



Dear brothers and sisters,

The first two months of 2021 were packed with various ministries in the church. At the beginning of the year I taught at BVBIU. It's always a great time to teach Bible to the new generation of the ministers. During that week of teaching we had 25 hours of studying the Bible and joined subjects.

Despite different limitations in the world and in Ukraine we were able to have our annual Retreat JMY. For 4 years in a row we gather churches of Christ in Western Ukraine. This year we had representatives of 6 COC congregations. Overall, we had 84 attendees. Due to all the precautions, no one got sick, neither during nor after the retreat.

I had a wonderful opportunity to preach and teach classes both for the general assembly and for the small groups every day. This year's theme was «The Second Coming of Jesus Christ». It was chosen very appropriately, since it's not discussed on such events very often. All of the Christians from different congregations gave positive feedback on the choice of the topic, saying they discovered a lot of new information during classes and discussions. One of the main goals for the retreat was to preach the truth for the whole church and to enhance unity and fellowship between the congregations in Western Ukraine. It can be said that with every passing year this unity in fellowship becomes indeed stronger and better. This year preachers agreed to organize «visiting preaching» among the congregations, that would aid to development and improvement of unity. To sum it up, this year was very successful in terms of the retreat.



In this year we were able to have a big group of people from our congregation in Lviv, 19 people, some of them not yet Christians, and they heard the gospel for the first time. We continue preaching to these people after the retreat.

We have great news: our congregation grows; another soul was added. It's a young lady from Lviv. During the past 4 months we've had many visitors in the church, and our church team has had many Bible classes and conversations with them. Visitors started attending our

church events regularly, so we started praying for a bigger place to meet because the current one makes it more difficult to gather a bigger number of people.

The church in Lviv and my family send their greetings to all of you! Thank you for your prayers and support!

God bless you abundantly!

Your brother and coworker in Christ,

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