



UKRAINE MISSIONS NEWS

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"TODAY WE HAD A VERY GOOD EVENT. ANYA AND DARIA MADE A COVENANT WITH GOD. THEY WERE BAPTIZED IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS."

IVAN SKOLEBA'S NEWS FOR FEBRUARY...

Greetings, dear brothers and sisters in the Lord. As we pray, we always thank God for the joint ministry that we have together with you and for the joy that we share. Your prayers and support of the congregation here encourage us to give glory to God and to preach the Holy Gospel to others.

At this point we pray and ask the Lord to help us complete construction of the church building so that the congregation can move to the new building where we will work hard to give glory to God. First of all, having our own meeting place will allow us to set up different activities with people, children's Bible classes, have meetings with adults, conduct worship services and officially invite people to church, give out invitation flyers with our address while with this rented meeting place we are not allowed to officially invite people to this address or else we would be kicked out. The owner has warned Andrew and me several times not to advertise Church because he does not want priests to be upset with him and the priests are present in the Regional Rada when decisions are made for the Region and the city. All that can have a bad toll on his business. There are other things that I cannot write that make us feel ill and even bound hand and foot by warnings. That is why we pray and ask the Lord to help us move to our new meeting place where we will have more freedom. This constant fight and search for solutions requires much strength and plants disappointment in the hearts of our people.

In spite of all these problems we continue studying the Gospel and we always thank God for the warm and bright meeting place we have now.

Our Sunday worship assembly begins at 11:00 a.m. and is over at 1:00 p.m. We have tea and fellowship afterwards. After that Svitlana and I go to Zelena and teach Bible to a group of people that want to study the Word of God from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Once a month, people from the village come to worship with us. On Wednesday we study the Bible and fellowship from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. On Friday, we have a joint prayer for our needs and give thanks to the Lord for His blessings.

We continue helping the needy and invite people to Church to study the Gospel. All members help one another while each one is trying to serve the Church with their talents and abilities. Svitlana teaches children's Bible class. We continue helping Freah. She is enrolled in an institute now and reads the Bible. We hope that the Lord will work things out so that she'll repent and want to be baptized. We pray to God asking Him to fill our new meeting place full of adults and children. We do all we can for that.

COMPASSION IN SERVICE!

A container was shipped into Liberia late last year. It would furnish a clinic in Liberia that is managed by the Church there. It was loaded in Searcy, AR. Here is a report...



“Hello Charita, as you usually request to tell you how the relief is used. “Tarnue” was seen at the clinic today. He had a swollen left knee. We thank God that in container was crutches and one was given him. After his treatment he used it. He was unable to walk by himself but because of the shipment from Searcy, AR he can walk. God Bless.
William”

We look forward to John Kachelman’s visit. He will teach Bible classes and will help us with humanitarian aid clearance. Again, the Ministry is doing all they can to make the life of the needy even worse complicating and stalling clearance of relief shipments. Just seeing John’s presence will cause many problems to vanish. Many significant people in our government are willing to meet with him and hear what he has to report and suggestions.

Thank you for your prayers and support. In Christian love, Ivan and Svitlana

WORLD BIBLE INSTITUTE IN IVANO-FARNKIVSK!

Greetings, dear brother John. Sorry for a tardy reply. Men have met many times to discuss and advise concerning the Bible School. We have come to the conclusion that we do need a Bible school attached to the Church. First, it gives a good opportunity to stay in the Word of God with those who really want to study which helps them mature in spirit faster. Secondly, the education is free. We will have it as a part-time school this year. Students will have three days of classes and then study at home on their own. Third, Ruslan will be in charge of the School since neither me nor Volodya have the time to do direct the School. The American Directors have agreed to Rulsan being the Director if Volodya and I direct him in the doctrine. Four, we already have part-time students. They are Bogdan, Galyna, Petro and Tetiana from Zelena. Besides, Olexy and Mykola from this congregation who were baptized last year. As of today, we have 6 students and this number might grow. We will resume classes on February 17 and will teach: The Plan of Redemption and Genesis. Americans will come in March to teach the Life of Christ and Ethics.

Please, continue praying for us. Big thanks to you for prayers and support.

With love and respect in Christ, Ivan

VOVA AND JULIA DIDUKH IN LYSETS!

Today we had a very good event. Anya and Daria made a covenant with God. They were baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. Two more souls joined the kingdom of God and the Church of Christ in Lisets We now have seven baptized Church members. I thank God for the growth He gives us. Thank you for loving the Church of Christ in Ukraine! Vova

Greetings to the whole Church of Christ in USA! I am glad to report you about “Smart Fox” Christian club for February! February was a productive month. This year we did not have much snow. Actually, it snowed only one time, so kids were disappointed with the winter and ready for the spring and spending time outside playing games. In Ukraine winter is usually time of viruses and unfortunately some kids got sick but thanks to God they all feeling healthy now!

We successfully started a group with the children from kindergarten. It has five precious kids 4-5 years old. It is a new experience. Parents are satisfied with the classes and we have communication with them through these classes.

This month our main topic at the Bible classes was heroes of the faith. In this way we reviewed many stories we have learned before and talk about all these people and see their strong sides and what is combining all of them and whom we want to look like and act and why! It was such heroes as Zacchaeus,

THE LOVE OF GOD IN A PAIR OF SHOES!



“One African student came to unload today wearing summer shoes and was freezing as it was very cold. When we asked why he was wearing those shoes he said it was all he had. We asked him about his shoe size. We had tennis shoes that size and gave him a pair. The driver with the Customs officer could not understand. We explained that those shoes were shipped by Christians from churches of Christ in America to help those that need shoes. He was happy and thanked God.”

Adam and Eve, John the Baptist, Jesus, Solomon, Abraham, Daniel, Moses, Mary, David and Noah.

I put time and efforts to get to know each personally closer, so if you want to know more about someone from the photos, I will be glad to tell you.

Thank you and God for making it all happen! In Jesus, Julia

BROTHER EMMANUEL SENDS GREETINGS!

Hello Dear Brethren, greetings from Ivano-Frankivsk!

Please by His grace, the container arrived safely in Ivano-Frankivsk and last Thursday after classes we arranged to off-load them to the Church warehouse by HMI members, Dr. Denys, brothers Vova, Pasha and Andrii. There was great joy and excitement and overwhelming by we all who were present.

We are all forever grateful and thankful to you and all those who made it possible to shipped such unimaginable great Medical Books and supplies to equipped us to become a Great Physicians in future. We are eternally thankful for your continue agape love and resourcing us with such great materials.

Thank you to all the Lord's Church in the USA who support such great efforts. God richly bless you all and keep you all healthy and strong to continue serving His Church and humanity across the globe and praying such efforts will open people hearts and win to His Kingdom Lord willing.

Please attached is a link of short video and photos for your perusal. https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1276103769246215&id=568486103341322

In His service, Emmanuel

THE LOVE OF GOD IN A PAIR OF SHOES!

Big thanks to you, dear brothers and sisters, for help! We have done a lot today. With your support, together we praise God at Church of Christ. One African student came to unload today wearing summer shoes and was freezing as it was very cold. When we asked why he was wearing those shoes he said it was all he had. We asked him about his shoe size and found out it was 45. We had tennis shoes that size shipped by John some time ago and gave him a pair. He was very surprised and grateful. All students clapped their hands and the driver with the Customs officer could not understand why students would go to school not having shoes.

We explained that those shoes were shipped by Christians from churches of Christ in America to help those that need shoes. He was happy and thanked God. With love, Ivan and Andrew

RUSLAN SKOLEBA SENDS NEWS...

Heartfelt greetings to you, my brothers and sisters in Christ!

Previously I asked you via brother John to pray for my family because all of us were sick. I am sending you big thanks for your prayers. We are well now

ZELENA

The home study group in the village of Zelena (Chernyky) continues and there is a children's group now. From time to time neighbors, friends, relatives of the family visit (these you went picnicking with in October). When the group cannot come here Ivan and Svitlana go there for worship and Bible studies.



but struggled to recover from high fever. Thank you for prayers and thank God who heard and answered your prayers.

We have some joyful news to share – TWO SOULS have been added to God's Kingdom. Those are ones that brother Volodymyr first evangelized. They did attend Ivano-Frankivsk but now are members at Lysets. I am telling you about them because God has one vineyard and same reapers. We all work for the same cause.

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World Bible School has resumed classes. As we can see, these studies have good motivating power with many to study the Word of God in depth. It is a good opportunity to train a strong and knowledgeable team that will work with new people in our new church building in particular.

We are happy that two new people started attending our Wednesday classes – mother and daughter. We pray and ask God to touch their hearts with His Word.

Everybody is sending you their love and greetings.

I saw a picture of Will Tucker's son leading singing. It is a great training. We also try to get our children involved in worship services. At this point, they read or recite Psalms before worship.

My older son had to bring his favorite book to school and explain what exactly he likes about it. Timothy took the Bible and said that he enjoys reading it because it tells us about God and His will for people, about creation of the world, and give us much more important information. Children are our future.

May God protect and bless you. Thank you very much for your support and love.

In Christian love, Ruslan and family

PAVOLD TUZNICHENKO'S NEWS...

Peace and grace to you. I am happy to send you my love once again. I always thank our Lord for all whose hearts are open to support those in need with such love, understanding and sympathy. Big thanks to you from the brothers and sisters you support to spread the Word of God all over the world.

I continue teaching our correspondence Bible course. All students passed their recent tests successfully. It is so good to see people work hard to study the Word of God. Please, continue praying for the World Bible Institute and for the classes that I teach to my students so that they can apply the knowledge gained in classes and bring forth plentiful fruit in God's vineyard. Indeed, our main task is to convert as many people as possible so that they can enjoy God's love and care.

I find great joy in being a part of the busy life of the Church and help with distribution of humanitarian aid (within the last month we gave out a lot of it). People are excited and thankful to receive clothes and shoes that you collected with great love for those in need. Besides, we gave a lot of scrubs,

JOY IN THE MIDST OF ANGELS!



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wheelchairs, potty-chairs, crutches, walkers, office supplies, hand soaps, bed linens, toys and many other things, to various medical institutions, orphanages, villages councils, and many social service groups. I pray that with this aid we will be able to add more people to the army of Christ. The most recent container that we received from you was unloaded with the help of medical students (it looked like half of medical students came to unload!). The books and supplies that they are to receive for their training will help them greatly with their further studies. Please, pray for them to become highly qualified doctors and to apply their knowledge worthily.

I always ask our Lord to give strength in spirit to those that have decided to follow Him. More and more do I pray for Him to give me wisdom and love to be a better worker in Him vineyard.

My dear brothers and sisters, please, pray for the Lord to add more and more people to His Church, for the growth of Church all over the world, for those people that have not arrived on the right path to follow Christ, and for peace in this country. I always pray on behalf of all of you. Thank you for your help, love, and support. I always wish good health, God’s love and blessings to all of you.

In Christian love, brother Pavlo

CONSTRUCTION’S SIGNIFICANCE...

As why such a large room for 40-50 people presently meeting? We now have many different families to work with. We expect to grow up to 250-300 people in a new building in 3-4 years. Also, when we move to a new building, we will make signs with the name of the Church of Christ, with a schedule of ministry and with a schedule of various events, Bible teaching, and more. Together with the structure, we are preparing a team that can support these areas. We do not only hope from prayer, but do all we can from the last moment to give the Church of Christ many fruits in Western Ukraine in the glory of our God. Thank you very much for everything. Ivan and Andrew

IMPACTING INDIA...

We had a gospel meeting at tribal village in Vizainagaram district in December. It is 240 miles away from us. It was huge gathering and people from different tribal villages attended. Happy to inform that four people obeyed the Lord in the waters of baptism. The local preacher baptized them into Christ. Please pray for the work in the hill country area.

We had baptism at a gospel meeting held at village named Rajavolu, ten miles away from us in the first week of month. I helped some poor older people with blankets at that meeting. I also distributed Bibles to some who cannot afford to buy one.

(Rajahmundry, Andhra Pradesh, India)

