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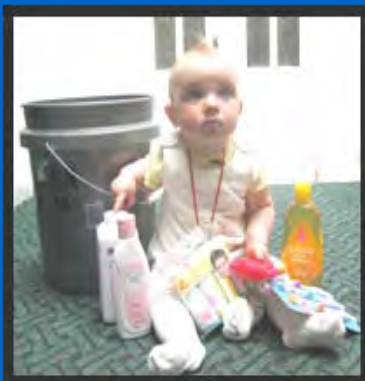
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## *“Until my death I never forget your great Christian love in my life”*

What is the greatest blessing found in the gospel? I suggest that there cannot be just one blessing that stands out above all; but there are myriads of blessings. Perhaps the one word that captures the blessings of the gospel is the term “fellowship.” The above words come from India but they are echoed from your brethren all over the world. Such vividly illustrates the incredible fellowship bond that unites all Christians in an indissoluble union. Politics, geographical boundaries, language, or even politics cannot hinder what the Almighty has designed. Month after month this newsletter highlights the joys of fellowship and the power of the Gospel and the prestige of the Lord’s Church. All of this illustrates the hymns assertion, “The gospel is for all.”

Inspiration speaks of this wonderful fellowship: *In Christ Jesus ye that once were far off are made nigh in the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who made both one...so making peace; and might reconcile them both in one body unto God through the cross...for through him we both have our access in one Spirit unto the Father...ye are fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God* (Ephesians 2:13-19)

Rejoice in the blessed fellowship that is so “sweet and heavenly.” Thank you for your support and partnership in the efforts recorded here as we strive together to take the gospel into all the world.

—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

## Ivan Skoleba reports from Ivano-Frankivsk

Greetings, dear brother John! Greetings to all brothers and sisters in Christ who exert themselves to help the Kingdom of Christ spread on earth.

We received two containers with medical equipment yesterday (numbers IVANO 710 and IVANO 810). We worked six hours unloading it – from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. Everybody understands that the hospitals and people who cannot afford buying walkers or crutches let alone wheelchairs and hospital beds, need that equipment badly. Economic crisis has brought about inner fear and uncertainty that people and the whole country suffer from. And many people testify how important humanitarian aid from church of Christ in America is for Ukrainians – those are people whose lives have been saved thanks to that equipment, which allows doctors to help many more sick people. Now they do not have to wait in line to have a vital emergency surgery in the City Surgical Department. Taras Petrovich, the Head Doctor of the City Hospital and surgeon, says, “Thanks to the help from American people that John Kachelman ships here we have been able to see and treat 35% more people. I am thankful to everybody. To me, it is an evidence



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proving that Christians are one united nation, and you can see and evaluate their faith in God through their deeds, to my mind. And here Greek Catholic Churches spring up like mushrooms, they build palaces with gold covered domes and crosses but as a matter of fact there is no Christianity left there. They only have price lists for priestly services that people cannot even afford. Your little church in Ivano-Frankivsk helps more than our whole Catholic patriarchy collecting that collects money from people for different needs which have nothing to do with real problems of our society.”

The Lord can do that which beyond men’s power. And on behalf of this congregation I would like to give our heartfelt thanks to all brothers and sisters who take part in this humanitarian work helping those countries that are tired of living in the darkness and are striving after the light. Works always accompany preaching of the Gospel because faith “if it has no works is dead, being by itself,” as Apostle James says. And we are thankful to you, brethren, for helping us preach the Gospel and support the preaching with good deeds and help to people. Our strength is in the unity of faith and purpose. And without you, without your help anything we did would not be as fruitful.

Containers are under Customs clearance at this point and we are waiting for Health Care Ministry to give us approvals to use medical equipment.

The life of the Church here is taking its normal course. A man named Stanislav started coming to church. He is 35 years old and he works at the Tax Department. His work deals with computers.

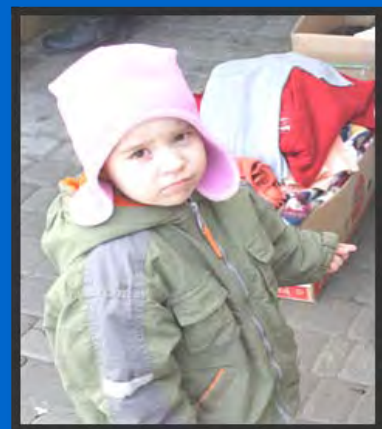
We continue to conduct our worship services from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Sunday. We also have a class and we are in a study of Psalms 1-22. During the past weeks the following sermons were preached: “What or Who is the Temple of God” from Acts 17:24-25; 7:48-49; Job 12:10; “Parents’ Responsibility is to Teach Their Children to Have Faith that Saves,” “Nation Purified for God,” Titus 2:11-14; Ephesians 2:10-13; “Church of Christ in the First Century and Her Impact on the Society being the Salt and the Light,” Matthew 5:13-16.

On Wednesday evenings we also have Bible class from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. During this study period we study the prophecy of Isaiah.

Sveta is teaching children’s classes. She is also teaching women in classes on how to bring up children to have Christian character. The weekly Bible School students are also given opportunity preach, too. We want all men of Church to be able to stand and present God’s Truth. The weekly Bible School classes are on summer break from June 1 to August 15.

In April our children became very ill and Sveta took children to Kiev for a medical check-up on May 30. Vasy and Ulianna’s children had had belly problems for a year. There is no equipment in Ivano-Frankivsk to make correct diagnosis. The doctors in Ivano-Frankivsk did what they could but there was no solution. Once they were examined in Kiev it was discovered that the children were full of parasites that attacked them. We were able to arrange such an examination and treatment for them in Kiev Children’s Hospital #9. This was possible only because through our shipments of benevolence items we helped that hospital in the past and try to help now whenever we can. They agreed to examine the children and give them medical treatment, but we needed to provide transportation, lodging and food from our own money. Such expense was beyond our ability and we

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pled for help. Thank you, John, for the money that was made possible to help or children receive treatment. We could not afford paying but this is where the love of brethren rescued us and provided money to help with expenses that the Church here could not afford. I will let you know about the results on June 6-7 after the check-up. Thanks to all brothers and sisters for support and prayers. Please, continue praying for the kids and their treatments.

Please pray as well for my family and our ministry because I have heard threats from Orthodox fanatics directed against me many times. They have cut tires in my car twice already and I am concerned for my family, because it weighs upon us psychologically. Militia just does not care. There are a lot of religious fanatics here in the West and besides being religious fanatics they belong to different nationalistic parties. Please, pray for my family and our ministry.

Please, pray for this congregation

With love, Ivan and Svetlana  
(С люб. Иван и Светлана)

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## **SMILES FROM THE CHURCH IN ZHITOMYR, UKRAINE...**

Last year the Glen Allen VA congregation collected a container and shipped it for distribution in the city where they have been working since the 1990's. Tommy South is the evangelist at Glen Allen and has been traveling and working in Zhitomyr for many years. The container was received by Ira Venglovska who directs the Women's Mission called "Mission to Ukraine" (MTU). MTU began in one room of the district hospital and helped offer anti-abortion counseling. That work grew and now MTU offers a number of services to handicapped children, single mother families, and basic family health services.

MTU and the Zhitomyr congregation continue to distribute the benevolent items in the container sent by Glen Allen. Here is a short email that Ira sent Tommy:

*Dear Tommy,*

*I want to send you some pictures and words of gratitude for the humanitarian aid container. It is practically distributed now. We have been able to help many needy people with the help we received. I am attaching some pictures of help being given out at MTU Center. Vitalik is going to send you some pictures of the Church receiving help and Kamen Nursing Home. Please let me know if you would like to receive a report with exact data where the help went and/or more pictures.*

*Please thank all the people who helped on our behalf. Thank you for all your work and care.*

*With gratitude, Ira*



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## THE LORD'S CHURCH IN INDIA...

Dear beloved Bro. John L. Kachelman, Jr and Family members and church members,

Hearty immense 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 prosperity. Brother my kindly requesting I need at this time your great powerful prayers and your blessing hands help to orphan children education purpose for because of the reopening of the schools on the month of June 2<sup>nd</sup> week. They have need of books and bags and school fees and cloths and travelling charges so please remember in your great prayers if my letter give any trouble to you so please excuse me. Brother I am attention need of your great happiness reply letter today.

I have attended to the two marriage functions at two different places in my village and also that village of distance of 150 kilo meters. I have preached the Ephesians chapters in that two places there are 2,000 people have attended it is a great opportunity in my life myself and my wife N. Rajeswari have enjoyed the two marriage functions. These marriages is a more God's work. And there is in India great need of your great cooperation and suggestion for how Lord's Church is to develop. Brother I know you are busy in your country so please write me a few words of your great encouraging letter. I know your great Christian love and your faith very great in the coming days God will bless richly in your home. Brother keep up the good health. Brother until my death I never forget your great Christian love in my life.

Thank you very much,  
Christian servant  
N. Vijaya Rao, church of Christ

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## GREETINGS FROM EDO, NIGERIA...

Greetings in Jesus name,

May this letter finds you blessed in Christ. I am writing from West Africa and it is a blessing getting to you in the other part of the world. It is my prayer that you become a friend of me and the local church here. I got your email when I surfed into the web site and I know that it is God's arrangement. By His grace I am a Believer bought and washed by the Blood of Jesus Christ. I am married with three children. I am a preacher of a small local church non-denominational or affiliated to anybody. The church was founded in 2006 and now has about 30 members. I gave my life to Christ in 1987 when I was still in the high school at Zaria. A campus student by name Femi was my roommate at school and his life of faithfulness unto Christ and his prayer and teaching me the Bible led me to Christ. I immediately joined and headed the evangelical outreach of the church and I saw many coming to Christ in the outreach.

In January 13th 2007 I began working with a little church of about five

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families in my area. The church is a growing church and we meet at a temporary rented building. We are not earthly rich but are rich in Christ, with riches that will last for eternity. There are many in our local church who do not have Bibles and cannot afford to buy. I want to specifically make a request for the elderly ones who cannot work and earn money to buy for themselves. There are seven of such very old fathers and mothers in our church who read and understand English and they are very devoted. Please on their behalf I request that you send them seven Bibles the very big letters which is the super giant print 18 point type would be preferable for them because of their sight. We would also appreciate used Bibles and the concordance provided the pages are complete. Thank you for considering this request. And as you help to meet this kingdom need the Lord will bless you finance abundantly. If you send the Bibles through post office a registered postage the Bibles will get to us safely.

I do not have full access to internet but I can check at least three times weekly especially after church on Sunday like today. I do not have an internet of my own but uses the pay browsing center at least three times a week so I would be praying and happy to hear from you. Continue to be obedient and the Lord will honour you in His time. The Lord bless you and keep you in His perfect love.

In His Service,  
Samson Iyazekor  
Edo State, Nigeria

My dear loving brothers and sisters in the Lord,

Greetings in the merciful name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

I and the preachers and all the saints here once again thank you for your kind hearts and convey the thanks of down trodden people of India for your great love and concern for us. We sincerely thank you for sending container in the previous year and sending two containers this year. We sincerely thank you for your great love for the poor. And the same time we regret to inform the slowness of Indian work. We thank you for sending the modified list of items. We have submitted them to customs. We are waiting for the date of inspection. After inspection, he may release the goods or he may send the sample of clothes for lab for testing. I will be updating the position. Kindly bear with us.

Your love for the needy and poor Christians is very great.

With love,  
Yours in His service,  
Immadi (Judecherla, India)