



# UKRAINE MISSIONS NEWS

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## THE JUGGERNAUT CONTINUES!

I began the January Newsletter by observing that the New Year had begun “fast and furious.” I now look back and observe that such was only the beginning of a juggernaut that continues to escalate. My objective is to produce a monthly newsletter detailing events that transpire in that month but that ideal has had to yield to the practical in February and March. These two months are being combined—there just was not time available to organize, write, edit and produce the February report. It was not a lack of news but a lack of no time. This year began with over-scheduling and has not improved.

We continue to be presented with amazing opportunities. You will recall that in the summary of our efforts in 2008 I observed that the year had been filled with incredible and unbelievable doors opening for us literally all over the world and I anticipated that 2009 would be the same. If the first three months are any indication of what the year holds then this year will surpass any imagined successes.

The successes are not without their headaches and stresses. There are definitely pressure-packed days with seemingly impossible time-tables. There are the constant energy draining wrestling matches with various government officials as they attempt to hide behind bureaucratic barriers in hindering efforts. A brief mention of one of these will illustrate the common tensions of the past two months...

➤ We have received word that six containers shipped into Zambia have arrived and were unloaded but that happy ending occurred only after some perils had been faced—two of the containers sat at the Mozambique border and our clearing agent was not informed so a demurrage bill of over \$3,000 was incurred (they reduced it to \$2,000); four of our containers were shipped to Chirundu as they crossed over from Zimbabwe to the Zambian side (a border crossing we never use). Then the documents sent with the four containers were not the documents we sent after the loading and this discrepancy caused great turmoil because they thought we were smuggling items into the country. Here is part of an email received:

➤ *“Dear All, I have a problem on my hands. Customs wants physical inspection to be done at Chirundu because the paper work which came with the trucks shows that there were only hospital equipment but according to their scanners which they have at the border (Because these days they can scan the whole container and they will know what is in the container) there are bicycles in each of the three containers and so they want to inspect at the border before they are released. These are US government containers and delivery is guaranteed they should not be opened until they reach destination. The problem is that the set of paper work which came with the trucks does not indicate that there are bicycles on the containers. We are waiting for your advice from that side before we*



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“Praise the Lord, all four containers that we sent arrived yesterday at Namwianga. Never have we had four containers arrive at the same time and you can imagine the work that was involved in off loading four containers in one day. We are exhausted in the USA after we load just one...The contents of these four containers will go a long way to help alleviate the suffering of those in Zambia and it will all be given out in the name of Jesus...Thanks to everyone for making this happen!” Ellie Hamby



travel to Chirundu.”

- The troubles eventually were resolved and after a few days I received this email:
- *“I just got off the phone to Robby and he reported all the containers are cleared. Robby and Thomas Siafwiyo just returned from Chirundu where they went to sort out the problem. The problem was the papers sent with the containers listed the value at \$12,000 for all containers and the papers with the clearing agent listed each container at several thousand dollars value more. They decided to use the papers sent with the container instead of the ones with the clearing agent. Robby said they were very cooperative and tried to resolve the problem. They did offload half the Stillwater container and they said it is obvious that what we listed with the clearing agent was what was on the container and they felt it was not necessary to look at any other containers. The papers with the containers did not list bicycles but the papers with the clearing agent did and that also raised a red flag and caused them to want to offload a container. Apparently they have a scanner to scan the container contents. We need to give a huge thanks to Robby for going there and sorting out the problem. He said the officials were very nice and he did his best to talk to them with honey and not gall. I told him this good job was just another reason he is in charge of containers. Good job Robby!! Now, the only problem is they had a big rain and the road is washed out. The loaded trucks are just waiting until the road is repaired. Robby thinks they will have it fixed in a week. Of course, they are waiting in a queue with lots of other trucks. At least they are all cleared and that is the most important thing. Robby will scan the documents that were a problem and send them to us.”*

Add Sudan, Ukraine, Honduras, Tajikistan, Iraq, Ecuador, El Salvador, India and several more nations to the last two months and you began to catch a glimpse of how interestingly hectic the months of February and March have been. Then factor in the early birth of our second granddaughter (Marley-Rose) in Montgomery and her stay in the NICU, the regular travels and the regular routines of daily life and you quickly run out of calendar spaces and clicks on the clock! (Actually the stresses and strains of dealing with the containers in Ukraine would require a multi-volume journal to record!)

The next few months do not look to offer any lessening of time pressures. I will be traveling to Ukraine in May and at the end of that visit I am invited to go to Tajikistan to keynote a DOS conference in Dushanbe. I am told that while borsch is the traditional meal in Ukraine it is goat eye soup and sheep’s brains in Tajikistan—such a promised menu does not alleviate the stresses too well.

In spite of the stresses there is great joy in the successes as we see God’s Name glorified and His Church highlighted in many ways. Read on through this report and rejoice in the continuing good that is being accomplished.

Thank you to those who support our efforts and make it possible for us to be able to spend time in these activities. The success and great news is the joy of all involved, no matter what their role—even he who keeps the baggage shares in the joys of success! (1 Samuel 30:24)

—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

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## From Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine



Miroslava

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**“Ivan and brethren have already given help to two hospitals in Ivano-Frankivsk, one orphanage and Julia took some to her village. Everybody could not believe they were getting such good shoes FREE! Ivan will send pics a little later. Misha is also helping a lot in his village that we visited. Many places already know about us and very often when Ivan or Sveta call a hospital and introduce themselves people there tell them they know about church! It's GREAT!!!!”**

Tanya

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Nazar, Taras, Ivanko (Vanya in UA), adults - Sveta, Victor and grandmother Luba

Greetings, dear Brother John! Forgive me, Brother, another delay. A lot of time has been consumed by the bureaucratic system while clearing the shipment, especially medical supplies and new shoes. Part of the container has been cleared. As for the rest, I'm waiting for medical approval and approval for new shoes that were on the containers. Today I have received a fax from the port saying that the next container is to come to the port on March 23. I am preparing documents for it and the place to warehouse it. People come from different organizations every day and thank the Lord's Church for help they receive. The beds that you sent (16 according to the inventory) have been assigned to the Regional Hospital (10) and District Hospital (6). Everything you have sent is tremendous help to the city and region. On TV the Regional Administration has given thanks to the church of Christ for the help. The Head of the Emergency Control Department, his name is Bogdan Vasilievich, said that he would like to thank you and your team on TV. He plans to do this in your presence at your next visit.

Unfortunately I cannot send pictures of the unloaded containers because the warehouse is sealed and I cannot take any new things. But as soon as I receive approvals I will send pictures. At this point I am sending pictures of what we have been able to do thus far. In these pictures you will see needy families and children that were desperate for items they received.

As for our Church life in Ivano-Frankivsk I can say these words...

Attendance is from 9 to 14. Roman, a man of 40, started attending this month. He lives in Ivano-Frankivsk with his parents. He is not married. We have helped him several times with humanitarian aid and he was interested and started attending classes, reading literature. He wants to understand the difference between Greek Catholic Church and church of Christ.

We study First Peter on Sundays. I preached from Peter as well. Some of my lessons have been with these titles, "Spiritual Resurrection and Obedience to the Truth," "Submission to the Authorities," "The Role of Woman as a Christian Helper," "Brotherly Relationship between Members of Church," "Christian Life in an Ungodly Society." On Wednesdays we have studies on Matthew. We also study children's Bible with kids and play Christian games with them.

The church here continues to distribute humanitarian aid between needy people, preach the Gospel and give away New Testaments.

We plan to conduct a short seminar and I would like to ask you, John, for advice on how to do it best way. It would be good to invite people from other Ukrainian congregations for fellowship and preaching the Gospel.

Thanks to humanitarian aid we are known throughout the region. Many people call us, ask questions and ask for help. I think that if we have a campaign this summer we should have good results. What do you think?

John, I wrote you before about a new meeting place that was 75 square meters. It is very good and location is very convenient but it is too expensive. We looked at trying to pay the amount but the congregation decided not to rent it. So far we are quite pleased with our old place in the Carpathian Hotel assembly room.

This is all the news. We are looking forward to seeing you here. We need your Bible classes. Please, let us know when you are planning to come. With love, Ivan



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## From Tegucigalpa, Honduras



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“So I decided to visit and distribute clothing to children and adults, after that I talked to them about the Son of God and the plan of salvation, gave them the address of the church of Christ nearest to them and some literature from the Bible explaining the plan of salvation and prayed together.”

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Dear brother John! Greetings and blessing to you, your family and the church in the name our Almighty Jesus Christ. Beloved brethren, hope your heart is being fulfilled with spiritual blessings from our merciful father in heaven thru Jesus Christ. Hope you and your grand daughter enjoyed being together with family today.

I have been in a rural area and was not able to check my emails. So I must apologize for not answering rapid.

Yes I received 53 boxes of clothing and shoes that will be distributed the best way to help those in need and bring them to Jesus. Your blessings consisting of clothing and shoes for the needy have touched our hearts and resulted in abundant praises to God. Thanks for your support to the work we are doing spreading the name of Christ Jesus and His commandments in order that the people should obey his law.

Thanks a lot for the benevolence and your determination to help us to push the work of the Lord here in this country. I really appreciate it from you. Clothing and shoes for children, school supply will help a lot. Soap, toothpaste and brush teeth, buckets, the tennis shoes and sandals are very useable here. The sheets and blanket for bed also. The dresses for little girls are really needed, as are blue jeans, shirts for boys.

14 February people in our country celebrate the friendship day so I decided to visit a place where most people ignore. It is a place like a shelter called (El Abrigo) next to the main Hospital Escuela at Tegucigalpa. Poor families of those who are sick in the hospital who are coming from rural areas of the country and do not have a place to stay while their families are being attended in the hospital sleep in this shelter. Sometimes those families have to wait days, weeks or months for their relatives leave the hospital, they receive, lunch and supper and a bed to rest at nights. Usually those families bring also their children who need urgent attention. So I decided to visit and distribute clothing to children and adults, after that I talked to them about the Son of God and the plan of salvation, gave them the address of the church of Christ nearest to them and some literature from the Bible explaining the plan of salvation and prayed together.

Such gifts were also taken to our congregations. The Churches thanks you for that. I have distributed it in the Lord's name to children of the church at Plaza in Tegucigalpa and the congregation at Ojo de Agua, both, children and some adults were beneficed with this benevolence. Some little girls received dresses, others in ages of school received white blouses (shirts) and blankets. Adults received shirts and what I call sandals, some men received pants also.

I plan to distribute the white shirts and then we will write a special report and publish it by the newspaper.

We enthusiastic and happily look each opportunity to preach and teach the good news to children, Young and adults, we use Bible literature, lesson by personal contact with the people, sometimes by phone, articles written to friends and send thru internet, and invitations to church. Doing this people have an opportunity to hear and perhaps be saved.

So the benevolence helps a lot to approach those in spiritual need and get the chance to teach.

Today I received the 300 dollars you sent thru Forrest Park church for



“Olga Vladimirovna, director of Geneva Red-Cross in Kramatorsk received from our congregation humanitarian aid. We are trying to tell all the people who come to us about God and His church. They get different kind of literature with them. Some of them ask questions as for the church, Bible, etc. We try to invite those people to study the Bible, some of them are interested some are not. But any way they all know what we teach, where and when, so they all are in-formed about the schedule the church has. They also know that they are invited.”

Vladimir,  
Kramatorsk, Ukraine

expenses of transportation.

A family has placed their membership to worship with us at the congregation in Plaza. He is a lawyer and his family.

And now for plans regarding the other shipments you will send to us. Regarding the who will be the beneficiary of the stuff you are sending, I have identified mainly, the congregation at El Tamarindo, (in the south) some two hours driving from Tegucigalpa and the area, those people are very poor, some of the shool materials will be delivered to the school in the community. The church at El Tamarindo was established with a medical campaign about 15 days after the hurricane Mitch. The means of distribution, we have used in the past in some other places will be a preaching campaign and after the people listen the message of God, they pass picking up in this case, clothing or shoes. The preacher make a list of new people who want to continue receiving Bible studies at home and there he already has, what we call, new contacts. There are some places of orphanages in Tegucigalpa that we take care any time we receive any help, so I would like to help them. I have sent some toys and clothing to a congregation located very far away from Tegucigalpa. To arrive to that place one has to walk for about one hour, no transportation is able to get in the community, there is not way (road). It would take about 7 hours one way to go there.

Mainly I would like to distribute to the churches in poor areas so the influence of the church and its mission to preach the word of God would impact in a deep positive way. Thanks a lot for your help, it is a great input.

Thanks for all your dedication and support you are giving us. May God bless you! Your servant, Erlindo Nuñez

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## From Kramatorsk, Ukraine

Vladimir Paziy continues to do a wonderful work in Kramatorsk. He sent a report that included the following information that I think you will appreciate:

“According to the Ukrainian law each container has to have the permission from government before we can start to distribute the items. Valeriy Ivanovich and his helper Alexander Vacilievich are working in that direction so we can have the permission as soon as possible but sometime it takes much more time. In January we started to distribute one container (3 more are still in the process of getting permission).

We have special days (Tuesday and Thursday) for the people to come and get the things they need. They get different kind of literature with them. Some of them ask questions as for the church, Bible, etc. We try to invite those people to study the Bible, some of them are interested some are not. But any way they all know what we teach, where and when, so they all are informed about the schedule the church has. They also know that they are invited. Some of them come back to get more clothes and bring their friends, relatives with them, they also get the information about church, etc.

This time some people from the boarding school came and we gave them a lot of stuff for the kids. It was school uniform and some stationeries.

We also gave many things to one social organization which helps the people with AIDS. With these people we had a long discussion as for bible teaching. Some of them visit Pentecostals so they were surprised to hear some things from the Bible what we teach here. They promised to come on Sunday.



Alexey, Larisa and their children. Alex and Larisa were baptized. They came from Pentecostal congregation.



Dmitriy was baptized March 9 (right). Stas (in the middle) is his brother who taught him the Bible. Artur (left) is Stas' friend and is also a Christian.

Our local Red Cross came to us for to get help since they do not have much from other sources. We are trying to tell all the people who come to us about God and His church. Sometimes it seems that people do not interested in Bible at all, they are "hungry" only for clothes and they are ready to come at any time to get it but when you talk to them about church they never have time for it. It is very sad, sometimes even to the point of tears to observe such an ugly picture.

But there are some other people who come and ask to study the Bible, it is always great and refreshing to hear that. Such days make my days. Alexey, Larisa and their children, Alex and Larisa were baptized December 28, 2008. They came from Pentecostal congregation.

Igor Petrovich, Alla's husband got baptized during their visit. Ken Murphy worked with him last year and this time we all got a great result, another soul was added to the Family.

Vlad and Oksana Pazyi"

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## From Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Note: I am not editing all of Mavjuda's email so you will appreciate her sincerity in communicating

Dear Mr. Kachelman!

Today at me put a birth. I have early learned news in the mail box in the morning, that you will arrive to Tajikistan and it is very good gift for me. Angels renumerated me, that you could inform me it news in day of mine a birth. I today receive all particulars in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and to you I shall inform.

I have learned very good news from you, that at you to be born the grand daughter, a birth of children this finest a holiday and they are the most sacred essence on the ground with which to us the god awards. I pray, that it was born healthy and happy and on your pleasure grows the favourite child on light. Huge gratitude, to you for all efforts by which you do for children of Tajikistan. Let happy the sun it is always shone above you and joyful the instant of a life always accompanies you and your family. Transfer yours family mine good a wish and the best blessing. I shall send you a photo of the daughters and the adopted son.

I hope, that at all of you it is good also you enjoy all gifts of the God, work in the blessing of people and live joyfully. You very much kind business have made much for us and we there is no time we shall not forget your kindness and the help. Winter was so cold for the people and they were not prepared for it. Newborn children were died in the maternity homes because of absence of power.

Let me explain little bit situation in Tajikistan, that about 67% of total number of population live out of poverty line. Mainly oldest adults and children are suffering. Our organization elaborated new project proposal on establishing Daily children centre for orphans and children from vulnerable families from 3 to 7 year old. All of them need in social and medical support. Our government provides for them by building and land for growin some vegetables. For project implementation we need furniture for children, bags, chairs, tables, toys, carpets, warm clothes, kitchen supplies. Are there any donors or donators who can help us to implement this project? In case of this project realization all donors could be able to see the results of donations





Zoy Alexeevna, member of our congregation, has a problems with walking, now it will be easy for her. (Vlad, Kramatorsk)



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and be always aware about project activities. Our hospitals require beds and mattresses, invalids in carriages. If you have an opportunity, please, help our hospitals and invalids, to schools and the vulnerable population to get these things.

It is rule in October that after one month fasting all Muslims around the world celebrate Ed al Fitr. This holyday is special, because all believers are helping to people in need. We try to do the same but not only in October: we try to distribute all humanitarian aid you have sent us. All who received donation are praying for you and all your relatives, for all who made such donation! I have some thanks letters which I want to show and pass you when it will be possible to meet, to reassure you and all others interested in helping people. Thanks a lot for kindness of USA citizens! May God bless you with a long healthy life!



Also, I want to inform you, that some days ago we visited boarding school for blind children. We distributed them toys, stationery and clothes. During our conversation they asked me to pass you, that they need special books and Braille's point ABC and if it is possible some walking sticks. It would be great if you could help them!

May God bring peace of mind into your country, wishing you success, happiness and may every step of your journey through life be blessed!!!

Thanks, to you for your kindness and the help which you render for people of Tajikistan. Vulnerable the population which receive your help, in no time-limit, will forget kindness of United States of America and I the witness of that they always pray for your health and well-being.

I pray for you and for your family, let them be happy, lucky and healthy.

Yours faithfully Мавчуда

**Invitation to attend DOS Tajikistan Conference**

*"Dear John...I am pleased to announce this year's SMTP Central Asia regional conference will be held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan and will take place after the Kiev, Ukraine conference which is expected to be held on May 22, 2009. I would like to request the honor of your presence at the events...Local Tajik government representatives will inform attendees of current procedures and legislative governing operations. The Dushanbe conference will also be attended by representatives from the U.S. Department of State...I would like to extend a special invitation for you to be a keynote speaker at this conference...We also welcome you to join in needs-assessments trips to determine the needs of the impoverished communities in Tajikistan for the planning of future humanitarian assistance..."*

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**From Tallil, Iraq**

I received this email on February 16: "We are working the customs issues



"Weather continues to play havoc with some of our missions. We still have not been able to get back to the handicapped school. It is a three hour drive so takes lots of planning.

Dust storms have postponed us twice. We have gotten the approval to purchase hearing aids for each student so will be fitting them in May. The attached pictures are from yesterday. We had visited the school once before. The kids are fantastic. It is a three room mud hut school.

There are 65 kids, grades 1-3 who attend.

We just received packages from you and others you contacted with gum, candy, etc from you.

Thank you all so much for what you are doing."

LTC Clinton Moyer  
CentCom Iraq

with the PRT's, USAID and our S4 Shop. I hope to have an answer in a day or so. I think this will go a long way toward fostering continued goodwill among Iraq and the US. I have attached a few pictures from our medical event with the handicapped kids. We REALLY need to find a pair of crutches for the little girl pictured in one of them. According to our docs, she will not grow anymore. If you know of anyone that could send a pair now that would really help."

In response I sent out this general email request: Attached is an info-email about a project we are working in Tallil, Iraq. Just this morning I received another email from Col Moyer with a number of pictures reporting on a visit our troops made to a handicapped children's home in Iraq (I selected four of these and pasted them below). Our troops took coloring books, bubbles, balloons, and other treats for these children. The medical personnel examined and evaluated the children and are seeking to help them in every possible way. Col Moyer specifically asked for crutches for the girl in the picture and we have several different styles that will work—we just need to find a way to get them over there ASAP.

I am sending this to all contacts I have (government; military; media) for two purposes:

First, to inform you of the troops' actions. Our military is first in the world in its training, morale, preparedness, and discipline, BUT as great as these qualities are there is another trait that characterizes our military and marks it as distinctively different and number one in the world—its benevolence! Kind heartedness has always characterized our troops—sharing a candy bar with an orphan in devastated Berlin, Paris, and a myriad of other cities throughout World War 2 Europe as the Allied troops swept back the evil of fascism; giving out the rationed MREs to children in Bosnia; sharing in soccer games in numerous nations around the world; and, taking a bottle of bubbles to a mud house in the desolate Iraqi desert and blowing bubbles for the delightful smile of a young boy that will never walk. This side of the military might of the United States of America is seldom seen but it is the attitude that underlies all actions!

Second, I need to find a way to get the crutches for this little girl into Iraq ASAP. I know that such is possible IF we find the right connection. Can you help us in this? Please ask yourself who you know that has the connections to get these crutches to Col Moyer. How can you help our troops be more effective in this effort?

*We have secured the land of Iraq but for a lasting impact and to honor those 4,000+ who have paid the ultimate price, we need to secure the hearts of Iraq. Let us not leave the job undone!*

Best wishes, John

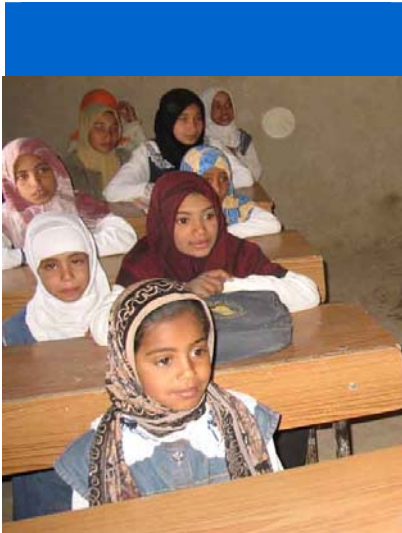
Replying to my email was brother Ed Linebaugh and a series of communications began regarding this little girl's need for crutches:

Dear Brother John,

Reading this certainly livened up my heart! At the same time, seeing the picture of the Iraqi girl who needs crutches brought tears to my eyes. We are blessed to live in such an technologically advanced culture. I can obtain multiple pair of crutches through my orthopedic connections (I'm a certified orthopedic technologist) but don't have any connections to get them







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**Vijay Rao**  
**Ibrahimpatnam, India**

delivered. I would love the opportunity to visit Iraq and see first-hand what God is doing through the church's and military's humanitarian efforts. Although retired from the Army since 1992, I don't know if this is feasible or how to go about it. Any suggestions? Thanks! ED

Hi Ed,

More on the little girl in Iraq needing crutches...I thought I could find her a pair here very easy but it is not happening. I do have a pair of forearm crutches that I have sent via US Postal Service (costing only \$9.90—I used the Col's APO address). But I do not know if they will work. The girl evidentially is affected by dwarfism and is only 3 feet tall and will grown no taller. I have looked in every med supply/equipment place in Searcy and have found nothing. The shortest crutches are those for one around 4 feet tall. Do you think you could look in the Huntsville area and see if you could find a pair of crutches there? Please advise.

Dear bro. John and LTC Moyer,

With my orthopedic contacts here in Huntsville and in Denver, I'm sure we will be able to find a suitable mobility device (i.e. crutches) ASAP! I will begin working on this first thing tomorrow AM! Our military ministry (M.O.R.E.) will gladly pay for crutches and the postage via APO (more than likely we can get the crutches donated). I'll let you know as soon as I do some detective work tomorrow! Your partner in the gospel, ED

Dear friends,

Got 'em gratis!!! Through His providence, the Lord provided me with a FREE pair of pediatric-sized aluminum forearm crutches for young *Duaa Adnan Atawi*. These were donated by Probst Home Health Services here in Huntsville, AL.

LTC Moyer, I will ready them for shipment tomorrow via USPS to your APO address. Once received and delivered on your end, let me if they will fit her okay. If they are not appropriate for her size, let me know and I'll search for another pair. If possible, I'd like a picture of *Duaa* with her new crutches to share with our church, ministry team, and especially Probst Home Health Services. Thanks to you and your troops for the great work you're doing over there! ED

John and fellow soldiers in Iraq,

The crutches are in the mail as of one hour ago (I was the last customer before the post office closed at 12 noon). They are addressed to LTC Moyer. Let me know when you receive them (they are insured in case of loss).

John, it would be great if you can visit Mayfair and reconnect with old friends. I'd love to travel overseas with you if and when the opportunity presents itself (God willing, of course). Take care, ED

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## From Ibrahimpatnam, India

To the respected my great beloved brother John L Kachelman and church members,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Brother this is my sincere salutes to all, I have received your great and wonderful email letter. So thank you very much your great blessing hands help. After I receiving your great help I will send my work report and pictures to your postal address. Please excuse me brother once again I am humble requesting please visit me in India, you see my work and gospel activities so please



accept my request. Brother I know your great Christian love God is providing many blessings and good health in your home. My church members and elders and my co-preachers and widows and orphan childrens and my family members send the special thanks to you. Brother My letters give any trouble to you so please excuse me.

Brother I kindly requesting I need your great and powerful prayers last week my second son Prasada Rao, accident at my village Ibrahimpattanam one of the truck my son and two other persons injured, my son head also fractured, at present my son health is better. This is a God grace, the incident place is very dangerous place, thank you very much your great and powerful prayers. Brother this month 28th Feb'09 I am conducting preachers conference at Ibrahimpattanam. I am inviting 50 or 60 poor preachers the different place of in the state of Andhra Pradesh. This month first week I am visiting Yanam, this is a separate state two days gospel meetings, brother U. Anand, preacher conducting the gospel meetings. Brother many poor preachers and poor widows and orphan childrens facing many problems medically and daily bread and cloths need. I need you and your congregation members prayers and your great encouragement to my gospel work development purpose. My wife N.Rajeswari conducting ladies bible classes on 18th and 19th Feb'09. 120 sisters attend this ladies classes. 19th evening I will give the 4 baptisms at Krishna River in Ibrahimpattanam. My wife teaching good Bible lessons in New Testament truth. Good support in my wife in my life.



Brother please remember in your prayers Bro.K.Krupanandam, preacher and Bro. M. Parushuddam preacher and Bro. A. Neerikshana Rao and Bro.G.Satyanarayana preacher, and Bro. D. Immanuel preacher and Bro.N. Krupanandam preacher sick need of your great and powerful prayers. These preachers is very senior preachers please remember in your great prayers.

Brother I am a full time preacher I am interesting preaching the gospel in dry areas and different places in my country India. I have received many letters in different places many preachers inviting that brothers places conducting gospel meetings and Bible classes. All the daily needs like vegetables, rice, milk, oil, etc., almost double prices.

You are my great beloved brother in the world every day my family conducting special prayers to you and your congregation members and saints in your country. Brother I am attention I need your happiness encouragement reply letter. God is providing many blessings and good health in your home.



Next month March 4th & 5th I am going to Guntur district, Bro. M. Pasangi conducting gospel meetings. So please pray him.

Again I remind you, every church of Christ members and my church elders and preachers and orphan childrens and widows and my family members send the special salutes to you.

Thank you very much, Christian servant N. Vijayarao, Evangelist Church of Christ, Ibrahimpattanam, Krishna District, A.P. India

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## Quito, Ecuador

In mid-February I received a call from Washington, DC stating, "Hope Haven Ministries International located in Rock Valley, IA will donate a full container of wheelchairs. We have covered the port-to-port shipping cost. The consignee, Fundacion Vista Para Todos will cover the inland transportation."





I was asked if I could help secure the transportation from Iowa to the port of departure for this container load of wheelchairs. I said I would try but I was wondering exactly how this would be possible. Amazing results occurred.

With contacts in Mississippi I was discussing a missionary in Ukraine that had taken in five Ukrainian children from an abusive and neglectful home. This missionary family (who are Ukrainians) wanted to adopt the children but the birth-father was demanding a high “fee” and threatened to remove them unless he was paid immediately (the birth-mother has died from cancer and the birth-father is a known alcoholic). The case has gone into Ukrainian legalities and the missionary and his American contacts were at a loss on what to do. I was called and asked to help. In the course of the conversation I was told that this man has a cousin in Virginia who is a member of the churches of Christ and he runs a logistics company.

Upon hearing of his cousin’s logistics company I discussed the container of wheelchairs in Iowa needing to be taken to Quito. After a few days of emails I received word from Washington that the brother in Virginia had agreed to donate the transportation expenses to get the container of wheelchairs to the port of departure! Once again the Lord’s Church has made a significant impression upon those in our nation’s capitol.



## La Palma, El Salvador

Last April I received this email: “Hi John, I got your name and address from Morris Ellis, a teacher at Harding Univ. He has accompanied our team to El Salvador a couple times and is a great guy. He told about your experiences shipping containers to the Ukraine, and said you know the ropes and would be willing to share information that might help us ship to El Salvador.”



Following a series of email communications I discovered that these brethren have been working in LaPalma, El Salvador and had a plan for establishing and strengthening the Lord’s Church. They had secured an ambulance to ship into LaPalma that would be given to the community through the Lord’s Church.

We have been working on that project for the past months. It had been scheduled to fly into El Salvador via USA military cargo in early February but that was delayed by a higher priority action.

During the week of March 22 we received the following information from the Charleston, SC AFB on the revised logistics: “Ralph/John, If everything holds as is the ambulance will leave Charleston on Friday, 27 March, and will be delivered to El Salvador on the 28th of March at 1830Z or 1230 San Salvador time. I believe your consignee has been in contact with either someone from the US Embassy or Mr. Rafael Peña who is the station manager at the airfield. Please pass this information on to your consignee and ask if he is still talking with someone there about this ambulance’s arrival and receipt procedures. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me. K. Hundemer, JRI/Denton Operations, Charleston AFB.”



We should be receiving updated information with pictures and reports on this and these will be forwarded on to you. This will make a significant impact for the Lord’s Church in El Salvador. As a follow-up we are currently working on sending materials for a mission trip’s project into LaPalma as well. This will follow-up on the arrival of the ambulance. More to come!