



# UKRAINE MISSIONS NEWS

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## *"WE HAVE MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO PREACH THE GOSPEL"*

Ivan Skoleba sent his monthly report that included the above remark (his full report follows these comments). Reading Ivan's observation is rewarding and provides great encouragement to those who work so hard to collect, package, and ship the benevolence items into Ukraine.

The month of July passed quickly as it was filled with activities. We loaded containers for the Ukrainian cities of Kyiv and Kremenchug, Minsk, Belarus and Haiti. During July we continued to receive reports on the follow-up efforts in India, Zambia, Ukraine, and Haiti. We began working with various contacts in the United States government to ship into El Salvador, Ghana and Romania. Throughout July we were involved in efforts to finalize the shipment of the emergency vehicles into Port-au-Prince, Haiti. You will recall that the City of Chicago had awarded us a fire truck and last month I was notified that a "fire ambulance" has been awarded to us as well. I had hoped that the fire truck project would be completed in July because my main contact was scheduled to be deployed for training and then to duty in Afghanistan. Unfortunately the process did not go as quickly as I desired and now the main contact will be in Afghanistan when the emergency vehicles are delivered. I had hoped that he would be the one to go to Haiti for the presentation. But, much to the chagrin of my scheduling proclivities, things do not always go according to plans.

Throughout July I have sent a number of separate email reports that highlighted some of the great good that has elevated the respect and reputation of the Lord's Church throughout the world. In this newsletter I want to include some of the reports that I did not have time to send during the month.

Your brethren throughout the world continue to serve faithfully and bring glory to God and His Church. Here are a few of the reports and the successes of the gospel in various locations.

Thank you to those supporting these efforts!

—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

## OPPORTUNITIES ENGENDER OPPOSITION IN IVANO-FRANKIVSK, UKRAINE!

Greetings, dear Brother John!

I would like to thank you and church for your prayers on behalf of my daughter Anya as she struggled with the parasite and the treatments. It is so encouraging to me and Sveta to read your letters and understand that we are not on our own in this world, that we're loved and prayed for, that you



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understand when we’re facing life’s hardships. We are very thankful to you. John and Jennifer, you are always in our prayers. We thank God for your work in His vineyard. God changes so many lives through your ministry in His Kingdom.

We continue working with humanitarian aid and at present are waiting for the approval from Health Ministry to use medical equipment. A great multitude of people suffered damage due to the floods. We cannot help all of them but we try to help those who are in dire need right away.

We visited a children’s orphanage that’s 75 kilometers away from Ivano-Frankivsk with abandoned handicapped children. Their building and rooms were flooded, all food was destroyed, so they had to combine 2-3 rooms with children into one. They are in need of everything to sustain living, such as detergents, clothes, shoes, diapers, food, wheelchairs. I am sending you some pictures of children. We could hardly bear to see and hear how indifferent to them our government is, which allots 76 kopecks a day for one child.

We have attracted the Greek Catholic Church authorities’ attention and they began interfering with us in getting the paperwork for the building of the church building done. But thanks to the fact that our authorities know us they do not listen to Greek Catholics because, as one of the deputies of the Regional Council put it, “charges against you have no grounds.” That deputy had his dental work done in one of the dental chairs received from humanitarian aid given by church of Christ. He asked me not to give his name in public because his brother sings in a Greek Catholic Church choir and is fanatically hostile to church of Christ. Of course, such an attitude among people comes from priests since Lord’s Church has become very visible in the city and the Region through her many activities.

Thanks for the humanitarian aid that you send to Ukraine we have more opportunities to preach the Gospel. We baptized Olya last month and now Vasily and Juliana attend Bible classes regularly. Sveta studies with Juliana, who asks a lot of questions. It has turned out that Juliana was baptized by Jehovah’s Witnesses and attended there for about a year. Now she wants to look into the doctrine and attends our classes regularly. Juliana has stopped attending Jehovah’s Witnesses and says that this church is a living one and we do not only preach but also show our faith through deeds. Vasily, her husband, used to do some scientific research, as he is a mathematician and programmer and he used to teach at the University. He watched me and Sveta closely for a long time, he would ask us what our teaching was about and, as Vasily admits now, he was trying to find faults with church of Christ, some inconsistency of our teaching with the Bible. Theirs is a very good family and we need your prayer support for Vasily and Juliana.

We have our services in accordance with our regular schedule:

- On Sundays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Our topic is “Revival to a new life in Christ” Romans 5:1-11; Colossians 3:1-17
- On Wednesday from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. The Book of Ecclesiastes, chapter 1.
- We also have prayer meetings throughout the week as agreed with people at any suitable time.
- Attendance: 12 – 19.

Anya is sending big thanks for prayers to all brothers and sisters. In Christian love, Ivan and Svetlana



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(Ivan Skoleba, Ivano-Frankivsk)

## A VISIT TO HAITI AND THE GOOD REPORT

During the first weeks of July David Smith travelled to Haiti to evaluate our distribution, examine our current projects and assess the needs for future shipments. David returned with an encouraging report and pictures of how our brethren in Gonaives, Haiti continue to work in the earthquake relief efforts. I sent out his report and pictures that I received after his return to Little Rock. If any did not receive this report please advise me and I will get you a copy. Here is a brief email from David summarizing the trip.

**From:** David E. Smith

**Sent:** Monday, July 19, 2010 12:19 PM

**To:** 'John L. Kachelman, Jr.'

**Subject:** Received

*John, the guys are really doing well. What a blessing (like I have never had in all of Pleasant Valley's mission points) to have a Godly eldership (six men in Poteau) of really good men!!!! The future will be bright because of that.*

*I met Munir, the Miami shipper at the time when I drove down to meet his two agents on the Gonaives shipping dock. That was one of the greatest and unexpected events of the trip. I was so surprised and exhilarated by that. I do believe it may be a Godsend for the future (I don't always understand His Providence, but when I have hints like these, I am just thrilled and overwhelmed!!!)*

*The church building in Poteau is not complete. They have already started a school. You can see what an incredible blessing the container (that was bought and left for storage) sitting besides the building.*

*We will be starting our list of needed items. There will be future needs. The water table is about 25 feet lower than I have ever seen, and the rains have not come as expected. Food production in the area is way down, again.*

*Thanks again for all that you have done for us and for His Kingdom.*

## THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST AT WORK IN PARUCHUR, CHIRALA AND NARSARAOPET, INDIA!

Earlier this year you read the wonderful reports of our brother Immadi Deenadayal as he distributed the benevolence items. David & Ginnie Lawyer received this note from Immadi and it illustrates the dedication of this brother as he spreads the Gospel message throughout India.

*My dear loving brothers and sisters,*

*Greetings in the merciful name of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*I truly once again thank you with my whole heart for your kind loving sacrificial helps. Due to recession, the economy all over the world is weak. All countries are facing economical crisis. Even at this stage also, you are helping us with great love and sacrifice. Thank you very much. Your sacrificial helps are properly utilized and many are knowing the Truth and obeying it. Because of your love for God and His work, many perishing souls are saved. Thanks a lot. I and the preachers and the widows here once again sincerely thank you for your kind alms.*

## FROM OUR BROTHER IMMADI

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God's work is constantly growing by your valuable prayers and sacrificial helps. I am utilizing every opportunity and preaching the Truth. I am thankful to our Almighty God for providing me opportunities to preach the Truth and giving me the health I needed so that I am able to visit many places and preaching. I am visiting Guntur and Prakasham districts frequently and preaching. These are around 500 miles away from my place. I was in Prakasham district for last three days. I visited a town Paruchur and preached there. The congregation in Parchur was started recently and one person is added to the church on 12th. I visited another small city Chirala on 13th and preached there. Seventh Day Adventist denomination is strong in this area. I preached in a Seventh Day Adventist church from morning to evening. The preacher there is named Surendra. I had met him few years back in a marriage. So the preacher agreed to me to preach in their congregation. I preached about church, baptism etc. around fifty persons attended. After preaching they asked me some doubts and I cleared from the word of God. Finally the preacher Surendra said, "This is Truth I want to obey the Truth by taking baptism and I encourage you all also to obey Truth." Fourteen are baptised including the preacher. Please pray for the spiritual growth of new souls. I am enclosing some pictures of meetings and baptisms. I am planning to visit them next month again.

On 14th I arranged one day Bible class for preachers in Narsaraopet. Narsaraopet also a small city. I invited the surrounding preachers. A dozen preachers attended including Surendra who was baptised on 13th. I preached them about worship specially about singing and Lord's Supper. and also taught how to develop the congregation. I arranged food for the preachers. Please pray for my efforts.

Sir, all credit goes to both of you only. Because of you only I am living and able to visit many place and preach. Thank you once again. Both of you are in our daily prayers. Kindly continue to pray for us and for the work here.

closing with love, yours in His service, Immadi

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## PRAYER REQUESTS FROM THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST WORKING IN GIDDALUR, INDIA!

**From:** babu babug

**Sent:** Thursday, July 08, 2010 12:00 AM

**To:** jkachelman@centurytel.net

**Subject:** please pray for our ministry work

Dear elders, brothers and sisters,

Greetings to you in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. All the Churches of Christ send greetings to you (Romans 16:16).

This is my heart full thanks to you, I am G. Babu visited your Web Site. I learned and understood your activities of Ministry work on-going for spreading the Word of God in all places for the people in the world.

India is developing nation now, in this area Hindu religious people are worshiping that the man-made idea gods from the stones, struck and trees. By avoiding the kind of man-made god's worshiping purpose, a few missionaries visited our country India for spreading the real God name of



Jesus Christ, Son of God and Kingdom of God. I learned and obeyed God's Truth and can tell you there is big difference in religion beliefs.

Under this New Testament Doctrine, I am G. Babu working as a preacher for the Giddalur Church of Christ since 1998 year. I worked and well done that the establishment of the new congregations at Kankarvanipalli Church of Christ, Chinnaganipalli Church of Christ. The total gathering of the each Church of Christ members are nearly 30 persons

In every congregations work had been for the Sunday school Classes conducting and Sunday worship services conducting, and Adult Bible Classes conducting by us. All most all we were expected to spread the Word of God to all the people in this area through the house visiting, tracks distribution and free campaigns of the Bible classes in different places and to explain and to teach that the Word of God, the Name of Jesus Christ, Son of God and the Kingdom of God.

I am conducting Bible Classes. I am giving message and Gospel to the people of Giddalur and surrounding villages of Giddalur town. I am visiting the families daily and giving message of our Savior to change their lives and we think it may turn their lives towards our Savior. Please visit our area.

For this work improvement purpose, I am G. Babu Evangelist and the preacher for Giddalur Church of Christ are requesting you, please pray for this area's work development in Gospel Work to grow things, evangelical work encouragement and preachers follow-up work improvement and strengthen purpose. We are praying for your work great in the world for Gospel of Christ.

Please remember us in your daily prayers for this area's work, Churches of Christ and in the free campaign work. May God always keep you in His hands and help you and also to provide strength for your efforts and your families, Elders, Deacons and Preachers, members of the Church.

I am waiting for you kind blessings email letter to us. Please help us with your prayers for this area's Gospel Work Development.

Thanking you, May God Bless You,

Yours Brother-in-Christ, G. Babu, Evangelist

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## THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST AT WORK IN IBRAHIMPATNAM, INDIA!

We have been involved with sending encouragement to the brethren who live in Ibrahimpatnam for some time. They are always sending us emails and pictures of the Lord's work. Here are some communications from July that will encourage you.

### **From those working with the young people**

Hearty greetings and salutes to you one and all in the holy Name of Christ. We hope and pray that this letter finds you all in good health and prosperity. We have conducted youth Bible class at Ibrahimpatnam and there are 74 who have attended the same, both male and female. I have been attending the Sunday school from my sixth year of the age. My father and mother have been supporting me and teaching me the Bible lessons and now I am working as Sunday school teacher. I used to attend the gospel meetings along with my father namely N. Vijaya Rao and I have been singing and

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(N. Vijayaroo)



**Florence, Alabama Fire Fighters collected diapers for the babies in Haiti. They asked us to make sure the diapers were delivered to those in need. Kathy Cadden picked up the diapers.**

reading the Bible regularly. I have observed in church of Christ that the youth persons are attending less and in this aspect I am so sorry. For the last four months I have been utilizing my time in speaking with youth and going to their houses and teaching the Truth to them and about 100 members are having touch with me for these four months. I have been praying that the youth persons are to be baptized. I invite and request you to kindly pay your personal auspicious visit to our India so as to enable the said youth to be attended the Bible classes to learn the Truth more through you. Many preachers are in old age since they are working for a long time. Further, I desire to conduct Bible course correspondence for youth. So please send the material relating to the said Bible course correspondence. I have happened to meet a young one namely Babu who lost his father but having widowed mother namely 'Subbalakshmi.' He desires to continue his studies. Daily we are praying for your family and ministry also. Please pray for us and expecting a communication from you please.

Your brother in Christ, N. Suvarna Prasad, B. Tech

**From the Elders of the congregation**

Dear Beloved Bro. John Kachelman Jr., and Family members and church members

Hearty greetings and salutes to you one and all in the holy Name of Christ. We hope and pray that this letter finds you all in good health and prosperity.

Through your prayers and cooperation, the gospel meetings were done successfully for His glorification. There are eighteen Bible lessons preached and eight souls are baptized. There many preachers and people gathered for the said meetings from various places. In fact, though there is 47C degrees heat due to summer, many people have gathered for the said meetings, by the grace of God. Our church elders also arranged some other Bible meetings in some other places. There are 68 women have also attended the said meeting also. There are 57 preachers have attended the preachers meetings.

We are in need of your prayers, encouragement and cooperation and prayers for the development of the gospel in India. The denominational preachers are preaching false statements and so many people are going on wrong track way and they are not in a position to learn the Truth. In this aspect, we the church of Christ are feeling unhappy. To bring them to learn the Truth, we are in need of your prayers and cooperation.

The poor preachers are facing intolerable troubles to maintain their families. There are poor widows and orphans with us and they are in need of your prayers and encouragement. All the preachers, widows and orphans and our family members and church members are joining me and sending our thanks to you all. Please pray for our ministry. Expecting a communication from you please.

Your brothers in Christ,

N. Venkatswara Rao, Elder, Krupanandam, Elder, N. Vijayaroo, Evangelist

**From the Ladies Class Teacher**

Hearty greetings and salutes to you one and all in the holy Name of Christ. We hope and pray that this letter finds you all in good health and prosperity. There is need of conducting Bible classes in many places for women folk



On July 14 we loaded a container in Piggott, AR that will be used by brethren in Kremenchug, Ukraine to help several orphanages



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since the women folks show interest more than men. Many women are devotional women. But they have not realized the Truth till now and so they are participating in music, tongues and other habits contrary to the Truth in accordance of New Testament. So it is high need to conduct Bible classes for women to lead them in to the Truth. We are inviting and requesting you to pay your auspicious visit to our place so as to preach more Truth and gospel. Further we are in need of Bible material and so please arrange the same. Please send brothers who wish to India to our places and we are cordially inviting them also. In fact, I have great desire to give Bible training to the women.

Daily we are praying for your good health and success in all your attempts. There are poor widows and senior citizens. We are in need of tailoring machines. We are praying for you all. Please pray for us.

Your sisters in Christ, N. Rajeswari, B. Sc.,

### **A general report on July's activities**

Dear beloved brother John L Kachelman Jr and beloved church members,

This is my sincere salutes to all as this is a good news. I am very happy feel my young son N. Suvarna Prasad is studying the b. tech (engineering) age 20 years is a Sunday school teacher and he had baptized some of his hearers on 1st August 2010 Sunday in the presence of bro N.Venkateswararao elder and bro Krupanandam elder. At the same day same time we have given three more baptisms. I rejoice to announce the Ibrahimpatnam church of Christ is spiritually developing very much with your prayers and your great encouragement. Brother we are inviting you for the gospel work in India and especially we are inviting you for our church anniversary as chief guest. We are looking forward for your coming on September 4th and 5th and 6th 2010 for our 42 Anniversary. I kindly requesting brother please remember in your prayers my wife. N Rajeswari is admitted in hospital on 1st August 2010 eve 6pm on 2nd August 2010 at 8am she had two operations and grand success achieved. So thank you very much your great prayers. Seven days hospital bed rest now.

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Brother this is my special request, brother please go and preach the gospel in the dry areas in the world and preach the God Word that is very good work. Brother I am attention. I need your great suggestions and plans and your co-operation and your powerful prayers for India evangelism work and development purpose. You are my great brother. So many my co-preachers facing many problems and need of your blessing hands help for daily bread purpose.

Brother I need Bible lessons and tracts and Telugu language Bibles so please help me in my Church anniversary time so many denominations people and others attend this meetings we are expecting above one hundred church of Christ preachers will attend to this meeting and hundreds of people above 600 or 700 people attend to church anniversary need of Bible materials

Thank you very much, Yours Christian Servent, N. Vijayarao

## NAMWIANGA, ZAMBIA



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## UPDATE ON THE CONTAINERS GOING TO ZAMBIA!

I have reported in another email that we have shipped thirteen containers into Kalomo, Zambia to the Zambia Missions there. These containers have transported an enormous quantity of commodities that have been used by the Lord's Church to care for the orphans and widows and to offer medical assistance to the entire nation. The George Benson School of Preaching has trained follow-up teams and hundreds have obeyed the gospel after the medical mission teams have performed their services.

This year we shipped six containers into Zambia (loaded out of Arkansas, Colorado, Oklahoma, and Texas). As distribution reports and pictures are received I will be sharing these with you so you can rejoice in the great good our brethren are doing in the Name of the Lord and bringing glory to His Church! Ellie sent this note about the containers:

*All the containers have now arrived at Namwianga and the goods have been offloaded and the contents are being dispersed. All the seals were intact that were put on in the USA so nothing was tampered with. They all arrived in good conditions. Zambia had instituted a new system for clearing containers and we were one of the first to try the system. Fortunately, Robby worked with our clearing agent and was able to get everything cleared in good time. It was taxing for him as he had to work with officials who had no idea how the new system worked.*

*Thanks so much to everyone involved. It was a great team effort both in the USA and in Zambia. I can assure you that thousands of people will benefit from the goods that were on the containers.*

*Attached are a few pictures of the unloading of the containers. I will send more in the next few days of the distribution of the contents.*

*Blessings to all,*

*Ellie Hamby*

Below is what LaDonna Armstrong put on the blog about the medical mission. As stated, we again had a successful medical mission. We saw our largest numbers ever but we had an outstanding team that worked extremely hard to see that we took care of all the patients who came for care. We greatly missed KB and Laura this year as they were not able to be with us. Ray Ferguson stepped in and did a great job. A big thanks to Ray!

It was a great joy to see that we gave out all the Clean Delivery Kits (CDKs). Thank you to all those who contributed to this project and to those that made the kits—we are confident lives will be saved as a result of this. Rachael Conley had a nutritional program and gave out nutritional supplement along with counseling. This was a great service and we hope to continue it next year.

We try our best to meet the needs of the patients who come to our clinics. Only with God's help and the help of so many of you who contributed to send a team member, who gave funds for medicine, CDK's, wheelchairs, etc. were we able to have such a successful mission. It is a team effort and our supreme leader is the Lord.

Blessings, Ellie Hamby

## Blog from LaDonna

The 2010 Zambia Medical Mission is coming to an end. Tomorrow we will be placing the remainder of the team on their planes to head home. This has been an incredible mission with a great team! We set all-time records this year. We saw the most patients in one day at our last clinic at Mabuyu...3,740. This brought our overall total to 19,560! These patients were treated with kindness, respect and with the love that Jesus showed to all those He came into contact with. Everyone treated knew that we were there because of Jesus and the example He set. Over 80 were baptized; but more will follow after more study with the Church members.

As I mentioned before, this year we were joined by SightSavers so we were able to send patients with cataracts to our clinic/hospital at Namwianga for surgery. These surgeries were performed by Dr. Moonze from Livingstone. He worked incredible hours to perform 52 cataract surgeries, 10 lid rotations, and he removed a growth from one lady's eye. He was excited to be able to help those from the rural areas. All he requested was a clean environment to perform the surgeries and an operating table. Dr. Allen Neese searched through the hospital container and found an operating table plus a chair. Dr. Moonze was thrilled because he had never used an operating table that could be raised with his foot to a height more comfortable for operating and the chair made it even easier to perform so many surgeries. He said normally his back would begin hurting from having to bend over to perform the surgeries. He is already making plans to join us again next year. What a blessing he was...and is!

The free wheelchair program has made such a difference for so many people. Sheryl (Hamby) Ramsey initiated this program last year. These wheelchairs are made especially for the terrain in rural areas. Almost 60 wheelchairs were given out during the clinics. It was so wonderful to know that when you saw someone being carried or struggling so hard to walk, that you could call Sheryl on the radio and she would be there with a wheelchair for the individual. The burden that is removed from the family is great, and the patient is thrilled to have a little independence to move about on their own. Sheryl will remain in Zambia for another month to take wheelchairs to rural health clinics all over the Southern Providence.

To all of you who have helped financially and with your prayers, this is also YOUR mission! We are all a part of God's family and we all work with the abilities or blessings that He has given us. Not all of us can go; but for those of us who can, we thank you for all your support and love.

Until next year...

In His service and in His love, LaDonna (Stovall) Armstrong

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