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Hard Work and Rewarding Blessings!

The month of April continued the hectic pace that began in January. I was preparing for the trip into Eastern Europe and also had duties in Haiti, Tajikistan, India and Zambia. During April the reports from the container shipped into Jadchurla, India began to be received and were very encouraging. Our efforts in Haiti continued to progress and by the end of April we had shipped in over 567,000 pounds of food and other urgently needed earthquake relief as 16 cargo containers arrived and were distributed. Our efforts in working with the government and partnering with those that assisted our efforts meant that we were able to do all of the work at an unbelievable cost as we sought to be proper stewards of God's money. Here are just a few of the highlights in April. I have sent out a number of updates during the month that supplement this newsletter.

Thank you to those supporting these efforts!

—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

Ivan Skoleba sends news from Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine

Greetings to you, dear Brother John!

We always pray for you and your family so that the Lord would give you strength and health in your works. We read your letters and understand what a great amount of work you do helping people with humanitarian aid. Churches of Christ have done so much to help Haiti and you have very actively participated in it. We are honored to work together with you and to understand that we preach the Gospel and help people because man is most precious to God. It is so wonderful that you also find time to come visit us in Ukraine. My wife and I as well as our small church love you very much and are very thankful to you for your support. We are also thankful to brothers and sisters who help you in your work.

The Lord blessed me with an opportunity to visit your church, and I remember all the brethren and their hospitality. Now I speak to the brethren here and often I am telling them how wonderful it is to have such a family of God's children where we understand each other and live in one spirit. We are realizing that our earthly life restricts us with distance and time and we cannot be together all the time. But we know that we will be together in eternity where there will be no diseases, earthquakes and other earthly problems. All of these things encourage us and we value your love to us because there are a lot of things in our Christian lives that we don't understand yet. We thank God for your hearts.

We are looking forward to your visit and your Bible lessons. We need your presence and spiritual support very much, dear Brother John.

Children's Home in Ivano-Frankivsk

"Children received clothes. Igor and Ira heard of our effort and wanted to help and they are in the picture with Andrew. For Andrew it is a new type of ministry and he is very impressed with it. Before he believed in God he led a life that was far from being Christian. Now he is overwhelmed with his new life in the Lord. Andrew is thankful to God and the Church for changing his life and now he can do good works to honor God."



"As Andrew gives benevolent aid to children he says that now he has different feelings for children. Before he could not understand but now he sees everything differently. Andrew and Marina help us a lot in our work. They study the Word of God actively and talk to their relatives about Church. We invited Andrew's relatives from Krivyy Rog to visit with us while John will be here teaching his classes. They accepted the invitation and are looking forward to being here."



Humanitarian work for the glory of God

We continue giving away clothes to orphanages and needy individuals. We give away walkers to those who are weak and cannot walk on their own power and help them as much as we can. Also, thanks to distribution of the humanitarian aid you sent we met a young couple, Igor and Irina, who are 35 and 36 years old, they have 3 children—2 girls and 1 boy. The son is named Roman, and he is 15 years old and has started attending our English classes. Igor and Ira help us to deliver humanitarian aid. They have worked with others doing this in past times. But they were surprised to see that we give away things free of charge and that we try to understand the needs of people and have an individual approach to each person's problem. Igor says that before people wanted to use them and sometime just abused them in order to make money from humanitarian aid. Now they say that as they are working with us they see a great difference. They asked who we are. We explained that we are believers in the Lord Christ and are members of the church of Christ. And then these people started to seek fellowship with us. I would like to ask you, brother John, to relay our prayer request to your church for Igor and Ira—let them pray for us and these people so that the Lord would convert them. They are interested to know the Gospel. They listen to us but they are Greek-Catholics. However they are open to the Truth of God.

The Church in Ivano-Frankivsk continues studying God's Word

We continue assembling in the flat that was bought in December. We use Carpathian Hotel only if there are many people assembling. We usually have 12-16 in the flat. We are increasing in numbers as you will see when you visit. We are having more visitors and this is encouraging. We are having more children and especially young children. Sveta wants to offer them classes but has no idea how to teach these small ones. This is a topic that she wants to discuss with you during your visit.

Sunday's assembly is from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Sermon topics have looked on the Gospel of Mark with the phrase "Make straight the Way of the Lord."

Bible Class on Wednesday is from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. We have been in study of meaning of 1st Peter 2:9.

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John, we're looking forward to having you and John Durham visit with us so that you would help us better understand Ephesians and John Durham – 1st Peter. All the brethren as well as Sveta and I are looking forward to seeing you. Please send our love and greetings to all brethren in America!

With Christian love, Ivan and Sveta

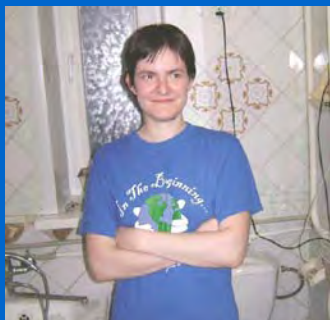
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Humanitarian work: Kramatorsk, Ukraine

We still have some items and try to help needy people. We continue to work with the hospitals helping them...In April John Kachelman will come to Kramatorsk and we will try to make future plans. Alex, 32 years old, did not work because very sick. Hope our help will help him in his life. We give him chance be a Christian but only he can make this decision.
(Vlad Pazyi, Kramatorsk, Ukraine)



Baptisms—Last Sunday Helen were baptized into Christ. Also, last Monday Anatoly Lepeshonkov's mother was baptized too. Sorry, I don't have her picture.



THE LORD'S WORK IN IBRAHIMPATNAM REPORTED BY VIJAY!

Dear Beloved brother John L Kachelman Jr., and Family Members and Church Members,

Let me send hearty greetings and salutes to you one and all in the Holy Name of Jesus Christ. We hope and pray that this letter finds you all in good health and success. Further, thank you so much for all your cooperation, love and affection from time to time.

Brother I have received your great and wonderful blessing hands help of \$300 on 16th April 2010. Brother I will send then my work report and pictures to your postal address in soon. Myself and my church elders are distributing rice to poor widows and orphan children's. Here is expense of said help:

- ✓ I am purchasing 375 kilograms of rice (Rs. 9 375.00)
 - ✓ Conducting 3 places gospel meetings (Rs. 1 500.00)
 - ✓ Photos and postal (Rs. 125.00)
 - ✓ Poor unsupported preachers one-time gift (Rs. 2 500.00)
- Total (Rs. 13 500.00)

Once again my special requesting please visit me India. I need your gospel messages to my people. Every day my family conducting a special prayer to you.

Brother I need your powerful prayers 16th April 2010, my elder sister Navartna Kumari is sleep in Christ, due to heart attack problem. My brother-in-law family conducting memorial prayer service so many people gathered this programme, many senior preachers preached the gospel messages. I am also preach the 10 minutes 1 Cor 15:12 and 35, preach the New Testament truth. My brother-in-law is working a preacher at Gudiwada, Krishna District, AP, India. Is a good Christian servant family, going to many Hindu people and Muslim people houses visiting teach the Bible lessons. In my brother-in-law family at Gudivada Town area, my sister Kumari also ladies Bible teacher, they have one daughter, aged 12 years old. So, please remember in your prayers.

I am to inform you that I went to Hyderabad which is 259 kilometres to our place by standing in the Bus as there was no seat for attending the prayer meeting and I preached there. Due to the Cyclonic hit and havoc, there are 120 members died and there are 200 members are injured, and thousands of people have become shelterless, homeless, foodless, clothless in Bihar, Bengal and Assam States and Cuddapah, Chittor, and Krishna in Andhra Pradesh state Please pray for their requirements and needs.

Further it is to inform you that the open Air meetings will be conducted in Ibrahimpatnam with help of elders on 6th April 2010 for which about 308 have attended. In fact we have not expected such huge numbers. The families belong to Pentecost, Metropolitan 7th Day Adventists attended for the said meetings. We have preached for two subjects i.e., (1) Salvation and (2) Faith. One brother D. Samuel who is handicapped is baptized after realizing the truth. Please pray for his spiritual growth. After completion of the said meeting, myself and church leaders have discussed for the development of the church and we have offered a prayer for the development of world churches of Christ. We have remembered you for your sacrificial service for

From Ugorniky, Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast



Chief Doctor of local hospital, Galina Semionovna, (with toys for children's room) showed us dental clinic that is equipped with equipment made in 1950's. She asked for help because they use this equipment to help treat children.



"Your gift makes my life so much easier and always reminds me that there are *good people* who care about people like me. Now I can move around my apartment and get outdoors, and I also can walk with crutches...I truly appreciate the kind support and efforts of the churches of Christ..."
(Nina, 23 years with cerebral palsy)

the development of God's work in India specially in the prayers and we are still praying for you all daily.

Please pray for the widows who are fell sick due to hot heat they require your prayers. There are widows who are suffering from suffering from eyesight namely Mariamma-83 years, Sowbhagyamma-90 years, Kam thamma-87 years, Tirupathamma-89 years and doctors advised them to get operated and so you are requested to pray for them. There are 35 Sunday School children and they require the Sunday School material in Telugu and if available with you please send.

The gospel preachers who are accompanying me in God's work in India are requesting for us to conduct the prayer meetings in their villages also. Please pray for it.

One of the church members namely Madhu has been suffering with illness "fits disease" and he is in hospital in coma position and he is son of a poor widow and he deserves your prayers and kindness.

We have prepared a tract under the name "Why I am a church of Christ member" and the said tract is to be printed for 10 000 copies for distribution. We wish to distribute the said tracts for 10 000 people in the month of May 210. We hope that due to this sort of service, some perishing souls would be saved. We are in need of your prayer, encouragement, advices and kind and coin for the development of God's work in India.

Due to summer weather, there is no electricity facility properly in the night timing and there by there is very inconvenience for conducting the prayer meetings in the Church for three times in a week.

Further it is to inform you that there is Gospel preachers fellowship will be conducted on 30th April, 2010. Many of them are full time workers and they are very poor having no houses, properties. In fact the said preachers are eating one time per day since lack of funds.

The plan May 10, night I am travel to Visakha District, for two days gospel meeting, my place to Visakha is a sum of 450 kms one way. The Visakha district forest and tribal area, Visakha town also very big town in my state of Andhra Pradesh. More than lakhs of people population in Visakha town. This year I am already one time visit to Visakha and Feb'10. Last year 2009 also I have visit Visakha many denomination churches in Visakha, I am very interesting in Visakha gospel work I need gospel travel help and daily bread. One of the denomination church Bethastha Church, the church pastor family is very interesting in learning truth as found in church of Christ. So please pray him.

I kindly requesting brother today morning i.e., 30th Apr'10, 9.30AM to 12.00 grant success preachers get together programme at Ibrahimpatnam where 38 different places of preachers attend. I am preach the Christian faith to the preachers very interested the subject.

Brother the poor widows and orphan childrens and my church members send the special salutes to every brothers and sisters in your country and our thanks to you and praying for you. Thanks to you! Brother I need your few words and your great encouragement reply letter.

Thank you very much
Christian servant
Yours Brother in Christ,
(N. VIJAYA RAO)