



# UKRAINE MISSIONS NEWS

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## REJOICE IN JUNE'S SUCCESSES IN UKRAINE!

This monthly newsletter brings you greetings from several brethren that are working hard for the Lord. As you read these reports you will realize the wonderful work that continues to bring glory to God through His Church in Ukraine. Thank you for your continuing support and prayers!

—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

## IVAN SKOLEBA'S LABORS FOR THE LORD

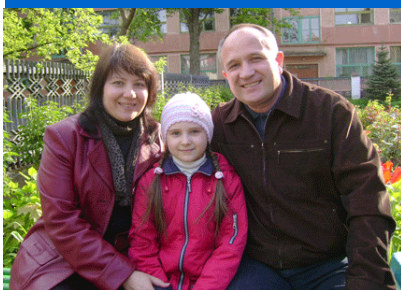
Greetings, dear brother John!

First of all I'd like to thank you for your work in Ukraine as you organize and support churches of Christ thus taking part in the program that the Lord commanded us to fulfill to save souls and build up Christ's Kingdom on earth. I understand that this work will be fully evaluated in eternity when we come before our Lord, and He will evaluate our lives. I know that Satan puts obstacles in our work, that is why I even more pray and thank God for your work and your commitment to our Lord and His teaching. We would also like to give our heartfelt thanks to those brothers and sisters who make it possible for you to come here, who support you with prayer and funds. Your lessons mean a lot to us because they give us opportunity to grow spiritually and learn more from the teaching of Christ. People are very thankful and are always looking forward to having you and other American brethren with spiritual experience so that you could teach and encourage us.

Luba, that you baptized in Krivoy Rog, is very thankful to you that you found time to come to Krivoy Rog and baptize her. She is German by nationality. Her father was a German war captive who remained in Ukraine after WW 2. She was baptized in Orthodox church when a child and it was difficult for her to "betray tradition" as she put it. But she read your lessons and listened to tapes that I sent to Krivoy Rog and started asking a lot of questions. And then she made herself the decision to be baptized when you came to the city. So I did not expect that and could not tell you beforehand, that is why we had to do everything impromptu and buy used clothes for you. It was inconvenient for you and we are very thankful that for the sake of saving one soul you found time to baptize Luba. Luba is a cook by profession and helps brethren at church a lot. She is sending you greetings and she has promised that she will make a delicious tort and Ukrainian borsch the next time you come.

I would also like to thank you, John, for the meeting in Ukraine's Cabinet of Ministry. Our local officials received a reproof after that meeting for the lack of involvement in helping children's homes and orphanages. And now they have promised to get us approvals till the end of June. You know what is going on with our government where Julia's work as the Prime-Minister is being often blocked up. It interferes with all our work as well. Many works have been suspended. That is why your meeting opened a lot of doors for the church.

Church in Ivano-Frankivsk carries on with her work thanks to your prayers and support. We hold our Sunday assemblies at the old place – Carpathian hotel at 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. and Wed class is from 6:00 through 7:00 p.m. We study the Book of Acts of the Apostles and topics are: "How the Church of Christ started"; "Unity of Church"; "Structure of Church." Purpose is to help people understand that there is only one true church of Christ that was established by the Apostles of Christ, not people.



The Ivan Skoleba Family (left to right: Sveta, Anya, Ivan)



Elmira and her two bothers at a children's shelter in Shacketorsk, Ukraine

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**Natalia (Natasha) Sekerina works with the Karlovka Orphanage in the Donetsk Oblast**

There are a lot of questions asked in line with this. People just never read the Bible and listened to Catholic priests without thinking instead. Many are surprised that the Bible does not say anything about worshipping Mary as a mediator between God and people. We study Genesis 1-12 on Wed and topics are: "God's Image in the Man"; "Sin of the Man"; "First Covenants between God and People"; "The Calling of Abraham as the Father of All Believers."

Expenses in May 2008:

Rent – 600 gr; Newspaper ads – 375 gr.; Gas to go to Nebiliv, Lisets and orphanages – 400 gr.; Phone – 150 gr.; Medical needs and visiting people – 560 gr., food such as sugar and oils included; Dmitry's treatment - \$600 that you have given for him. He has had his treatment and is very thankful to you and church for helping his family.

This is all at this point. We are looking forward to having brothers to teach in Nebiliv.

With prayers and thanks, Ivan and Svetlana



**Ivan distributes new shoes in Ivano-Frankivsk**

## **NATALIA SEKERINA EFFORTS WITH ORPHANS**

Greetings, dear brother John and brethren in Christ!

I do feel guilty of not sending you reports in three months and would like to apologize to you! I didn't mean bad but these last three months I have really been working myself to death at the Institute and Karlovka. Besides my three main jobs (cleaning person, baby-sitter and guard). I have been able to do a lot for Karlovka with God's help during this time. I try to endure all hardships patiently without repining. Maybe God is teaching patience to me?



**We help 2-year-olds in the Donetsk Tuberculosis Hospital. During Kathy Cadden's last visit she gave Bibles to each child. As Kathy left she looked into a ward and saw a grandmother reading the Bible to her grand daughter.**

In past very few people knew about Karlovka but thanks to Kathy's work in America and my work, more and more people want to help children. Is it good? I think it is. Now we need to coordinate this work, and I volunteered to do so, even though nobody asked me and despite the fact that it takes time and energy. I try to systematize the work, gather information, try to plan what children need in the first place, reach to potential sponsors with those needs so that we would not do one and the same thing not knowing plans of others. And the work has become more active. Lord sees our sincere desire to help children and I'm sure He blesses us because what we have done within the last three months is more than we could do in three years before.

All of this started after my and Kathy's visit to the Regional Administration where we talked about Karlovka. After that things started almost spinning and I could only praise God for help and stay amazed. We prayed about furniture for Karlovka, and the Lord sent a woman to this congregation (not a Christian) and she offered some pieces of furniture: cabinet, 2 beds, 2 bedside tables, cheval-glass, sofa, 2 armchairs and some other things. I ordered a truck and took everything to Karlovka. Then a benevolent fund called and said they had furniture but it had to be picked up in four places. Again with joy and thankfulness I picked up that furniture and took to Karlovka. Using the money that we saved for generator I ordered and took to Karlovka 8 desks and 16 chairs. I took there a TV set that someone had given me. People call me and offer stuff. And it wasn't like that before for some reason. Staff of the Center and children were excited and grateful to receive that help. In April I took 4 boxes of blankets and sheets because they need those things all the time especially since they have a lot of children with enuresis. On May 3 I took Kathy's boxes with 63 pairs of tennis shoes, flip-flops and towels there. I had a camera with me but it was out of order that's why I took pics with my cell phone. And now I don't know how to download those pics. I'm not good with equipment. But I will still try to send those pics to you but a little later. Children were very happy to get tennis shoes and they didn't know what to choose! Everybody sent their greetings and thanks to Kathy and all who sent shoes. Besides all that I continue using my only day-off to go to Karlovka and teach Bible there. I called the Administration a few times to remind them about the generator and finally it was installed at the end of May! Even the







“Every thing my daughter wears is thanks to your sending shipments. Thank you for helping us!” A sister in the Lord from Kramatorsk, Ukraine



Another container arrives in Kramatorsk, Ukraine. This container was shipped from Ft. Collins, CO.

Head Doctor of the Center did not believe that they would get a \$10,000.00 generator. A family from Dallas, TX asked me about needs in Karlovka. I told them that right now they need to replace their beds. Another amazement—they sent enough money to buy 50 beds and 5 cabinets. True, a sister from the congregation where Sasha Procopchuk preaches coordinates that. But it is also for Karlovka.

And a week ago the Head Doctor asked me to come shortly because an inspection from the Regional Administration was to come answering our complaint. He was afraid that the Center might be closed down because before that 3 Tuberculosis Health Centers were closed down despite the fact that this area is #1 in Ukraine suffering from that disease. I left work and went there right away to encourage Vladimir Alexandrovich. I took a letter describing the work that church of Christ does in Karlovka. There were representatives from the Administration, militia, TV in that inspection. I was able to spend some time with representatives of Juvenile Department I told them about the work of the church of Christ there, gave them some of my suggestions and requests and assured them that we were planning to continue helping the children of the Center. And we agreed on the uniqueness of the Center because there's nothing like that anywhere in Ukraine and is in demand in that historical moment. Material resources need improvement. There was a video made talking about unique methods of rehabilitation of children, children and teachers were videotaped as they were working. Now we look forward to watch it on TV. There should be a meeting at the end of June that will discuss Karlovka. Hurrah! Finally our system began working. *Lord! Please, bless those people so that they would make decision to improve the life of children in Karlovka.* I'd like to ask you to pray about it.

My expenses:

I bought four batteries and charger for the camera in April and paid \$46 for it (I had problems without them and couldn't take pics of the work on time). In May I paid for the delivery of four boxes with shoes and a TV set—\$60. I also bought an electric tea kettle for the office of my helper—Valentina Alexandrovna—\$14. Transportation costs to go to Karlovka for classes are at least half and doubled as before. As far as other expenses, I bought an electric meat grinder at \$94, food processor for \$152, 15 metal bowls for \$16, school maps for \$30, ordered and delivered 8 school desks and 16 chairs at \$870. Children and staff of the Center were excited and thankful to get the help.

Now I'd say a few words about my plans for summer. It looks like I won't be able to go to Karlovka till August because I have very serious health problems. I'm losing my teeth and I have spine problems—bad osteoporosis. But I could endure pain in the spine and legs (because of a pinched nerve) with a prayer. However, now without teeth I cannot teach Bible classes since my speech is not clear. I do not know when I will be able to have dentures. That is why now I plan to rest, maybe save some money and have dentures first thing so that I could get back to working in Karlovka quickly.

Thank you very much for your support. Please, forgive me for the delay. I'll try to do better. May the Lord bless you richly as well as all my Brothers and Sisters of Lord's congregation.

In Christian love,  
Natalia Sekerina

## Vlad and Oksana Pazyi in Kramatorsk, Ukraine

From: Пазий [mailto:pazyi@krm.net.ua]

Sent: Thursday, June 19, 2008 8:25 AM

Dear Brothers,

Today we unloaded another container from USA. I don't know how much time we will work with documents, but I would like to say thanks for help like this. I hope we will use all items for glory of our God and will try to help many people who need help.

Unloading the container in Kramatorsk, Ukraine



Monthly food money is delivered to a bedfast widow in the village of Nebiliv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine



A newborn baby sleeps in a bassinette shipped on one of our containers

Next week we will go to Svytogorsk, and will stay there one week. 90 children 15 Americans (Jeff Abrams' team) and 15 Ukrainian adults will try to have one of the greatest camp ever. Please pray about it.

Love Vladimir and Oksana.

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**From:** Пазий [mailto:pazyi@krm.net.ua]  
**Sent:** Sunday, June 29, 2008 8:13 AM

Dear brothers,

We just came from our summer camp, thanks for your prayers all was great and we had 8 new souls for Christ. On this Monday we will start VBS school when we finish I will send to you report.

Thanks, have a great days

Vladimir Pazyi

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## ANYA DOVOGOPOL REPORTS FROM KREMENCHUG, UKRAINE

Hello John,

We got the second container of Jerry and it's practically handed out. I will pass an envelope for you with Jerry (he will be here today for a week). And I will burn a CD with photos, too. (that's for the first container). Nikolay and I did a lot of hand-outs, we are gathering all the documents right now. Church is required to present them to certain bodies. Plus I will send copies to you as well. This is all for now.

love, Anya ☺

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**From:** Anya Nura [mailto:anya.nura@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 27, 2008 12:20 PM  
**To:** John L. Kachelman, Jr.  
**Subject:** Re: Docs arrived!

Hello dear John, I am very glad that you liked to package of documents that I sent. It took some time to gather it together though, as there are a lot of institutions. ☺ Container helped lots of people. I hope you are doing fine. It's getting quite hot here. I suppose it's the same there as well. ☺ I guess this is all for the letter. I wish you all the best,

Love, Anya

*From Ivano-Frankivsk*

**From:** EDWARD BERRY [mailto:berry@ipa.net]  
**Sent:** Saturday, June 21, 2008 9:37 AM

Ronnie Morrison and I will finish up campaign here Sunday. Group studies to about 25 students. Private study with 5. No baptisms but close. Weather is beautiful.

Brotherly, Ed