

Ukraine Missions

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MAY 2021 UKRAINE MISSIONS NEWSLETTER!



Above Photo: We had shipped in school desks that were painted and made to look “new.” These were distributed to a number of schools in the Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast. *“These are children from Zelena. They thank you and American Christians for the school desks.”*

Here is the May 2021 UKRAINE MISSIONS Newsletter.

There are a number of encouraging reports in this month’s newsletter. Here is a comment from Ivan Skoleba expressing the gratitude of those so far away:

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Read the newsletter and share with others interested in the worldwide work of the Lord!

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With the sending of this newsletter May 2021 is officially closed! Once again as I reviewed the reports, photos and emails to select which to include in this month’s newsletter I was amazed at all the amazing actions that transpired. Jerry Max Morgan/Jerry Moore in Holly Springs, MS have done amazing feats and the vocational training in Ukraine going very well because of their diligence. The warehouse warriors in Searcy, AR have been busy picking up donations, sorting, and loading after a period of inactivity. In Montgomery, AL we have continued working and the last container we loaded arrived at the Odesa Port eight days early! Charita is clearing up the mistakes!

If you failed to read the special reports that have been posted online, please read them and rejoice in the great good reported (especially in Honduras!).

It seems that all COVID restrictions have been lifted as quickly as they were imposed. It is so wonderful to be back in the worshipping assemblies without pews being taped off, masks required and dismissal by sections of the auditorium! And I have been able to resume reporting visits to congregations (Wayne Furnace in Waynesboro, TN being the first!).

The construction of the building in Ivano-Frankivsk has restarted and the men of the congregation are busily involved in the effort. They are doing they best to get finished to the level that “occupancy” can be certified and they will have freedom to assemble and worship.

THANK YOU for the financial support, prayers and kind words of encouragement!

—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

RUSLAN AND MARIA SKOLEBA’S NEWS...

Greetings, dear John! I am writing you for I know that your heart is filled with love and understanding. We are fine, children are healthy and we are happy and I wish you the same.

Dear John! I am sending big and sincere thanks for the help with the treatment for little Murat that the Lord sent through Christians in Alabama. His parents also send their big thanks. May the Lord bless you and help you in everything. I am sending pictures of their house, the conditions they live in, and the boy himself whom you have helped.

The family is from village Mala Kamianka and has seven children. We help with food and clothes as much as possible. “Murat” is a baby of eight months.

PLEA FROM THE MATERNITY HOSPITAL



“This is the Maternity Hospital for babies with health issues where their mothers can stay with them. They have had two rooms repaired but they need furniture for them. As for the rest of the rooms they are in bad shape. At present the mothers and children with illness have no other place to stay.”



This baby has a disease which is called "motor skills disorder." The baby cannot hold up his head, sit, etc.

Because of the money you brethren provided they were taken to Ivano-Frankivsk for treatments earlier today. I helped them get admitted to the in-patient department of the Neurological Department for about two weeks. Treatments will cost a lot of money (therapy and medicines). My brother Kolya with a Deputy from the village set up a fund-raiser to pay for the treatments the boy needs. This is a great need because this family does not have enough money to buy food, let alone medicines and treatments. The mother has been pregnant eight times. I know you understand the problem that the family is facing. It breaks my heart to see his condition and I pray and have a strong desire for the boy to recover and grow/develop as he should.



The quick response from American brothers and sisters has been wonderful because it is an emergency.

May the Lord protect you and yours! With love and respect, Maria Skoleba

Dear brother and sisters! Thank you for your prayers. We have finally cleared the relief shipments this week. Besides, we plan to start working on the electric power line in the church building (according to the design project).

All members here send you their love and greetings. Our sister Valentina Petrivna, has hearing aid now, which was paid by brother Mike Lawson. So now she can listen to sermons and Bible classes and hear everything.

We cannot wait for you to come and see the progress in every area! May God bless you and your families.

In Christian love, Ruslan

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

Dear brothers and sisters, love and greetings to you from Western Ukraine, from the church of Christ in Ivano-Frankivsk. Thank God, the restrictions have eased in May and the number of the sick with the virus has dropped considerably. We can assemble freely, teach classes and have fellowship as we please. We rejoice in our fellowship. Despite all hardships we continue preaching the Gospel for it is the power of God as stated by Apostle Paul. We still stream our worship online, and new people from different parts of Ukraine join us as well as those who are far away from us for different reasons (some of our members work in Europe).

We had visitors from America earlier this month – Mike and Susan Lawson. Christina interpreted for them. Mike taught classes on faith, repentance and salvation. His lessons were attuned to our topic this month, which is *Basics of Christianity*.

Mike and Susan visited the village of Zelena where they plan to bring a group of American Christians to have a Christian summer camp and teach English through the Bible. We have distributed humanitarian aid to people in that village for several years. There are two Christian families there and

THE FRUITS OF CONTAINERS!



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several families that we have Bible classes with. The children are very outgoing and always come to classes and look forward to Sundays.

The Lord has answered our prayers on behalf of Valentina Petrivna. We prayed several times for a hearing aid for her. It is very expensive and we cannot collect that much because everybody would give more toward the construction to have that completed ASAP. When Mike and Susan found out about the need, they decided to buy hearing aid for our 88-year-old sister Valentina Petrivna. Now she can hear lessons very well. She says she can even hear birds chirp while before she would see them but could not hear and had long forgotten the sound of their twitter.

We also rejoiced to know that Angela wanted to be baptized. She lives in a village close to Starry Lysets. Volodya Didukh baptized her because she is a part of the village there. Now we have one more sister in Christ. We pray for her maturing in spirit and for her family. As a rule, when people are baptized their families go through serious changes and those changes at times cause bad misunderstanding with the family members.

There is news from Mala Kamianka as well. A large needy family received help from the Church. There are seven small children in that family. The youngest is eight months old but neither father nor mother understands what a family is. Local authorities, doctors, and social workers refused to help them. The baby did not develop as it should. There is only one room in the house where this family lives and the roof is falling down so they put a cabinet in the middle of the room to hold up the roof so that it would not fall and bury the kids. This was how they lived through the winter. We learned about them in May from Mykola, Masha's brother. So now Ruslan and Maria help this family on behalf of the Church providing them with clothes, shoes, food, and hygiene supplies. We decided to help and took the mother and the baby to the hospital where they received medical assistance. The baby had pneumonia. That prompted the local authorities to get local activists involved. At this point, they are looking for a better lodging for the family but meanwhile their little house is being repaired. Thus, Church of Christ always responds to people's needs as we try to help whenever we can. Special thanks to the Dalraida Church of Christ, brother John Kachelman and many American brethren for funds given to help this family. We bought medicines, food and diapers for them. The mother and the baby have been discharged from the hospital. The Chief Doctor of the Regional Hospital accused local doctors of negligence and sluggishness. Local doctors and authorities admitted their fault and the fact that they did not help the family as they should have. They found a two-room house for this family. It needs repairs and furniture but they will have time to repair it as the older children will temporarily go to an orphanage at our request.

We have worked with this orphanage for many years helping children. The orphanage is willing to help because the Dalraida Church gave money to buy a couch, hygiene and school supplies for the children there. Also, the Hillsboro Church gave funds and brother Gary Jerkins helped buy medicines for a girl with a severe disease. The orphanage has also received medicines and medical equipment.

At the Church's request the administration of the orphanage agreed to let the children stay there while their house was being repaired.

Dear American brethren, your kind and caring hearts allow us to support people in dire straits. BIG thanks to you. And all these people not only received

BEARS OF LOVE DISTRIBUTED!



“Hi brother, these photos were given by Andrey Ivanovich. He gave toys to orphans. The children were very happy. Thanks to American Christians!”



food, clothes, medical treatment but they also heard about Jesus Christ and His Church. They thanked the Lord and all who are involved with tears in their eyes.

We also had to go to Kyiv twice this month due to problems with approvals of two humanitarian aid containers. Thank God we have secured the approvals of the two containers that were in limbo for seven months, and whose delay led us to almost lose all hope of having them approved. Having waited for seven months we now can distribute the relief items to people.

But the container for the Medical University has not been approved and we will not be able to approve on the regional level any more. Rules have changed completely. Now all shipments are being cleared by the Lviv Customs. I talked with the Vice-Minister who explained all the rules and their purpose. There is no Task Group in Kyiv any more. It has been replaced with representatives of different departments of executive authorities.

The number of people turning to us for help grows every year. Svitlana stays in close contact with women and through humanitarian aid more and more people receive not only clothes but Bibles as well. They are happy to hear of salvation and the Word of God. There are some that join in online classes.

Our men continue working on construction of our church building and have done preparatory work necessary to run electric lines all over the building. The design project is complete, the line has been run into the building, and grounding has been made. We have started running the lines inside the building. The Lord blessed us and we were able to buy the cable before prices went up the next day.

We are able to make our own paving slabs now thanks to our being able to purchase the paving molds. This will save us a lot of money on the construction. Thank you, brother John and all our dear brothers and sisters, for support in this construction. We pray that we will move to the new building soon. Big thanks to all of you for financial support of our construction. The work is slowly progressing.

Every day puts us closer to eternity and seeing the fruit of our work we rejoice and pray that our descendants will rejoice in the Lord and bring forth plentiful fruit in the Kingdom of our Heavenly Father.

Big thanks to you for prayers and support of our life and ministry here. May the Lord keep you safe. Thank you for prayers and support. We love you and appreciate all you do to bring glory for the Lord.

In Christian love, The Skoleba family

PAVLO TUZNICHENKO'S NEWS...

Grace and peace to you. I am sending you my love and greetings, my dear brothers and sisters. I never stop thanking our Lord for your hearts that are always open to support and pray for us with such love, understanding and sympathy. I always remember you in my prayers to the Lord and I ask Him to bless you for your assistance to all churches of Christ in Ukraine and throughout the world. Your love and care encourage Churches in Ukraine and motivate us to mature in spirit more and more. Thank you for supporting our American brethren and their trips to Ukraine where they teach wonderful lessons from the Holy Scripture. Here is my report on the work done during May 2021.

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We are busy with humanitarian aid distribution. With our joint prayers, we were able to secure approval for the relief containers, with which we had so many problems. The Lord gave us wisdom and patience to see it all through and all the things you shipped will find their end recipients needing those items.

On top of that, we have received and unloaded the container with medical supplies and equipment. I hope it will not take as much time to have it approved and cleared by the Customs.

I continue with correspondence Bible classes that I teach to my students. We have studied a series on “*Historic Christian Evidences*” and have examined historic documents dealing with the historic person of Christ. We have touched upon the Bible and archeology talking about archeological proofs of Biblical characters and cities and other items confirming the words of the Bible. Soon, we will have tests in this series, and, as usual, I hope the students will successfully complete them.

We look forward to seeing you here so that together we could once again plant the Word of God in this region. Dear brethren, please, pray with me for the Lord to add many more people to His Church. May the Lord bless you in all you do. May He give you good health and growing spirit. I always keep you in my prayers. Good health, God’s love and blessing to you and your families!

In Christian love, Your brother Pavlo

AMAZING—PREACHER TRAINING IN PAKISTAN!

Brother David Hamrick (World Bible Institute) sent out this amazing report:

I would never have dreamed that we could train preachers in Pakistan, but the Lord has opened such a door. The new Sahiwal Bible College is now up and running thanks to a partnership with WBI. This is the only school of preaching in Pakistan associated with the churches of Christ. The potential is incredible. There are 36 churches of Christ with approximately 4,500 members. The host congregation for the school, Sahiwal church of Christ, has about 180 members.

Naeem Sabir serves as the Director of the new school. His father directed



the program years ago. He is also the only translator for the school and works diligently to translate English materials into the local language Urdu. Muslim translators refuse to translate Christian materials. It is vital that we do what we can to produce as much material as possible while we have the opportunity. The school is currently a part time school with 15 students. Naeem is pictured baptizing a man into Christ.

The churches of Christ in Pakistan are very poor and could use some assistance with benevolence. Such will go a long way in plowing a path for the church in that hostile environment.

For more updates and reports please check these websites:

www.kachelman.com/ukraine/blog/

[www. https://dalraidamissions.org/](https://dalraidamissions.org/)

[www. https://worldofconnections.org/home](http://www.https://worldofconnections.org/home)

VOCATIONAL TRAINING



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VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTERS REPORT...

Gradizhsk: They truly appreciate all the things that were bought and started using them. We got a high-quality set with electric trimmer, scissors, cover and a very nice curling iron. They have started using it for hairdos for the celebration of school ending this year. They loved it! Plus, some other items came in handy from previous shopping, like hair pins, etc. Also, Yulia said that some are still afraid to use scissors, as they are much harder than just a trimmer. Several older ones are trying to master it, but still a bit awkward, but Yulia says some already know that they want to become hairdressers when they graduate.

Thank you for the help that you provide, I think it helps children feel secure about their future even if they choose another field. They will still know that they can provide some services like this on the side or simply take care of their families and friends. And it really means a lot in such a hard time and backgrounds as they come from.

Alexandria Orphanage: Dear friends, Inna keeps on working with the two groups and helping them to learn. She is trying her best to make the lessons interesting and keep their attention.

Of course, I have already sent her support for what she is doing. And we have also done more shopping for the items that she needs. And look, even boys are interested. 😊

We got some crafts for them from special curly cutting scissors and decor elements to almost 25 meters of fabric, ribbons and such! Again, thank you so much for the help!!!

Blind Orphanage: Dear friends! We managed to find more chairs and get them delivered, which took some time. But now I can say that they are happy to have this equipment and it helps to master working with different parts of body better. THANK YOU! Now they have what they need - three chairs! As you can see from the pictures, they are making massages of neck and upper back which is more convenient this way than when lying down.

Please, take a look at the blind girl in the grey dress. This is Marina, and this year due to an accident she unfortunately lost what little vision she has had... Many years ago she fell at a school (different one) where she went to and almost completely lost her eyesight, she could hardly see, mostly light and dark and just the shapes of the objects. Not long ago when she was playing with her little brother, he threw a ball and accidentally hit her in the eyes and she completely lost her eyesight. So now she will definitely go to the medical college in the south of the country where they take totally blind kids and teach them to do massage. When she graduates from that medical college she will have a medical education and be a nurse-masseur! So, these lessons at the orphanage are highly helpful for her and she actually likes them a lot and was thinking of doing massages even before the last accident. Thank you for the help provided! It's helping greatly!

Thank you for giving them a chance!!! Hugs to everyone, Anya

