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Ivan Skoleba (far right) stands with Physicians of a District Hospital in Ivano-Frankivsk. With him is Gerald Obendorfer (second from the left) of the United States Department of State who was inspecting the distribution of flood relief items that arrived on four trucks sent from a USA military warehouse in Germany.

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THE MONTH PASSED MUCH TOO QUICKLY!

I am composing this in the Memphis International Airport as I await boarding for the flight that will take me into Eastern Europe and a schedule crammed with activities.

The month of September was active and a number of projects continued to keep us busy. I have sent out several of these in previous emails and my present location does not allow me access to picture files that I would like to put into this newsletter. Throughout my trip I will be sending back email reports and pictures will be posted at www.kachelman.com web site under the flag of Ukraine.

This is the time of year that church budgets are being discussed and I would like to ask that our work be considered. Operations and opportunities have increased and more congregations are involved in helping mission points than ever before. Unfortunately expenses have dramatically increased and the higher prices are having a telling impact upon our ability to respond to opportunities that are presented that will help the preachers and congregations where we ship benevolent items. We need your congregation to join us in this amazing work. We are already joined by a number of congregations and individuals that contribute to help us. If you have any questions about this work I will be glad to answer!

—John L. Kachelman, Jr.

Natasha Sekerina's work with orphans in the Donetsk Oblast

Natasha in Donetsk and has been working with a number of orphanages for several years. Natasha and Kathy Cadden have dedicated themselves to helping the orphans in Donetsk have a much better living environment as well as basic

Greetings dear brothers and sisters!

I'd like to once again express my deep gratitude for your help and support. I wrote you before that I had a very stressful summer. But, thank God, things worked out. This week my son has been discharged from the hospital where he spent fifty-three days. He is back to work now. True, he is still weak because of the loss of blood and the recuperation process will take much time. I have had my dentures made, and I am so happy now. All these things have been possible thanks to you, my dear brothers and sisters! May Lord bless you for your kindness!

I resumed trips to Karlovka in August. There are twenty-nine children there now. Workers of the Center did some minor repairs in the classroom and bedrooms during summer. They put together new beds and put them in bedrooms. I have taken some pictures.

Now we have a schedule for our classes there: Valentine Shinkorenko (from Tekstilshchik congregation) teaches Friday classes on the Old Testament and answers questions. Sometime Igor and Oleg go with him and meet with

The floods that devastated western Ukraine were described as "once in 200 years!" We were asked to help with the distribution of items shipped from military bases in Germany and from four locations in the United States.



Medical supplies and equipment were given to the hospitals



the children. I teach the New Testament on Saturdays. At this point we continue studying Jesus' parables. We sing a lot of Christian songs. Children love singing. Valentine and I always coordinate our plans as far as classes go and concerning helping with some needs of the Center. He found a businessman not long ago who gave a one-time help to buy twelve doors for the classrooms and bedrooms. We are receiving the material for bed linens and our sisters here will make sheets and blanket slips.

This summer children grew vegetables in their garden and ate cucumbers, tomatoes, melons, watermelons, corn. There were some sweet cherries. They will have some cabbage. They did not can anything for winter because crops were not very good even though children tried to take good care of plants. But this summer was very hot and a lot was killed by the heat. They have not been able to make any progress in finding ways to supply kids with milk. I plan to go to the Regional Administration once again to discuss this need.

I took books and textbooks there in August. Those were collected by Valentina from Our Home. I bought notebooks and pens and spent \$50. Transportation expenses were \$45. Two brothers, Sasha and Zhenya, went with me in August. They used to be drug addicts and now for more than 15 years they have free from it. Zhenya helps with rehabilitation of others. Sasha's about to graduate from the Bible School. He lives in Ukrainsk, which is close to Karlovka. He's starting a congregation there. And my dream is for our brothers to start a congregation in Karlovka so that children from the Center could attend there. I talk to brothers about it but so far they have not shown any interest. I took Sasha there hoping that he would feel like helping with it. But God will take care of everything. Let all of us pray about it.

In Christian love,

Natasha Sekerina

A BRIEFING OF OTHER EFFORTS YOU ASSISTED...

Iraq shipments: We saw the first delivery and reports of items shipped into the Internally Displaced People (IDP) Camps in Najaf, Iraq. This was covered by media from all over the world!

Continued reporting on our flood relief work: *Next days after my first report I returned to the hotel late and completely exhausted. So, please excuse me that I didn't write you those days. Everything was good per Jerry's visit and Ivan had planned all very well. We visited Ivano-Frankovsk Regional Hospital, October 3 as we planned. There also was regional TV channel. They show us things such as covers, bed linen, medical tables, surengical and other medical equipments. October 5 we were at Lisetz, Old Lisetz and Yaremcha villiges. We saw many destroyed bridges and broken houses. And in every village authorities and people said to Jerry their gratefulness for the help that they have got from USA. Please see in attachments pictures that I made. Best regards, Oksana*

Honduras loads: We loaded a container out of the Judsonia warehouse that was described with this message: *Ricardo, it is 3:00 am in Moldova and with great joy I received John's e-mail and pictures loading the container. Bravo! for entire team of those loaded and also for those collecting, packing to make ready for shipping. We pray for safe sailing to Honduras and for speedy distribution. We will keep you informed! Florin Pindic Blaj.* Erlindo Nunez sent an encouraging message on results of distribution of containers he had helped us with in Tegucigalpa.

LaPalma, El Salvador: Brethren at the Monett, MO congregation are working with us to ship an ambulance into this city.