

Ukraine Missions

a ministry of Dalraida church of Christ

August 2021 UKRAINE MISSIONS NEWSLETTER!



Photo: The month of August saw constant work in the Dalraida warehouse. We sorted clothing, shoes, medical and hygiene supplies

Here is the August 2021 UKRAINE MISSIONS Newsletter.

August passed quickly as it was full of activities. I wish I had the space, and you had the time to read of all the amazing things that transpired in August 2021. There is always a great encouragement that results when we read of the impressive works of God all over the world! It was for this reason that those returning from mission trips

assembled with the Church. “When they had arrived and gathered the church together, they began to report all the things that God had done with them and how He had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. And they spent a long time with the disciples” (Acts 14:27-28). This glimpse into the reporting efforts on the early Church highlights that some went while others could not; some assisted with the finances involved; all rejoiced and offered thanksgiving in prayers for the great good accomplished.

We continue pressing toward the goal of approved occupancy in the new building in Ivano-Frankivsk. Great progress is being made in the construction schedule. We are waiting on one more pledged donation and then the funding for this phase is completed. After the certificate of occupancy is received the Church will meet in the building but will continue finishing the last points of construction.

In a few days several of us will be traveling to Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine on a mission trip. There will be a total of five from Dalraida going. The medical seminar that is planned and coordinated by Gary Jerkins, Ron Swang and John Durham is scheduled as well. We will be sending back the usual reports and these will be posted on the Ukraine Missions and Dalraida web sites.

THANK YOU for your involvement in this amazing work!

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"IMPRESSIVE!" DESCRIBES AUGUST 2021

Here is news of the month of August! There has been an incredible amount of activity during this month. I am playing catch-up in sending out reports, financial spreadsheets, distribution reports, plans for the upcoming mission trip into Ukraine, scheduling delivery and unloading at the Montgomery, AL warehouse of THREE trucks from CURE, SIX 53-foot truckloads of medical, hygiene and PPE supplies (147 pallets!), scheduling sorting activities, sending articles to various publications, speaking on Bill Lockwood's AMERICAN LIBERTY radio program and the presentations on YouTube (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyj6wjaRcHShpXpcET_AaHw), and juggling all of this with the usual activities!

August has been impressive!

*Impressive...*the overall results of our shipping humanitarian aid containers January 2021 through August 2021 are impressive. Thus far in 2021 we have shipped 28 containers with a total weight of 780,189 lbs and total value of \$4,329,206.60! We are waiting to ship a container through the USDoD to Nigeria and a container to Moldova for orphanages in that region. We have other loads ready to go in Searcy, AR and Holly Springs, MS but are delayed by the supply chain chaos. This does NOT include any of the Stateside actions that have consumed energy and time—a group from the Graymere Church of Christ (Columbia, TN) distributed hand sanitizer to the Apache Nation in AZ; for three weeks in August we distributed hand sanitizer throughout the State of Alabama (44 counties). The Alabama's Governor's office assisted us in making contacts, scheduling pick-ups and physically assisting. The Governor's office sent a statewide release regarding the hand sanitizer saying: "We are very thankful for this donation from the Dalraida Church of Christ."

*Impressive...*the year-to-date efforts of Jerry Max Morgan and Jerry Moore in loading humanitarian aid containers from their Holly Springs, MS warehouse and especially their leadership in the vocational skills teaching in Ukraine's orphanages. This work is accomplishing good things for the Lord's Church. The children in orphanages are being trained in skills that will help them secure jobs as they are forced out of the orphanages. Each month Anya sends fantastic reports and photos of this effort. I edit and reduce to give you a brief summary of this amazing work.

*Impressive...*this year has seen the energy and drive of the brethren in Ivano-Frankivsk to complete construction to the point they can obtain a certificate of occupancy before the harsh winter weather hits. The efforts in Ukraine have been possible because of the generosity of those on this side who gave to help purchase materials for the construction. I have not had time to update the online spreadsheet, but I want to say that we are ALMOST TO OUR GOAL! I will try to get an updated report out on this action.

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Much more could be written about August 2021, but I want you to read a sampling of the good reports from Ukraine. Thank you for your financial support that makes this month's newsletter brimming with good news!

—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

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

Greetings, dear brothers and sisters in Christ. The month of August has been full of joy, various activities and events in the Church.

We continue preaching the Gospel as we see what a great power of God it is. We see people change. We see the joy that comes into our families when we are at peace with God.

We had one baptism this month. Sonya was baptized. She started coming to children's Bible classes when she was a little child together with the children of other members of the Church. She grew up and played with them. Sveta taught Bible classes to them. And now Sonya decided to be baptized. It was a great joy to all members of the Church. This was our first group of children coming to Church from the very day of its foundation. All of them have been baptized – Anya, Sasha, Christina and Sonya.

Younger children continue coming to Church and Sveta continues teaching Bible classes to them. We pray for them to become Christians and remain faithful to God and His Church.

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Our men are involved in the life of the Church praying and waiting on the Lord's Table. Besides, we try to do as much as we can on our own as we help with construction of our meeting place to save funds and to speed up work.

Together with Svetlana, I visit and support the Church in Zelena where 8 to 12 adults and 5 to 7 children come to Bible classes. Children look forward to seeing us and enjoy classes and fellowship very much.

Ruslan and Masha help people in the village of Kamianka talking to them about salvation. We trust that the Lord has people there that want to reconcile with him. As a result of our benevolent help to anyone in need, many listen to them and see the difference in the life and teachings of Christ's Church.

We try to support people through humanitarian aid even though Ukraine's Law on Humanitarian Aid has toughened. Aid to individuals and families has been banned no matter what their social status is. It is required to give aid to different groups for distribution, which brings about additional expenses, takes up more time and effort. And churches have been restricted in their humanitarian work. We cannot receive clothes and many other items any more. Changes that the government brings changes every aspect of our lives. These changes challenge our interaction with the government and individuals. In spite of all problems, we have obtained Customs clearance for the shipment and have transferred it to the Ivano-Frankivsk Medical University and three hospitals. Beginning the first of September, these groups will be getting medical supplies, lab coats, PPE and many other things that doctors need.

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Thanks to everybody helping brother John Kachelman in this work. Through your help the Lord opens up people’s hearts. Because of your work we give glory to God and big thanks to all of you.

We look forward to seeing our American brethren here soon trusting that God will make the trip possible and there will be no restrictions caused by the pandemic. May our Heavenly Father protect all of you.

We love you, Ivan and Svitlana

RUSLAN SKOLEBA’S NEWS...

Greetings, dear brothers and sisters!

I am happy to write you again. Thank God, the Church here is doing well. Every man is involved in the life of the Church and the construction of our meeting place.

I wrote you about the family that lives in the village where my wife comes from, that had a disabled baby boy whom we helped. We had to stop helping them. They were caught lying to us and the husband was on the booze for some time. The mother and the children have moved in with her family in another village and we are unable to help the baby.

I hope to see many of you before too long. We all look forward to your trip and having live fellowship with you.

May God protect you and your families. Kind regards to you on behalf of the Church in Ivano-Frankivsk.

Sincerely Yours, Ruslan

PAVLO TUZNICHENKO’S NEWS...

Love and greetings to you, my dear brothers and sisters. As I pray to our Lord and Savior, I always thank Him for you, your love, support and prayers that all of us need, all churches of Christ throughout the world.

Your care and concern encourage us and build us up giving us assurance and optimism as we labor in God’s vineyard. I am thankful the Lord is with us blessing us with His love and grace, building us up in spirit and physical aspects more and more each year. I ask the Lord to bless us and make us strong through the time allotted to us on earth so that we would work harder and help many more people come to Christ and become God’s children; so that we would help them realize that God is our Father and will never forsake us if we trust Him in all life’s situations. Just as our earthly parents, our loving Heavenly Father gives us all we need, responds to our requests revealed in our prayers to Him, comforts us, helps us, and gives us wisdom to do right

SORTING IN MONTGOMERY PREPARING ITEMS TO BE SHIPPED!



regardless of circumstances. Besides, He teaches and disciplines us so that we can be used to preach His Word.

As always, I rejoice as I work in God's vineyard. I am also involved in the construction of our meeting place where we will teach Bible classes and worship our Lord and where at the time being we deliver construction materials and landscape the surrounding grounds. I continue teaching correspondence Bible classes to my beloved students. I ask the Lord to bless me in this ministry giving me wisdom to present the truth untwisted. Dear brethren, pray for these things as well, please. I trust that through this ministry Lord's family will grow by at least a few members.

We are eager to have you here and to preach the Gospel together. Please, pray with me for the Lord to add more people to His Church. I ask the Lord to bless you in everything you do, and to build you up. You are always in my prayers. Wishing good health, God's love and blessings to you and your families.

In Christian love, your brother, Pavlo

VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTERS REPORT...BY ANYA

Dear friends,

I wanted to write as to what is going on with the extra funds that Jerry Max Morgan has sent. I'm waiting for the teachers to tell about their needs and place orders for delivery as not all things can be bought in Kremenchuk or in the towns where the orphanages are located.

Sewing/Seamstress Teaching...The children had a chance to experience some extra master classes from a lady invited from Kyiv who is a seamstress herself. Inna went with them as a mentor and as a teacher of sewing, as she held classes there as well. They also had some fun activities and used the bags that they made themselves to paint over. Inna said that it was fun and that they learnt a lot and had a good practice. Thank you so much for supporting this activity.

From **Orphanage Alexandria**. The children are continuing classes and having fun learning new things. They are learning how to make pants shorter on ready-made clothes. Inna is saying that the boys that she has in the group are very enthusiastic and in fact are fast learners and not afraid to use a sewing machine at all!

I used the extra money that Jerry sent to buy more sewing supply. I got lots of buttons, decorative pieces, ribbons, fabric, special sparkly paper, also sparkles for fabric, lace, needles, tape-meter and what not!

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A story from **Alexandria**. Inna told me that they shared information about their sewing project with some people and posted photos somewhere in social media and people started asking about the bags, so the children sent bags to these people and had money to buy ice cream! And now they have about 40 "orders" for these bags due before New Year, and the money that they earn will be used to help pay for heating as the building is large and they pay a lot as a rule.

TEACHING A CRITICAL LIFE-LESSON!



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A photo from Yulia (rehabilitation center) with kids holding the toys that Alexandria children have made 😊 isn't that cute?

For **TB orphanage** we bought fabric, decorative items, also sparkly decor paper and sparkles, lots of yarn and ribbons and lace, beads and tones of buttons. Different types of yarn/thread. This is now part of the curriculum in this

orphanage and they will have many children middle school and high school age learning things. TB orphanage school has started autumn sessions and they are saying thank you very much!

Massage Therapy/Landscaping Training at the Sight Impaired Orphanage...Ludmila ordered more things for the massage room with these funds, namely a special medical table and a bar/holder for the projector to be put on the ceiling. Those children that can see a little will benefit from the projector.

I am planning to buy more things for Tatiana's room teaching gardening/plant. Tatiana sent me a list of items and we are going step by step trying to help cover her needs, so that she could teach the kids successfully. So, I am also using the extra funds that Jerry has sent to help with that. Tatiana also needed special children writing boards that she can use during the lessons. We got that, too. 😊

Thank you so much for this, it's very, very exciting!

DENIS SOPELNIK SHARING GOOD NEWS FROM BELA TSERKVA

And here in our local congregation three people were baptized last week. Two teenagers Alica and Daniel, and Olga. They have been introduced to the Church for some time now. Daniel is our Minister Konstantin's son. Olga and Alica are mother and daughter of our brother in Christ Sergiy. So, there was a lot of joy in Heaven. We were very prayerful about it for a long time.

In the end of August, we are having a VBS in Bela Tserkva. Every year we have 30-40 children who are not otherwise connected to the Church in attendance. They learn more about God and His love. And some of them keep coming to the Sunday school.

Also, in the end of August we established youth group meetings on Thursdays. It's an interesting and important project of our congregation. As of right now we have our students and the children of our Christians attending but we want to invite young people from the streets. I hope it will work and will involve our students better.

Thank you for your prayers for us, for your support and love that you extend to us. God bless!

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