



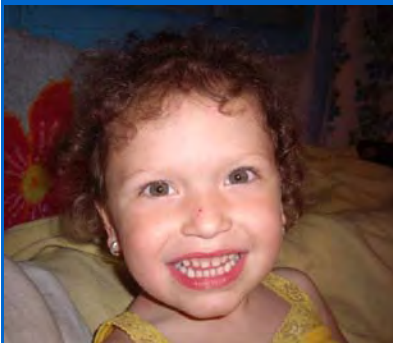
UKRAINE MISSIONS NEWS

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THE CHURCH IS REGISTERED IN IVANO-FRANKIVSK: "IN FIVE MINUTES SHE CAME OUT AND SAID THAT WE GOT WHAT WE HAD BEEN SEEKING BUT WE SHOULD REMEMBER THAT WE GAINED ENEMIES NOW..."

With the completion this newsletter we have only one more report to bring to you in the year 2011. This simple fact is startling to me. Many are in the full swing of the holidays in the United States and the festive spirit and joyous emotions are always refreshing.

As we turn another page on our calendars we once again bring you news of how your brethren are doing in different locations of the world. The economic crisis that has hobbled America for the past few years has really hit many other countries very hard. But in spite of the economic difficulties it is encouraging to see that our brethren continue steadfastly to follow their commitment to the Lord and His Church.

In this month's newsletter you will read greetings and reports from several of your brethren. You will never meet many of these brethren while on this side of eternity. But these cherish the fellowship and the binding ties of love because we are "knit together in love" (Colossians 2:2). Read and find great joy in the blessings we have as we labor together in the Lord!

—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

THE BRETHREN AT WORK IN IVANO-FRANKIVSK!

The comment at the beginning is a part of Ivan's report (below). It fittingly illustrates the harsh opposition that our brethren in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine have been facing. The Greek Catholic Church has been doing everything it can to prevent the church of Christ in Ivano-Frankivsk from being registered as a legal entity. Other churches have been registered but only as they placed themselves under a "mother church" or went and bribed the Greek Catholic Regional Patriarch to give his permission (thus placing the group under the control of the Regional Patriarch). Ivan has been fighting this battle for four years. On every visit I would go and be told that there were no problems but when I left all went back to zero.

Finally we have been given the assurance that registration as an autonomous congregation that is established and governed after the New Testament order is a fact and a record of Law. This is the major point in Ivan's monthly report.

This has been a strenuous and exhausting endeavor. I applaud and appreciate Ivan Skoleba and the Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine brethren for not surrendering the principles and scriptural structure of the Lord's Church!

A CONTAINER LOADED FOR GONAIVES, HAITI ON NOVEMBER 18!

We continue to send regular shipments into Haiti to provide brethren the means to reach the lost with the gospel. We are working with the Lord's Church in Gonaives and the brethren are doing an exceptional job as they live for the Lord. After the most recent container was loaded we received this email message, *"The container missed the most recent sailing so will leave on eta Dec 13 eta Cap Dec 16. Manno is here with me returning the 6th. We will look over the packing lists and get back to you on question of clearance. With some luck we'll have it in Gonaives before Christmas. You are very welcome always an honor to assist you with your endeavors."*

The last container we shipped took only NINETEEN DAYS from loading to distribution in Gonaives, Haiti!

IVAN SKOLEBA REPORTS FROM IVANO-FRANKIVSK

Greetings, dear Brother John!

In November, we had a lot of important meetings with governmental officials and heads of different organizations that we work together with doing humanitarian aid. All of them thanked church for help. The Regional governor said on television that this is the only church that helps medical institutions and citizens of Ivano-Frankivsk Region so much. He said that our people are not like sect as some try to present them. Of course, it was good to hear such words but we understood that there was someone who was putting obstacles in our way. That is why the Ivano-Frankivsk Religious Department was delaying church registration and every time they turned us down they would not give good reasons.

I was told that in order to get legal registration for Lord's Church I had to have Greek Catholic Church's Regional Patriarch's blessing and then there would be no problems. After that I went to Ruslan Olegovich (the Vice Governor of Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast) myself and explained the situation to him. He called Tatiana Nicholaevna, the Head of the Ivano-Frankivsk Religious Department, and asked her what the Patriarch had to do with the government and what were her grounds in turning down the Church's registration. She had nothing to say in response. Then Ruslan Olegovich asked me to leave and remained with her in his office. In five minutes she came out and said that we got what we had been seeking for but we should remember that we gained enemies now. I felt sorry for her because she did not understand whose side she was fighting on. I told her gently that I do not want to have enemies and the Supreme Judge would take care of all of my enemies. So registration has been taken care of. Lord has removed all obstacles.

We continue having the Church's assemblies on Sundays at 10:00 – 12:00. Wednesday Bible Class is from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Our attendance is 16-24.

We visit the sick as well as help needy people through humanitarian aid, give away Bibles and preach the Gospel.

Thank you, dear brothers and sisters for your prayers and support, for your faith and love to the Lord and His church. To be a part of the Body of Christ is a great joy and wonderful blessing to our church and my family. We can see how great and strong the Kingdom of our God is on earth and nothing can change the plans of our Lord.

Brother Dmitry was in coma for two weeks and it took him several months to recover. He is back to Church and assembly. He came up front and spoke to church thanking everybody for prayers and financial support to buy medicines. Doctors told him that it was almost a miracle that he was still alive, such is a very rare case. Prayers of the church and faith in God affect our lives a lot. Dmitry has changed and prays and thanks God more.

Also, our efforts on the meeting place for the Church progresses. Andrew helped us with the blueprint for the church building. This is the strict architectural rendering with the plans (which is different from the draft copy that you saw when you were here). I am sending you several pictures to the blueprint. Of course these are in Ukrainian but you can still see the overall drawings. The main thing is that now we have overcome the obstacles that

**STUDY ON THE
OCCULT—SPANISH
NOW AVAILABLE FREE**



TN: John, I wanted to thank you and brother Hernandez for your work (in providing Spanish Bible study series) and especially for you being willing to share with anyone. In Cuba as I mentioned before even the denominational preachers cherish all the study material they can get their hands on. I am so happy to be able to share this material with our preachers in Cuba who can in turn share with others. It is valuable material! Thanks again. We appreciate all you do! PS: hope you can slow down a little during the holiday season and "catch your breath."

were against us and can construct with legal permissions. Having a visible and public recognized meeting building will silence those enemies who seek to call us a devil's sect.

Please pray for our small assembly of Christians in western Ukraine. We have been in struggles ever since arriving. The Satan has indeed sought to destroy us and even some who claim to be Believers in Christ seek our ruin. The Greek Catholic Church is now our greatest enemy, as Tatiana Nicholaevna has threatened. Such constant opposition is draining to our strength. But you brethren encourage us greatly. Thank you for your help and support in every way. It is a joy to be partners with you in spreading the gospel and strengthen Lord's Church in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine.

As I write this report I am in travel to America. Some Ukrainian businessmen have paid tickets for me and Tanya to go to America and try to locate some hospital equipment that they are willing to purchase. This will provide us an opportunity to meet with some of our brethren and discuss with them any questions regarding the work of Christ that is being performed in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine. We look forward to meetings and offering our face to face gratitude for those who send support for our efforts.

In all things may God and His Church be glorified!

With love, Ivan I. Skoleba
С люб. Иван и Светлана.

TANYA'S THOUGHTS ON THE FALL MISSION TRIP

Dear brethren!

I'm greeting you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! I pray He's keeping you safe, guiding you, helping you, encouraging you and bestowing showers of blessings of you and yours!

Once again I would like to thank you for your support of John Kachelman's work in Ukraine, both missionary in spreading the gospel and benevolent efforts. He completed another trip to Ukraine – 38th or 39th. A great amount of good work for the Lord has been accomplished with his help, guidance and good example since his first trip to this country. And we are very thankful that he is committed to the work here as we really need such hard workers for the Lord. John has truly been a great blessing to all of us and Lord's church in Ukraine. Thus, I would like to thank all of you for your support of the work that John is doing here. Thank you for prayers, thank you for funds that help make trips possible and do the work that is always blessed with success for the Lord, who in His amazing ways guides and gives wisdom. BIG thanks to those special people who sacrifice their time and health working in the warehouse loading containers, going places to pick up stuff, unloading trucks and items to be sent. It is hard physical work and the fact that all working there are volunteers and often have to work in severe weather conditions as the warehouse is metal and is deadly cold in cold weather and steaming hot in hot weather, makes their efforts even more commendable, more encouraging to others, more touching and more rewarding in the long run. It does take a special person to show such a commitment. It is a great example to me and to all those who receive the

**MORE FEEDBACK ON THE
NEW SPANISH OCCULT
SERIES**

AR: Thank you. I have forwarded this to a brother in Guinea Equatorial who is working as the only church of Christ preacher there. He is desperate for materials to help spread the gospel in Spanish. He is trying to work full time at evangelizing and working part time as he has a family. Prayers on his behalf would be welcomed. His name is Leonardo Kinson Bueto. I think he will like this study.

God bless!



**THE LORD'S CHURCH
IN INDIA—
BECAUSE OF SO MUCH
INFORMATION SENT TO
US, WE WILL SEND A
SEPARATE REPORT
ON INDIA.**

From Jadcherla , India:
My dear loving brother,
Greetings in the merciful name
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sir, how are you? I convey the greetings and best wishes of the season. I and the preachers here once again thank both of you for your kind regular sacrificial helps.

items. I was blessed with opportunities to participate in several loadings and I am drawn by the spirit and atmosphere so I long to be back and work shoulder to shoulder with my brethren for the Lord!

John's recent trip was filled with more success stories and new contacts. What I would like to mention at the very beginning was our trip to the village that is situated further off into the mountains, called Zelena. The Church in Ivano-Frankivsk had just started helping that village. Actually, that was the area where Ivan's mother came from so I think it is a special place for Ivan. John was met with delicious home-made bread that was still very warm and smelt so good and a girl dressed up in a Western Ukrainian outfit gave greetings, which was traditional for that part of Ukraine and was an expression of respect and hospitality. The Ivano-Frankivsk Church had given some medical supplies to the village clinic and doctors expressed their great appreciation. They showed the items they received and some of those that they had to use before they received help. For example, they had an old gynecological chair that would flip over when women would try to sit back (and women know that you cannot do it any other way) so women had to do acrobatics to stay in it. Now they have a MUCH better one from one of our humanitarian shipments and are thankful beyond words. Ivan is planning to help them more because there is such a great need for medical equipment and supplies that I was shocked to see such at our times. We went to a doctor's room there and there was NOTHING there except for a broken table, chair and cabinet! It was so good to know that our shipments can help make a big difference!

Another good experience was unloading two containers that arrived while John was here. The majority of items was furniture assigned to the Medical University in Donetsk so the storage was on their campus. The containers arrived together but they could not be unloaded in one day. John rolled up his sleeves and was there unloading what he had loaded in the States. It is interesting that there was a bunch of students unloading and they could not keep up with John. They asked me several times to tell him to sit down and rest! ☺ But he would not. People around there were amazed to see an American working so hard physically! It was a very good example of Christian attitude for them, a very good living sermon.

This time John was invited to visit Crimea. This is one of my favorite parts of Ukraine and I was glad to be able to go there. It is a peninsula on the South of Ukraine. It has different climatic zones and whenever you travel around it feels as if you were traveling different countries. There was no time to travel all around Crimea and weather was not the best possible this time. However, there were encouraging meetings with different people and offices concerning needs of that part of the country and opportunities to ship humanitarian aid there. So I hope there will be containers for this part of Ukraine as well. The meetings took place in Sevastopol, which used to be a "closed city" because it was a secured nuclear navy submarine base for the Soviet Union. Soviet guards would not allow much remodeling or reconstruction and still not much has been done to update the area and it looks pretty neglected even though it could be resort #1 in Ukraine since it is on the Black Sea. The Lord's church is in Sevastopol and Simferopol (the

Because of your love for perishing souls, the good news, the Gospel is being carried to many places. Indians are thankful to you for your love for Gospel.

We sincerely thank you for your love for poor. We thank you for your valuable containers. We are striving hard to get them released. Thank you for your love. Please pray for our efforts.

Sir, the work is growing by your valuable prayers and helps. We conduct Gospel meetings in church building premises. Last week we had a Gospel meeting. A good number of people attended. Out of them, two women heard the Gospel. God granted them good hearts and obeyed the Truth. One lady is from Hebron Denomination (bhakta singh group) another woman is from Hindu religion. They obeyed the Truth and are baptized. I send few pictures of baptisms in few days. Through these two women, I am trying to reach their other family members. Please pray for this two ladies, so that they can be grounded in Truth and also help their other family members to obey God.

Sir, thank you for your love for me, Victoria and for my sons. We all wish to prepare a pair of shoe to you with our skins. Thank you very much for your kind alms.

Closing with love,
yours in His service, Immadi

latter being the capital of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea) and we went to worship with the Crimean brethren of Sunday. It was a day of special delight since we met some good old friends and brethren there. Those of you who have kept up with John's trips since very beginning will remember Helen and Eugene who used to work in Khartsyzsk and Sergei who was a preacher at Zugres in late 1990's – early 2000's. They are now in Crimea – Sevastopol and Simferopol. I had not seen them for many years so it was great to see them and to know they are still laboring hard for the Lord and reaching out to the lost souls.

Of course, fellowship with our Ivano-Frankivsk brethren was special as always. Trips there are always so uplifting to me. To see how they work hard for the Lord despite their health issues, job problems, pressure from Greek Catholic members of the family and friends is a tremendous encouragement and incentive. Everybody is so excited about the plot of land that was given to build a meeting place. It is a great achievement that speaks of growing recognition and respect to the Lord's Church. This will provide basis for great growth of the congregation. And we pray fervently that since God blessed the brethren with this land He will bless them with means to build the building. I would like to ask you to pray for it as well, as "the effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much"! John's classes on parenting/discipline went very well. Ivan wrote in his report that families now rethink their relationships and ways of disciplining children. Everybody enjoyed classes immensely. During the day (before classes) Ivan as always arranged meetings at different sites that had received humanitarian aid. Some of the places were ones we had been to before and it was exciting to see changes for better thanks to humanitarian aid.

However, all those exciting changes had not been possible without your tremendous prayer and financial support! We give you great thanks to your kind and generous hearts that care for the brethren all around the world. All of you, indeed, are a BIG part of this work and all the great success for the Lord! Your input in the work is truly invaluable. Thank you once again for your support of the work that changes people's thinking and makes them more open to the True God, that makes them wonder and draws them to Christians and to the Lord's Church!

May the Lord abundantly bless your work in His Kingdom! May He always direct you, protect you and take care of every need that you might have. May He always be the anchor for your souls and joy to your loving hearts! I cannot help recalling words that the Apostle John says in his First Epistle, "The one who loves his brother abides in the light and there is no cause for stumbling in him" (2:10). And another one, "Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth." And this is exactly what you do! Thank you a million times!!!

In Christian love,
Tanya