



# UKRAINE MISSIONS NEWS

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*"I would like to send you photo of Albert wife's and his daughter, she was born several month ago and we gave them some items from container. Albert full time preacher in Slaviansk."*

Pictured above is Albert's wife and Oksana (Vlad's wife)

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## A NEW YEAR BEGINS WITH EXCITING NEWS!

This new year started quickly. The first weekend of the year I traveled to Dallas, TX where I attended a conference on medical missions sponsored by our brethren. I had been invited to speak at that conference on our efforts in shipping benevolent items through government transportation programs. A large number was present and much interest was shown because many congregations are spending thousands of dollars to ship containers to their overseas mission points and shipping via the government's program will save the Lord's Church thousands of dollars.

After returning from the Dallas conference there has been non-stop activity in working with the Judsonia congregation and following up on various contacts in Zambia, Sudan, Honduras, and Ukraine where we are shipping containers. Throughout January I tried to keep you posted with a sampling of the emails that brought news of our efforts. In this report I would like to summarize the highlights of the month and remind you of the successes you have helped to accomplish during January.

As we begin the new year I want to thank all that are helping financially with the costs of this work. Each year presents a fluid situation with mission support. Due to economic trends, some were unable to continue support but thankfully others were able to add us into their budget. It seems that each week presents more opportunities to become more effective in our efforts. The financial support that is provided by individuals and congregations keeps us going. Thank you for your support. Without it there would be no way we could continue these productive efforts.

—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

## NEWS AND GREETINGS FROM IVAN!

Greetings, dear Brother John!

Thank you for the spiritual support you have offered to my family and me. We read your reports and they greatly encourage us to continue the work in Ivano-Frankivsk. It is truly wonderful to see how much you and people you work with do for people in this world. I am honored to be a part of your team as you work to help people and spread the Gospel. I am very thankful that you do all you can to enable my family to continue our work here. I will also try to do all I can. It would be great if Ron could come and complete the work for the clinic....When Ron comes he can count on my help with transportation and everything else. Antoly from Lisets is looking forward for us to continue the work we've started there and is sending you greetings and thanks.

God bless you,

Ivan

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## AN ENCOURAGING COMMUNICATION FROM KRAMATORSK

Dear John,

Hope you are doing fine, I would like that you know that I did not forget about you and report what I have to send you, we still distribute items and when I will have enough material for report I will send it to you...We have huge need with hospital beds, many doctors contact with us and order it. If it possible send us more beds it will bring a lot of happiness our doctors...Yesterday I had meeting with Valeriy Ivanovich and he was very very glad that you will send next five container to Kramatorsk. Also yesterday I was bring to Valeriy Ivanovich big box with bibles. I said that it was present from our congregation to his company. You know that we always try to find ways how to preach the Gospel and yesterday I did it in big group and they let me to do this. If we will not have humanitarian work I probably will not have opportunity to bring Bibles to people like Valeriy and probably did not have opportunity preach them. You can mention in your report that we not only help with beds and other items but we have opportunity to say about our God to financial stable people, like Valeriy. Hope you understand my English.

Thanks Vladimir and Oksana

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## Tanya Zozulina's thank you...

Western Ukraine is an unbroken soil where the majority of people attend Greek Catholic Church without even thinking why they are doing so. Greek Catholic Church has deeper roots in the West than Orthodox Church, which is stronger in the East of Ukraine. People in the West are more religious but they are still ignorant of the truth. That is why it is very important to "direct" those religious people to the Living God. But it is quite difficult to win people there by just telling them they have to attend the church of the Bible. There are so many different denominations and all of them claim they are the only right church. So how can we show the love of God? By bringing the fruit of love through helping people, caring for the needy, and showing them godly lifestyle. Humanitarian aid is one of the very powerful ways to show people the love of the Lord. The humanitarian aid that John Kachelman sends here is meant to help everybody not just believers as the Lord commanded us through Paul in Galatians 6:10. I wish you could see all the expressions of joy, thankfulness, and surprise in the eyes of the people that John and his team helped. There are no words to describe how exciting it is to see people really benefit from that help. Thank you so much on behalf of so many of my compatriots whom you've helped through humanitarian aid...John's Bible classes/lectures are also very important to build up Christians and help those interested to learn about true God. It is always such a joy to see people really care for God and try to build right relationship with Him. John is a very good teacher and preacher and his impact is very strong. Thank you so much for making it possible for him to come to Ukraine. You have a big part in everything that is done by him and through him and without your help so many things would have been impossible! May the Lord continue blessing your generous hearts, keeping you safe and healthy both spiritually and physically. You're a great and invaluable part of the work here, its success and joy!

In Christian love, Tanya Zozulina from Donetsk



Ivan Skoleba talks with a man about the church and gives him a Bible and study materials.



Bible study at the Korlovka Orphanage, Donetsk, Ukraine



January 6, 2008:  
The worshipping assembly at the Carpathian Hotel, Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine

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## Mayor of Chicago gets City Council to donate fire engine to Ukraine!



"I spoke to the Chicago mayor's office and your fire truck is being voted on today at city council I will get back with you when we get city council vote. I don't see any problems... As soon as I get final approval of your fire truck I will send you the message."

Over the years I have seen a number of amazing twists and turns as I have continued to work in a number of different countries and have been connected with various groups. In August I received a telephone call that connected me with a man working in the office of the Mayor of Chicago. He asked if I would like an ambulance or fire engine to send to Ukraine. I accepted the offer and thought that it would never come to reality. Since August there have been successive twists and turns that continue to amaze me as this incredible gift has developed into a reality.

The contact in the Mayor's office was called up on active Guard duty and reported to Ft. Bragg, NC for training. During that time he and I continued to communicate. Here is a condensed series of comments taken from his e-mail that covers the weeks and months of communication and brings you up-to-date on where this project now stands.

*Hi I am currently at Fort Bragg NC going through some training to go back to Iraq...I have just been made the Public Health officer for a sector in Baghdad. I can really utilize wheel chairs. I am being informed I am going to be the Team Chief of a Health Planning Cell. I will have people in Jordan, and Kuwait...If we can get it to Jordan, or Kuwait, I can get transportation...I have a sharp individual working in Jordan, one of the gateways, to get humanitarian supplies into the wars...I spoke to the Chicago mayor's office and your fire truck is being voted on today at city council I will get back with you when we get city council vote. I don't see any problems...As for wheelchairs 20 is a start. I have Point of Contact in Baghdad. I will be in Kuwait for 2 weeks, then should be in Baghdad mid Feb. I hope to make the next 9 months there, assisting those on need...Walkers and canes would be fantastic...I am about to get on plane to Kuwait it will be day or 2 before I can coordinate with my representative. From now I will be on email sporadic until I get settled...As soon as I get final approval of your fire truck I will send you message...Well have to go. Will try to call when done with training tomorrow. Be safe. Robert*



A mother and daughter in village Nebliv receive items from the containers

An opportunity to collect and send wheelchairs, walkers, canes, and crutches into Baghdad in the name of the Lord's Church has developed. This project is currently underway and several locations are joining together to send a large number of wheelchairs into Baghdad. The impact of this for good is impossible to measure.

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## Our orphanage work in Donetsk



Children in the Karlovka Orphanage Center of Medical and Social Rehabilitation of Under-age Children

Greetings, dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ! My name is Natalia Sekerina. I'm sending you Christmas and New Year greetings! May the Lord bless you and your families abundantly with every blessing that He has! Thank you very much for your support that goes to helping orphans here in Karlovka.

A few words about children and myself. There are forty-five children in the *Center of Medical and Social Rehabilitation of Under-age Children* where I am able to spend time and teach. There came many new children last fall. It affected other children's behavior. The situation worsened but nevertheless I always have 10-15 children in my Bible class.

There's also a group of Christians from another congregation who teach Friday class about dangers of alcohol and drugs.



*"The Administration of the Center treats church of Christ and our work there with trust and respect. They also send you big thanks for your help and holiday greetings."*



**Presentation at Hospital Escuela, Tegucigalpa, Honduras**  
*"This donation reflects how the Churches of Christ love and care for the suffering souls of a country of the third world."*

This Center in Karlovka has very low supplies, about 2 – 2,5 times less than in orphanages that are located in cities (Karlovka is a village). The Administration of the Center treats church of Christ and our work there with trust and respect. They also send you big thanks for your help and holiday greetings.

I taught three classes in November. We study Beatitudes and Jesus' Sermon on the Mount now. I also taught three classes in December. I took toothpaste, toothbrushes and three sacks of warm clothes there. I planned to give them special New Year's gifts and greetings on December 29. I have taken a few pictures for you to see these children.

In Christian love, Natalia Sekerina

## Containers are distributed in Honduras

During January we were very busy with four containers that were shipped to Honduras. Without the help of brother Erlindo Nuñez this problem could not have been resolved. Many of you asked about this good brother. Here is a brief communication from him that will help you know him better.

"At Saturday evening I preach at Ojo de Agua congregation, it is about one hour driving from Tegus and return the same evening, to sleep in Tegus, then, Sunday morning I have to preach at Plaza congregation in Tegus, in the afternoon I have to go to Ojo de Agua again to preach there in the evening. It is my routine for weekends. During middle of the week also.

"We were able to paint the church building at Ojo de Agua and now continue working lifting up a wall of protection in front of the church building; it is a fence for security of the building.

"Marvin Reyes Nuñez is a first year student in the school of Las Americas who came to spend his Christmas and New Year vacation with his family to Honduras, Marvin is a member of the church at Plaza, he is my nephew, he is helping me to preach at Plaza, it was good to see his improvement in knowledge and maturing as a Christian man.

"Most of the building here at Plaza is painted also; there are still three rooms that need to be finished. We urge to put the windows and door here.

"My goal for this year is to finish that windows and the emphasis to grow in members, there is one baptism for this Sunday in Plaza and one at Ojo de Agua.

"Reservation of the camp on in Valle de Angeles for the preacher lectureship in July 29 to 1 August is already made.

"May God bless you, Erlindo Nuñez"



"Dr. Ramon Solorzano, Chief of the Physiotherapy Clinic expressed thanks to the people present and in particular to the Churches of Christ and remarked that this room did not have equipment and this donation will help cover the need."