to my beloved correspondent students. I pray hard and ask the Lord to bless me in this ministry and to give me wisdom to share the truth untwisted. Dear brethren, please, pray for that as well. And I trust the Lord that this work will cause at least some to join His family.

Thank you very much for your support of John Kachelman's trip to Ukraine. We had a good opportunity to be in the wonderful Bible classes he had prepared for us.

We look forward for this lockdown to be over and for you to come here so that together we can mature in spirit and enjoy wonderful fellowship.

As always, I ask the Lord to strengthen in spirit all the people who have decided to follow Him. Besides, I ask Him to give me wisdom and love to be a better servant in His vineyard. Please, pray together 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 people that have not found the right way to follow Christ, and for peace in this country. I always keep you in my prayers. Thank you for your help, love, and support. May God bless you with good health, His love and blessings.

With love, your brother Pavlo

A KIND NOTE FROM TAMIL NADU, INDIA...

Dear and respected brother John L. Kachelman, Jr. in Christ,

Holy Greetings to you in the Precious Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

I am K. Thangaraj, servant, serving in the region of Tamil Nadu, a Southern State of India. I have been evangelizing Erode City and surrounding for the past 37 years. At present, I'm preaching at Turmeric City Church of Christ in Erode.

We sincerely pray and wish all of you have a good health and long life.

I have graduated from Tamil Nadu "Mount Zion Bible College" after completing a three-years course. Besides this, I have undergone a one-year course in the "Bible Institute" at Tamil Nadu, Erode. Both these college and institute are run by Churches of Christ.

I hope and pray this letter may bring many blessings from this new year. We do pray for you and your family.

By the Lord's grace. I have established two different congregations in and around Erode City, and have been preaching the Gospel round-the-clock.

As well there are over 80 Congregations of our Lord gathering in the City of Erode alone there are 19 Congregations gathering on each first day of the week. At times many of the Congregations gather together in one place and share our fellowship, thoughts and ideas. An average of 700 or above being baptized each year.

In India nearly 80% people are idol worshippers. My humble request. Please pray for India enter Christ.

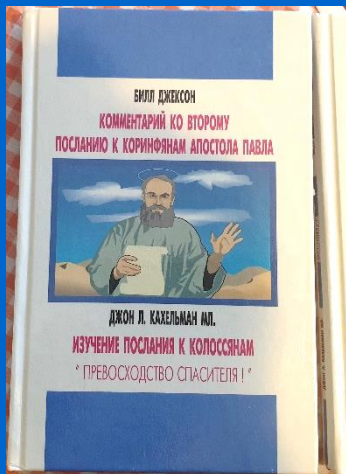
If you are interested to know more about India, please write to us. We remember you in our prayers giving thanks to our Lord for your ministry and your family. Please pray for us and the ministry here in India.

BIBLE STUDY MATERIALS

Brother Jim Mittenbrink has translated and published a number of brotherhood books into Russian. My commentary on Colossians is among this number. It was made available when I taught in March. Jim wrote...

"Dear John, The books are in Syktyvkar. I do not know if you can get them because of the war. You can contact Tatiana Belkina and ask her. You might try a test run of a copy or two to see if they get through. You will need to pay the postage. Your book is in a volume with Bill Jackson's on 2 Corinthians. Thanks Jim"

"Greetings, brother John. I got the books as soon as I received the tracking #. Thanks to all who have assisted with getting the books here. May God be glorified in our lives and deeds! Ivan S"



I am looking forward to your favorable reply. I leave you all under the Lord's care until our next correspondence. Hoping to hear from your prayers soon.

"Have A nice And Peaceful Sunday!"

"May God bless you this Week as You walk With Him!"

With Warm Christian Regards,

Your Brother in Preaching the Gospel,

Thangaraj K. Kuppan, Evangelist
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P.S. I am very happy to inform you that a good news has happened. I have received your wonderful book "ACCEPTING THE ANGER OF GOD" It is very, very useful for me and our local congregation members. Thank you so much for your literature work. May God bless your hands.

A PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE WITH A POWERFUL IMPACT...



During Chip McEwen's last mission trip to Ukraine he was visiting with Andrew and taken to the home of a young man (Volodya) who had been brutally assaulted and left permanently disabled. Chip has been in communication with Volodya and sending teaching points. On my visit I went with Andrew & Marina and took some groceries. This message came from Volodya...

Dear Chip and John! I thank Lord our God who brought into my life people that can sympathize with those in need and distress. I wish good health, God's grace and blessings to you and yours. May God keep you safe from all troubles. Yours, Volodya

VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTERS REPORT...

Dear John, How are you doing? I hope you are fine. I have already sent Jerry some of the pictures of the things that were purchased for the orphanages and I'm sending you them as well with the story/explanations.



These photos are from TB orphanage in Svitlovodsk, Gradizhsk orphanage where we have a hairdresser's project and the orphanage for visually impaired children also in Svitlovodsk.

We couldn't go inside the orphanages because of quarantine rules (we still have very high numbers and it's getting worse), so they made photos by themselves. But I am also adding photos of what was purchased, the stuff is spread out on the sofa, so you can have a good idea of what's been bought. Thank you very much to all donors, who take part in it. That's very kind and helpful! Again, thank you so that the kids could learn a very handy skill for the future profession! That's a blessing. Anya



It is your support that allows me to spend time, energies, and expense in these activities.



To Supporters of Ukraine Missions: Financial Data—March 2021

Dear brethren, below is the summary of the financial expenses/income for the month of March. If you know of others interested in supporting our efforts please have them contact me!

Each month's financial report lists those who donated that month. Some give annually, monthly, bi-monthly, quarterly, some give one-time only and some give for designated projects (mission trips, orphans, or shipments). Gifts will be listed as they are received. The End-of-the-Year donations are critical to the year's operations and help balance the bottom line!

Thank you for what you are able to do!

I hope my frequent updates communicate how valuable your mission dollars are and how they are used to help the Lord's Cause. Thank you for your financial help because it is critical. *Your funding is helping us to go into ALL the world with the gospel and bringing glory to God!* I am especially thankful for the one-time gifts received this month.

SUPPORT RECEIVED...MARCH 2021 \$10,142.00

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| Clarkson church of Christ | Harold & Jean Bridges |
| Dalraida Church of Christ | Kalvin & Connie Donnell |
| Jerusalem church of Christ | Bobby & Mary Belle Holland |
| Meridianville church of Christ | Brian & Rebekah Coggins |
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EXPENSES...MARCH 2021 \$9,191.66

During March, I had total expenses of \$00 charged to the Ukraine Mission account. Ukraine Expenses: Salaries in Ukraine (\$600.00); Taxes in Ukraine (\$200.00); UA Office (\$70.00); Help to orphans & widows (\$600.00). USA Expenses: Salary & operation expenses (\$5,308.74); Mileage reimbursement (\$205.90); MEEST (\$58.10); Stateside Mission Expenses (\$1,548.92); Warehouse (\$200.00); Trade Schools for Orphans (\$400.00).

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