

Dear brothers and sisters,

We had a lot of interesting events in March as well as some major change in the Bible Institute Administration.

Firstly, Terry Harmon became the new coordinator in the work of Ukrainian Branch of Bear Valley Bible Institute. Everybody received the news with a lot of enthusiasm and reacted to the news in the very positive way. Terry worked in Ukraine for a prolonged period of time before, he used to be our Director, he knows Ukrainian culture, history of the Church of Christ in Ukraine and a lot of other specifics. His family has an excellent reputation among our brethren, Moreover, Terry speaks Russian language and it helps him to communicate without an interpreter. I am very sure his knowledge and his experience will be very beneficial for our Institute and will help us to grow in spreading of the sound doctrine. I encourage you to contact him if you have any questions or advice - harmon99.th@gmail.com



Also I'd like to express deep gratitude to brother Denton Landon who has been helping our work for the last 3 years. We had to share a lot of difficulties with him, among them were a few times of relocation after our building had been occupied by pro-Russian insurgents. He gave me a lot of wise advice and used his best abilities to support of the work of the Institute from the State side or in Ukraine.



Secondly, the work of Bear Valley Bible Institute-Ukraine can be divided into two logical periods. The beginning of the month was devoted to the studies and the rest of it was practical work. We had two American instructors, brother Walter and brother Kris who taught the Wisdom Literature and Personal Evangelism. Also brother Garth Hillton taught the book of Jon and Contemporary Religious Thought via Skype. We are truly thankful to all of them for their service, help and sharing their experience

with our students. The practical part was the evangelical campaigns that engaged our students. This time our students helped the local congregations in Lviv, Bela Tserkva, Skvira, Slovyansk, Kremenchug, Ternopil and Liman. Many students wanted to work with the congregations where they plan to serve upon graduation. We employed different methods of evangelism starting with visiting the sick and ending with literature distribution and street evangelism. In Bela Tserka one of the efforts resulted in a new visitor - a lady who attended Sunday worship.

Currently we have 4 prospective students who want to join the program next school year. They are willing to study the Word of God to be able to share the knowledge with other people. We are still fundraising for the new students and their expenses for relocation to Bela Tserkva. If you are willing to help out please feel free to join our efforts. The Church of Christ in Ukraine will have a lot of well-prepared workers.

And, thirdly, we have a great news connected to the work of the church in Bela Tserkva. Last month our Instructor's son Ilya Zhuravlev was baptized into Christ. It always rejoices the Church and we wish him to be faithful to the end.



Also I am very encouraged by our work with the boarding school. We have reached there a new level of relationships when the boarding school staff lets us take the older children with us to spend some time together. It certainly set a new prospective. We are planning to use the time to teach the teenagers the Gospel.

I'd like to ask you to continue to pray for our local preacher Konstantin Kisilenko. He tries and comes to the Sunday services and even preached some but his physical health is still quite poor.

We are extremely thankful to the brethren who send funds to the Christians on the occupied part of Ukraine. I was able to send some money to the Church of Christ in Zugress via their preacher Vasiliy Pavlovich. The occupied territory is economically blocked away from Ukraine and for this reason the prices on food and sundries are higher than before. The problems of this territory are not resolved. I am afraid they even got worse. We ask to please pray for Ukraine and wisdom for its government.

I am very grateful to all congregations, families and brethren who keep supporting our Institute, our students and me. There are a lot of ways to invest money but perhaps the best investment is in giving a new eternal life yet to another soul.

God's blessing,

Your brother Dennis Sopelnik