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Spring 2009 sprung with Marley-Rose making her appearance!

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A MOUNTAIN OF DATA IN A MINISCULE SPACE!

My trips this spring are scheduled later than usual because of being invited to keynote presentations at Department of State conferences in Kyiv, Ukraine and then later in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. As I pack it seems strange not to be packing winter gear because most spring trips find me in snow and freezing temps while most of you are enjoying t-shirts, shorts, and sandals!

The month of April presented us with a number of actions and opportunities. We concluded a series on Enoch and emailed that out to those on the general mailing list. If you did not receive a copy please let us know and we will be glad to send it to you. I had never studied Enoch in-depth and thoroughly benefitted from looking at this hero who lived in a culture that was as ungodly as our culture. During the month we also shipped a container to Ukraine, prepared for loads going into Honduras and Iraq via military cargo planes, received word that an ambulance shipped via military cargo carrier arrived in La Palma, El Salvador, helped with the necessary paperwork for some brethren in Romania and helped get a load ready for Ogborhill, Nigeria.

Once again as it is time to publish the monthly newsletter I am trying to condense a mountain of emails, pictures, and reports of significant events and decide what can be cut so this report is not too large. It is truly amazing to look at all that transpires within a brief month. What you read here only provides the briefest of information as to what has transpired.

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From Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine

Greetings, dear Brother John!

Finally we were able to have container cleared and we distributed aid to individuals and organizations. Beds that you sent in this container we sent to the Regional Hospital. Dr Andrew was very thankful and asked me to send big thanks to all who participate in this project. Now the Regional Surgical Department can put additional beds in rooms and people will not have to stay in halls (due to the lack of beds some people had to stay in cots in the hall). We also gave them one gurney, crutches, walkers and medical drapes. Ivano-Frankivsk District Hospital has received some items as well Starry Lisets' clinic. Julia brought a doctor from Village Perehinsk and they took a gynecological table, walkers, crutches, hospital linens, shoes for children from the orphanage (you have been there). Julia has not given me pictures yet. I will send them to you as soon as she gets them to me. We give shoes away to widows and their children and to young families because these categories of our population are going through difficulties due to the crisis—no work, no social assistance. The State does not care about people, does not think about them and are busy with their election race. That is why many



Surgical recovery room in the Gynecological Department of the Kulyab City Maternity Hospital, Khatlon Oblast, Tajikistan

The ambulance that we shipped to La Palma, El Salvador on USAF cargo jets has arrived and has been presented to the Mayor. The brethren are going down there the first week in May and there will be an official presentation by the churches of Christ. I am eager to see how this will be publicized and how much it will help the Lord's Church in that nation!

*April 23, 2009:
"Ken from Charleston AFB just called and said the ambulance keys will be given to the Mayor this morning. The ambulance arrived there yesterday."
Ralph McClurg*

people turn to church for help. We try to help as much as we can and invite people to church.

As for our church life in Ivano-Frankivsk...

We continue assembling in the same room. 9-14 people come on Sundays and 5-7 on Wednesdays. Some cannot come on Wednesday because of their jobs, many work 12 hours.

We study Matthew on Sunday. It was chapter 26 this Sunday. Sermon was about Easter "What is Easter" since by tradition many keep Easter and it is usually a mixture of Judaism and paganism, so I had to explain what Easter is. We continue to study Second Peter on Wednesday parallel with the Old Testament.

On April 3 we visited a widow, Galya. Her 8-year old daughter, Mariyka, has leg and spine disorders since she was very little. Galya cried and thanked church for help (we gave her 400 grievna) because they hardly had any food since Galya cannot have a job and leave her ill daughter on her own. Their village is 35 kilometers away from Ivano-Frankivsk. Mariyka needs a special wheel-chair to be able to lie in it since she has cerebral palsy and cannot sit. Kathy asked me to write about them so I am sending a photo of Galya and her daughter Mariyka. Kathy said that you gave her wheelchair for Mariyka and she will be shipping it to Ivano-Frankivsk. I cannot say what great blessing this will be to this mother and invalid daughter. Such kindness from Lord's Church will be known all through this Oblast and God will be glorified. Thank you brethren for being involved in this!

Vitaly helps me a lot. He studies the Bible and is almost at decision to be baptized. Please pray for him as he continues to study.

Thank God, my family is doing well. Anya is finishing third grade, tells children at school about God and our church. She started asking many questions about different churches and why Catholic priests sprinkle children at school. *Parents of children that go to Anya's school made a decision to take the whole class to Catholic Church for communion. We refused and we pray to God that parents and teachers will not hold a grudge against us.* I am sending you a picture of Mariyka and humanitarian aid given to individuals and hospitals.

With love, Ivan and Svetlana

Sfantu Gheorghe, Romania

Hi John,

The consignee will be Adolf Papp. He is Executive Director of the Covasna County Red Cross with a governing Board that oversees his activities, and 18 village Boards who advise as to the needs of the poverty stricken in the villages in Covasna County. He is our best prospect for the Lord. This is an exciting opportunity. The goods will go only to those who meet strict standards. Adolf will tolerate no corruption.

Adolf can also supervise distribution of up to date medical equipment to the hospital and worthy physicians in the area. (We have provided 600 Hungarian Children's Bibles—70% of the city's population speaks Hungarian—more will be given as soon as they can be printed. Adolf and his wife, Reka, have gotten Bibles into the schools. There is a great demand for these. We personally have distributed Hungarian New Testaments to our many prospects for the Lord there.)



Shoes were distributed with the sticker saying:
*"Churches of Christ:
Where everyone is loved!"*



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Just to be clear in my mind, the container, once through Customs, will be delivered to Sfantu Gheorghe. Is the transportation cost to Sfantu Gheorghe included in the government's shipping costs? This just came in from Adolf, "I start to preparing the documents and request information's about the humanitarian AID procedures in Romania. I know the EU regulations, but I don't know what are the procedures for USA." He is a man of action with a good heart.

Adolf spoke with us again via Skype today. He said the Red Cross has several safe storage warehouses. He will assess which is best, and send that address later. He has an excellent team to unload the container. We are personally acquainted with many of the Red Cross volunteers, and the few paid employees. They are of the highest quality, dedicated to helping the needy. Many of them are study the Bible with us every time a team comes to SG. We have some excellent potential leaders for the Lord there.

My husband, Dan, and I are both family counselors. I am a Licensed Professional Counselor, and a Clinical Social Worker and Supervisor of Social Workers preparing for their Board Exams. We were first invited to Sfantu Gheorghe, Romania, in 2000, to teach Christian Parenting at a church retreat. This has expanded to repeated invitations to teach Christians, and to train professional social workers, psychologists, doctors, teachers there. Dan currently conducts weekly Small Group Bible studies there via Skype. We moved to Sfantu Gheorghe last May, but a recurrence of Dan's cancer brought us back to the States for treatment. If God wills, we plan to return to Sfantu Gheorghe to live out our days there in His service.

Thank you for your help! You and Glenn are the one bright light in our life right now. Our path is so rough and rocky. Long ago I stopped saying, "What can happen next? It can't be any worse than this." There is always something worse than this. Satan is daily throwing hurtful things both small and large at us. We live in a fallen world. Many have it far worse than us. God will see us through this. Just as he has provided you and Glenn to step up to carry on the beautiful benevolent work God has given us to do, He will provide all our needs. Dan has had 3 major surgeries for sarcoma cancer, and is to begin chemo soon. His health is very fragile. Taking care of him has been a full time job for me for many months. It will only become harder once chemo is begun again. This project is in the hands of the Lord as is Dan's battle with cancer. God promises to provide all our needs. The battle belongs to the Lord.

This container will "speak" for Christ. Our greatest desire is to have our loved ones who are outside of Christ become Christians. By seeing that there are real Christians in the world, their faith will grow. We still have a vision that one day the Truth will take hold in Sfantu Gheorghe, Romania, and spread from there throughout the Hungarian people all over the world. (Sfantu Gheorghe is a very important city today holding the Hungarian people together.)

This looks good. We are so thankful to God for the kindness in accepting the Covasna County Red Cross as a worthy recipient of these goods, and we are especially grateful for the hard work you do to make this happen. This brings us much joy in the midst of the health challenges we are dealing with now. Feel free to ask any questions you may have. Thank you for your help. We praise God for the good you do around the world in the name of Jesus.

In the Master's service,

Dan and Anne Boyd

From Ibrahimpatnam, India

Dear Beloved Bro. John L Kachelman 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.

Specially the Church of Christ of Ibrahimpatnam have been praying for your family and for your gospel Ministry to be fruitful. With your prayers and cooperation and by the grace of God, the Gospel work in India is going on well with spiritual fruits from month to month. It is to inform you we spent for 18 days in Gospel Campaigning and there are 7 gospel preachers accompanied me and conducted the gospel meetings in 26 places (Villages) and we have traveled in Buses and Trains, and we traveled for 800kms with great difficulties and there are 14 members are baptized and added in the congregation and many persons listed the truth and gospel. For some days we have faced troubles with regard to the Traveling, daily good and clothing etc., any how the Lord Jesus Christ successfully completed the said Gospel Campaign many persons asked me to supply the Bibles, Hymns books and tracts. As this is summer and all the Institutions are in summer vacations, many people gathered the said gospel meetings day and night. We are going to conduct Summer Bible Classes as Ibrahimpatnam from 29th May, 2009 to 31st May, 2009. Please pray for it and its expenses also. Further on 30th May 2009 there would be preachers Fellowship conducted and please pray for it. My wife Rajeswari has been going to conduct Ladies Bible Classes on 31st May 2009 at about 3.00 P.M Bro-Rajendra Kumar has been suffering with heart complete and he has large family. Please pray for him. Bro M.Rajarao his wife has been suffering with blood sugar disease and he has no funds to meet the medical expenses. I further remind that please pray for the Church at Ibrahimpatnam. Though we are facing difficulties and troubles, we are going forward with the Gospel ministry. The widows are put to sick due to summer weather and they require medicines and other diet also. Please pray for them also. All the orphan children are promoted and passed and they have to join in new classes, in the month of June 2009. Please pray for them and their requirement and needs also. The Church elders at Ibrahimpatnam are going to conduct the Gospel programme door to door in the month of July, 2009. I got invitation from the Denominational Conference which will be conducted on May 5th, 2009 at Machilipatnam, Krishna District to speak about the protection of Christians in this connection, we request you to kindly pray. All the Gospel workers, widows, orphans and Church member, and my family members are joining me and sending our thanks and salutes to you and please accept the same. Daily we are praying for your good health and successes in all your attempts and endeavors please pray for us and our ministry. Expecting a communication from you please.

Yours brother in Christ

N.Vijayarao, Evangelist Church of Christ, Ibrahimpatnam, Krishna District, A.P. India

I depart the USA on 4 May and will be going into Eastern Europe and Central Asia. If you wish to receive email reports please sign up on the mail list at www.kachelman.com



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Dr Azikiwe Ikeorha, MD and his wife, Chief Judge Ory Ikeorah of Nigeria worked in our warehouse to select and prepare items that will be going to the hospital in Aba City in Ogorhill, Nigeria

