

Hello, dear brethren, families, and congregations.

There is a Christian hymn that goes like this, “Standing on the promises of Christ, the King”. Every day we are looking forward to Jesus’ coming because in comparison to earthly kingdoms His kingdom will be of different kind. Unfortunately, the war conflict continues in the east of our country. There are no big battles as such and the warfare is localized to a few places there. However, we ask you to keep praying for Ukraine and the Lord’s Church in this country.

Everything is well with the Bible Institute. This month one more student has joined the program. His name is Michael Troyan. He has been a member of the church of Christ for a long time. When the war first started, he moved out to his relatives in Russia. So as of now we have 17 students and we are very happy about it. We see that the Lord blesses us abundantly in Bela Tserkva and gives us means and opportunities to train ministers.



In the beginning of November, we had Masters classes. Brother Denton Landon taught this course that lasted for two weeks. We have 6 students in Masters’ program. They are preachers from Dnepr, Lviv, Kiev, Ivano-Frankivsk. Not too long ago they were in our Bachelors’ program but now they are serving as preachers in their local congregations and get training to become future Instructors of our Institute. I can see that little by little the church in Ukraine is progressing. We still must do so much, we still financially dependent and our plans are to grow to become financially independent congregations that will have their own eldership, their own budget and plans for growth and establishment of the new congregations.



Next year our Bible Institute will celebrate its 20th Anniversary of its faithful work in Ukraine. Our Ukrainian extension of Bear Valley Bible Institute had to deal with a lot of difficulties and changes. However, we’ve managed to never stop teaching and training new preachers. We also plan a 3-days long seminar about “Independent Church of Christ in Ukraine: plans and prospects”. We will welcome everybody.

While the Masters' course was in session, our students had a chance to take part in evangelism. Our students helped congregations in Slavyansk, Bela Tserkva, Skvira, Kremenchug and Lviv. We had some positive results. In some cities people who had been approached in the streets came to the Sunday services and listened to the preaching. I don't have much knowledge of how it works in other countries but it's extremely difficult to find contacts and built relationships with people who have no connections with the church in Ukraine.

In November, we had a very successful one-day seminar in Kharkiv on "Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage". The preachers and leaders of many churches of Christ in Ukraine were in attendance. We use this platform for the spread of the sound doctrine as well an opportunity to fellowship and work more closely with the local



congregations and their leadership. That day we had 6 speakers, most of them were our Instructors.



We are also very active in recruiting the new students for the next year. This month brother Aleksey Mitskutis visited a congregation in Zhitomyr. We had no prior knowledge of this congregation and had never made a presentation about our Institute in the city. Now we've established some contacts and we will try to worship with them occasionally. This month I preached in Kharkiv and Bela Tserkva congregations. We had a very productive business meeting with other brothers. We visited a few people who had stopped

attending and started a new program of home Bible studies. For December, we made plans to have an activity for the families of our members. I hope it will bring good fruit. We always want to do more for the Lord and not always sure which methods of work will be more productive.

Also I have a big favor to ask everybody who reads my reports. I got this idea from the letter that was written back to me by Warner Robins Church of Christ elder Glenn Hitchcock whose congregation oversees the BVBIU. We still have financial difficulties. We need your prayers and your willingness to join us in our work with the Bible Institute. One of the most important missions of the church is to train faithful men and women to work in the Lord's vineyard. I hope you will join us in this mission. I pray for God to bless our efforts. For more information about how to help please contact Glenn Hitchcock at gihitch@cox.net Our students and Instructors send their greetings and thanks for your support.

Respectfully, Dennis Sopelnik, the Director of Bear Valley Bible Institute – Ukraine.