

Dear brothers and sisters,

Well, the first month of the school year is over. Times flies so fast.

At this point I'm teaching Hermeneutics to the first year students. They have so many questions that it feels like we will never finish the course. The other Instructors for the first year students in September were Albert Bagdasaryan (taught "How did we get the Bible?"), Stanislav Kuropyatnikov (Homiletics I) and Jim Sherman ("Plan of Salvation" and "Family Life"). The second year students had "Ezra, Nehemiah and Esther" (Instructor - Denton Landon), "Leadership" (Andrew Zhuravlev) and "Christian Ethics" (Viktor Semikoz).



While teaching at our Institute Jim Sherman hold a lectureship for the local congregation on "Family Relationship". His lectures were interesting and inspiring.



In the middle of the last month I attended a seminar for the Churches of Christ in Chernivtsi. They had representatives from a lot of congregations of the Church. I had an opportunity to make a presentation on the work of our Institute and personally meet the leadership of some congregations.

This school year we want to add some insulation to the front part of our church/Institute building. Our students will help with the work load. But it's such a joy to hear that the local congregation will fund this expensive project. The congregation

takes more responsibility now understanding that upkeep and maintenance expenses have to be budgeted as well.

In the end of October our student Taras Danilenko will complete his course of studies. He has just a little academic work left. He will receive his diploma in May of 2020 in the group of 7 graduates. Taras is a very active youth group minister in the city of Skvira. To help you understand his work I'll just say that before his efforts there were no young people in the local church at all. He just started getting kids off the streets. All children who come to his classes now had no previous connection with the Church. Helping the youth of the city he spares no efforts or finances. And the future is going to show if they were well spent but Taras plants the seed and even though the soil definitely looks very rocky right now we trust our Lord.

Every time I send the report I intend to give special mention and big thanks to our local preacher Kostantin Kisilenko who helps interpret the courses of our American Instructors to the Ukrainian language. I'm so glad I remembered to do it this time. Konstantin is an excellent interpreter. All visiting Instructors can be sure that their lessons will get a very good quality of interpretation due to his professional abilities. I'm very pleased with our local congregation and the Bible Institute cooperation.

Also, we have found a children's boarding school with the orphanage. We'd like to work with the children and help them with the orphans' needs. The congregation that supports Konstantin's ministry is ready to finance some of the children's needs. We request your prayers for the orphanage ministry.

We are very grateful to all churches and individuals for your prayers on our behalf and for your financial assistance. We deeply appreciate your hard work and your care for our Institute.

Your brother in Christ,

Dennis Sopelnik.

