



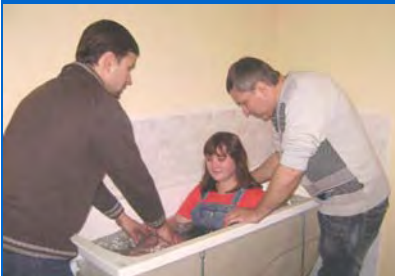
UKRAINE MISSIONS NEWS

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“WE HAVE WEATHERED TWO EPIC FLOODS AND THE AFTERSHOCKS OF THE EARTHQUAKE DISASTER AS IT IMPACTED THE WHOLE COUNTRY... THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS IS BEING PREACHED.”

The month of March came in like a lion and through all 31 days of the month it seemed as if we were constantly battling lion days—never a lamb day appeared! Each week was filled with activity and energy (mental and physical) seemed in short supply. During this busy month I was able to travel and meet with various brethren about the mission efforts and then quickly return to Searcy to prepare for actions here. Throughout the month we have been involved heavily in Ukraine actions but we were also involved in actions in the Republic of Georgia, Haiti, and Moldova. Adding to the schedule were three conference calls that connected me with Washington, DC, Bangkok, Thailand, Manila, Philippines, and Kyiv, Ukraine!

The Life Resources International warehouse crew in Searcy, AR has worked above and beyond the call of duty during these first three months of 2014. We are trying to get as many containers loaded before funding ceases in May and that deadline has put a tremendous burden on those involved. Our crew is 100% volunteers and they have a number of other responsibilities with the College church of Christ and other efforts, but they are wonderful in stepping forward when there is a need! The local newspapers have taken notice of the wonderful heart and devotion of the warehouse crew and we have seen a number of published reports on our efforts this month! When you consider the fact that our labor is volunteer, the commodities are donated because they are surplus, and the shipping is paid by the United States government it is amazing that the actual expenses are so low (operating expenses in the warehouse and incidentals associated with the shipments such as voltage converters, shrink wrap & tape, expenses to go and pick up donated commodities and then expenses for our overseas operations), the efforts to ship benevolent items to brethren overseas is an amazing “bargain” for the Lord’s Church.

This month’s newsletter highlights some of the actions that I think are most encouraging. To be sure there are just too many actions to report in such a limited format. I hope the actions selected will encourage you and bring cheer to your heart because God’s Word is active and powerful and impacting the entire world! Much good is being accomplished and the full impact will probably never be known this side of eternity.

Thank you for your financial support, your prayers, and your encouragement in so many ways!

—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

YOUR BRETHREN IN UKRAINE!



"Brothers and sisters! We are indeed very happy and thankful to you for your support and prayers. It gives us the sense of unity and helps us be even more thankful to God as we realize how impossible it all would be without your help."

IVAN SKOLEBA REPORTS FROM IVANO-FRANKIVSK

Greetings, dear brothers and sisters!

This month has been very tense for us as we expected war to start any moment. Our congregation, as well as Sveta and I, personally try to encourage our members and our neighbors. We try to help as much as we can to lessen stress and anxiety. We pray together and ask the Lord to protect this country from war with Russia. Some politicians provoke a military conflict. Different bandit groupings rampage throughout the country, attack people and rob them. Someone is arrested every day. People possess over one million military firearms taken when militia stations were seized so it is dangerous outside in the evening. I think that you also know what is going on here from news.

But despite all these horrible things the good Lord protects us and we know that everything is under His sovereign control. We are very thankful to all brothers and sisters who help us with humanitarian aid.

Today we received thanks from Krivoy Rog for humanitarian aid given to a disabled children home. This home for disabled children is in the southeast of Ukraine. There are 160 children in that home. This children's home is in a dire need of everything because the government has other "more important" things to take care of. Because they are in dire need the Administration of the home was very thankful to churches of Christ for help. They received clothes, furniture, wheelchairs, bed linens, blankets, and shoes – all of these things they needed so much. Victoria Vladimirovna Putina, the Director of the children's home, was very thankful. The Director of the city hospital, Elena Vasilievna Shapoval, was also very thankful for hospital beds, wheelchairs and bed linens. In Krivoy Rog four hospitals for adults and one children's hospital received help. Elena Vasilievna says that thanks to the aid they have been able to equip a new hospital room for children.

The population of Krivoy Rog is 800,000.00 people. And 70% of this population is miners and steel-makers. We have a small group of brethren that assemble in Krivoy Rog and we teach classes and worship with them on Skype. Two of our students of the Bear Valley Bible School are graduating this year and we would like to start a congregation there sometime in May. Maybe some brothers and sisters in America would like to take part in this ministry and help support it. We would appreciate it very much as financially we cannot afford the work.

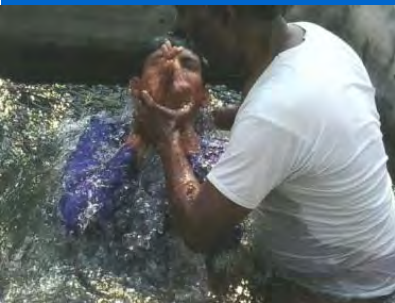
We continue having classes and worship services at the new meeting place. We are always in our prayers thanking God for your help because it made it possible for us to have this place. People are very thankful for it as there is lots of light, air and space. We even have an air conditioner! There are rooms for children's classes. Sisters equipped one room for little children and the other one – for older children. The parents of our children are also very happy.

Brothers and sisters! We are indeed very happy and thankful to you for your support and prayers. It gives us the sense of unity and helps us be even more thankful to God as we realize how impossible it all would be without your help.

We have our Sunday worship services from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We study the Book of Daniel and sermons preached were also from this book,

THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL IN INDIA

From last month's report:
"A young boy of 19 years old attending services from some months. His aunt and uncle were converted from Hinduism... This young man is coming with his aunt and uncle. His name is Rajesh. Last Sunday I preached on creation and the real God. After the services he came forward and requested for baptism. I gladly baptized him." And now pics.



namely "God's Attitude to Proud Kings" Daniel 4, "All Kingdoms are Under God's Control" Daniel 5. Attendance is 19-24 people.

Our Wednesday Bible class takes place from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday we have Bible School for everyone who wants to study the Bible. Our average attendance is five people.

The brothers in the congregation, take turns preaching, serving Lord's Supper, leading singing, praying.

We also have some bad news to share. Olga has stopped attending due to threats. You remember that her door was set on fire and then she received threats from religious fanatics. We visit her, try to stay in touch with her but she is scared to attend worship services. Her daughter is mocked in the kindergarten because of Olya's religion. Please, pray for Olga and Marta, her daughter.

Maria, Volodya's mother, is very thankful to the Church for her son. Volodya sets a great example to the young people in his village. Volodya is graduating from the Bear Valley Bible School in May and he would like to be a preacher. He is among the best students and will be given a floor, to speak, at the Graduation Ceremony (from JK—this means that Volodya has been honored by being selected to give the student address at the graduation ceremony).

Our teens are trying to b..e good students at school as they understand the responsibility of being a part of Christian families. They try to do all things as if they were doing them for the Lord so that God would be glorified. Many school teachers commend our children for their good behavior and modesty.

My family is doing fine, thank God. Sveta works with the Children's Home as we try to support them. Grandchildren are growing. I should receive my Master of Theology degree in May, if Lord's willing and there is no war.

Thanks to all of you for your love in Christ.

In Christ, Ivan and Svetlana
Во Христе, Иван и Светлана

AN INTERESTING ANECDOTE...

On my last trip I was asked to visit an elderly woman who was living with her daughter in Donetsk. A medical physician (Elena) asked me to go because she made regular calls to this woman and had noticed that the woman (100 years old) was not getting enough nourishment and had suspicious bruises and had heard the daughter use harsh and threatening words to her elderly mother ("If only you were dead I would not be burdened with you!"). Elena was very concerned about the safety of this elderly patient as neither she nor the granddaughter was permitted to visit as often as they wanted. Through our efforts the woman had been given a walker and some other items. So Elena wanted me to go and "inspect" the home and make sure the walker was being used and specifically ask questions relative to the elderly woman's treatment. I was instructed to be sure to point out that these items were given to help the mother be healthy and regular inspections would occur to make sure the woman was being treated properly. So I went and identified myself as working with the US DOS efforts

A PREACHER IS NEEDED!

The Church in Amvrosievka does not have a preacher currently. Previously USA brethren supported this congregation, but for unknown reasons they stopped supporting the preacher. We try to visit this congregation with our students, and we want one of our graduates to continue working there permanently preaching the word of God. They have their own big building. There are about 12-15 people. If anyone wants to be working with this congregation or help it to grow, please write to me via email (sopelnik@hotmail.com).
~Dennis Sopelnik~

and was checking on distribution to make sure no one should go to prison. I took pictures of the woman, the walker and the daughter. I then left telling the elderly lady that I would be back and see her again. I said good-bye to the daughter and her husband (I *think* it was her husband but not sure...) and left.

After I returned home Elena emailed that the situation had changed and the daughter was shocked that an American would come to see her mother and she was able to hear English spoken (of course I had Tanya translating). I received this note from the physician as a further follow-up to this situation.

*From: Elena Kxxxxxxxxx
To: John L. Kachelman Jr.*

Hello John,

I'm sending you some photos of the 100-year old woman. The situation is much better now. Her granddaughter and I are allowed to visit her as often as we can. So every weekend we go to this woman and do some physical rehabilitation. She walks, sews (!) and is waiting for spring to go for a walk out of house.

I bought a dress for her for New Year and she was really happy because it's her first new dress for last 7-10 years. Thank you very much for your help!!!

Hope to see you soon.

Best wishes, Lena

It is amazing how the "little things" can make the greatest impact for good! This is definitely one stop that I will be making on my upcoming trip to Ukraine!

DENNIS FROM GORLOVKA, UKRAINE GREETES YOU!

NEWS FROM BEAR VALLEY BIBLICAL INSTITUTE OF UKRAINE

Hello dear brothers, families and churches.

The situation in Ukraine is still very tense. We ask you to keep praying for God's Church in Ukraine and for the Bible Institute. Usually when the economical situation in the country gets worse, people start thinking more about God. Maybe the current events in our country will provide us with more opportunities to share the pure gospel with the lost souls.

In the first part of March, there were following teachers teaching courses at the institute: Dennis Sopelnik taught Daniel, Alexander Rodnayevev taught Galatians, Johnny Mack Young taught Personal Evangelism and Wisdom Literature via Skype. The schedule at the institute is stable, and despite the events in Ukraine, teachers try to assist as much as possible. There was an ocean between Johnny Mack and us, but he tried to encourage both students and teachers continuously. We are grateful for his help and ministry. Now another brother from the US, Garth Hilton, teaches via Polycom system. I am sure they are more than willing to be here; however, in order to avoid unnecessary problems, this method of teaching is the best for American teachers at this point. In April we will have teachers from Ukraine teaching courses.

In the second part of March, we had evangelizing campaigns planned at

MODLIN IN GONAIVES, HAITI!



Modlin at 5 years old

"Modlin and his brother were dropped off at the Bois Marchand farm when he was 5. He has worked every day since – getting up at 5 a.m. and staking goats up in the morning to eat. He has saved his money to buy a cow... Life is hard for Modlin, but no one hears him complain – always a smile."



Modlin at 13 years old

the Institute. All students were divided into four groups, and each group helped local churches of Christ to put their plans into practice. We were able to have evangelizing campaigns in Kramatorsk, Slavyansk, Gorlovka and Dzerzhinsk. At some places the results were quite vivid. For example, there were new people who visited the Sunday services in Kramatorsk and Slavyansk. I hope that it would encourage the Church to further actions.

Last month I was able to visit congregations in Gorlovka, Illovaysk and Kramatorsk. Our graduates of various years minister in each congregation. On March 30, there was a wonderful service in Kramatorsk, and there were representatives of 15 congregations of the churches of Christ in Ukraine, Russia and the USA. We were talking about unity and prayed for the future of Ukraine.

We continue working with the orphanage. Kids are very fond of us, and many of them want to have more opportunities to study God's word. We still have Bible School for Kids "The Gifted Child" which cooperates with the Church. Our students make a huge input in its work. Many of them receive a good experience of work with the kids and their parents. Perhaps, we cannot drastically change all the society around us, but it would be bad if we do not use the opportunities that we already have.

We continue supporting Church in Amvrosievka. Bogdan Chigvintsev, our brother and youth minister of the Central church of Christ in Gorlovka, preached there last month. The Church is greatly encouraged, when new brothers visit them. We will pray for this congregation to find a full-time preacher of God's Word soon.

My family, students and teachers send you their greetings and thanks for your help. We need your prayers.

Your brother and co-worker,
Dennis Sopelnik

AN ENCOURAGING EMAIL FROM BROTHER VLAD IN KRAMATORSK, UKRAINE!

Dear brothers and sisters, as you know our country is experiencing a difficult period at the moment, so, please do pray for the unity of the Christians all over the Ukraine and Russia. That we would keep peace within the Church and find ways to draw people to Christ, showing that only in God you can have stability, peace, wisdom, oneness and love. Pray for us to reveal our strongest sides that we have and strengthen the weakest. Thank you.

A Report from the Lord's Church in Kramatorsk

Visit of the friends: the last two weeks of January Jeff Abrams, Terry Cagle, Ken Murthy and George Spurlok visited Kramatorsk Church of Christ. They worked in local schools and institutes, inviting students to church and ABC Bible school where it was allowed.

Svyatogorsk retreat. We have visited Svyatogorsk January 25. It was a great time of Christian fellowship, singing songs and prayers. We had about 120 people to go. Thank you to our brothers and sisters who made that possible!

CHILDREN IN GONAIVES, HAITI!



This little girl was brought to our farm on December 9 with protein starvation and skin sloughing off. After three months at our feeding center, you see her today, March 12.



Parents' seminar. We have parents' seminar each year for the ABC Bible school parents. Jeff Abrams was the speaker this year. This time the theme was about our needs in life and what are our priorities. About 15 to 20 people were present.

Boarding school. We were asked to take a break in visiting the boarding school due to busy schedule of the students. We do not know the real reason. Maybe they got a word from the local officials to stop us from coming and teaching them Bible.

New activity. We have started new activity for the students of ABC Bible school and their friends. It is every Saturday at 2:00 p.m. before the youth group class at 3:00 p.m. We had already three Saturdays busy with this new activity, two of them were dedicated to the theme of Dinosaurs and one to parents. We have about 15 children to come. Some of them stay longer attending the youth group class.

Bible classes: Our usual week of Bible study follows this schedule

- ✓ **Tuesday** at 6:00 p.m. finished book of Revelation and just started the book of Hebrews.
- ✓ **Thursday** at 6:00 p.m. studying the book of Jeremiah
- ✓ **Saturday** at 3:30 p.m. youth group meeting. Eugene is in charge for the Bible classes and other activities on Saturdays. Vitaly and I are always present, helping around, meeting new people. Two times a month we Skype with Scott Dutton from Texas, he teaches the class. After Bible class and a movie we usually go to some sport activities, usually to play soccer. So we have long Saturday but it serves our benefits as Christians.
- ✓ **Sunday:** At 10:00 a.m. Average attendance around 50 people. At 5:00 p.m. we meet again and study from the book of John.

Baptisms: We had FIVE baptisms during this period.

A Report from the Lord's Church in Konstantinovka

Nothing has been changed in the schedule. We meet on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. for a Bible class and Sunday at 9:00 Bible class and 10:00 worship. Usually there are 20-22 people in attendance.

I try to spend some time with the Konstantinovka Christians on Wednesdays. We usually have tea and fellowship every Wednesday after Bible class. On Sundays we have breakfast together, the girls come and get it ready for those who did not have it at home; it is very sweet of them. Almost every Sunday they have tea either with my family or with Vitaly's. We take turns as before to preach in Konstantinovka.

Oksana and Vladimir Paziy

DR. DAVID SMITH REPORTS ON SUCCESSES IN GONAIVES, HAITI!

Modlin and his brother were dropped off at the Bois Marchand farm when he was 5. He has worked every day since – getting up at 5 a.m. and staking goats up in the morning to eat. He has saved his money to buy a cow. That has the potential to bring him some income. One visitor gave some money so that he can go to the local school. The night watchman and his mother have raised Modlin. He has eaten food from the feeding center at the farm.

**A CONTAINER OF
BENEVOLENT
SUPPLIES WAS
LOADED OUT OF
SEARCY, AR ON 25
SEPTEMBER AND HAS
BEEN UNLOADED IN
KREMENCHUK,
POLTAVA OBLAST,
UKRAINE!**



Life is hard for Modlin, but no one hears him complain – always a smile. And he is a leader of the children. Maybe he has a bright future. But I worry – about his education, health, spiritual development, his future.

Katie Pogue, our volunteer French-speaking resident is doing an incredible job, and her reflections have given us all new insights from another perspective:

“This morning I spoke to Pacius, who had just come from Bois Marchand. He had asked Modlin and the others why they had not gone to church and why they were not in school today. They told him they were not in school because they do not have shoes to wear. In the more remote villages schools accept children wearing sandals or even the barefoot ones, but at Bois Marchand the school requires the children to have proper shoes. Modlin had a uniform, but most likely outgrew any shoes and church clothes he did have.

“The day after the mission group left, Ruth, John and I spent a Sunday afternoon sorting through all the donations and labeling them. They are presently in the storeroom waiting for our next trip out to the remote villages. Because of the gifts, I was able to go into the storeroom and immediately find shoes and collared shirts for the three boys. Pacius and I delivered them to Bois Marchand this afternoon.

“In development, progress is often a slow and laborious progress. Results are often hard to see. When something so simple as giving a pair of shoes and a collared shirt can be done without complications and without waiting, it makes all the difference.

Tomorrow those boys will be in school and Sunday they will go to church.”

So many of you have generously given of your time, your money, your clothes, and your prayers. One of our former Pleasant Valley church of Christ members gave a cow (and now because of calves, we now have 5 offspring – Modlin has one). Other friends and members have given goats, clothes, tractor, food, medical supplies, glasses, artwork, and their professional skills. We have weathered two epic floods and the aftershocks of the earthquake disaster as it impacted the whole country and the relatives in our Artibonite area. The Good News of Jesus is being preached, and our development projects are back on track, also.

Thank you (and Thank you Lord) so much for everything. You are true partners.

David E. Smith, MD

From: Giorgi Atashvili
Subject: Georgia-Giorgi

Dear John,

How are you my Friend? Let me express my appreciation for the loaded generous a gift-Container and the Photos. It is very necessary for us the 7 large tables and I understand how to attach the legs to them. Also, thank you for the two boxes of toys and the beds and the mattresses that have protective coverings.

Dear John, once again, thank you so much and let me to stress that you are great Friend of all Georgians.

Sincerely, Giorgi



**"SOPHIA"
FROM THE LORD'S
CHURCH IN IVANO-
FRANKIVSK, UKRAINE**

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

*"John, We have run
out of rice for all of
our kids in Haiti, and
we were scrambling
for solutions. Your
help is so incredible.
Thank you so
very much!"
David E. Smith, MD*

To Supporters of Ukraine Missions: Financial Data—March 2014

Dear brethren, below is the summary of the financial expenses/income for the month of March. Some give monthly, others on some other regular basis, some give one-time only and some give for the mission trips. If you know of others interested in supporting our efforts please have them contact me! *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. 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!*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

SUPPORT RECEIVED...MARCH 2014—\$6,432.00

Clarkson church of Christ	Melvin & Carolyn Brown
Dalraida church of Christ	Brian & Rebekah Coggins
Jerusalem church of Christ	Ford & Charlene Colclasure
Meridianville church of Christ	Joel & Anna Davenport
North Lexington church of Christ	Eldon & Lanell England
Pleasant View church of Christ	Bobby & Mary Belle Holland
Rivergate church of Christ	Jack & Sandra Kachelman
Wayne Furnace church of Christ	Anna Mayer
West Huntsville church of Christ	Tim & Debbie Meek
	David & Peggy Moore
	James Rickard

EXPENSES OF MISSION ACTIONS...March 2014 \$8,541.65

During March I had expenses of \$8541.65 charged to the Ukraine Mission account that included: helping with churches support and expenses in Ukraine (\$500.00); salaries in Ukraine (\$500.00); expenses associated with shipments (\$400.00) office expenses supplies; postage (\$368.53); taxes in Ukraine (\$75.00); unreimbursed travel expenses in USA (\$373.59); help to orphans (\$600.00); personal reimbursements (expenses; salary; insurances; etc) (\$5,724.53).

Dear beloved respected my hounarable brother John L Kachelman!
Hearty Greetings and salutes to you all in the holy name of Jesus Christ.
We hope and pray that this letter finds you all in good health and prosperity. I hope you are a always busy gospel minister. Last day after worship myself and church members participate in the 3 baptisms. We are feeling very happy that God grace was upon us on the Lord's Day, from some days we had teachd the Bible lessons to them. In this MAR we had felt many troubles. I have full confidence that through your hard and sincere prayers and sacrificed service, many souls will be saved. Daily we are praying for you all. Please pray for us. Yours Brother in Christ,
N.Vijaya Rao. Evangelist and Elder, India