

Good day, dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Last month was full of memorable events. It was a blessed time.



We were thankful for the quarantine restrictions being lifted as our students could study in the Institute building. The last courses taught by Jim Sherman were James and Preacher and His Work. He taught distantly, the internet connection was good and thanks to God everything went well.

On May 29 we had another graduation of the students who successfully passed all courses selected by the Bear Valley Bible Institute Administration. The students received their Diplomas. It was a very important milestone in their life. This year we had 3 graduates. All of them are still quite young with a wonderful future. I will try to briefly tell about each of

them so you will get an understanding of how valuable each of them is for the future of the Church in Ukraine.

Ilya Zhuravlev is the son of the preacher and our Instructor Andrew Zhuravlev. He is a very talented young man. Even though we occasionally had disagreements about disciplinary issues he was very inquisitive and a pleasure to have in the classroom. He has solid outlook on the Holy Scriptures. He serves as a youth minister in the Church of Christ in Brovary.



Nazar Semikoz is a son of the preacher and our Instructor Viktor Semikoz. Nazar is an active, thoughtful and responsible brother. During the years of studies, he was actively involved in the Institute's life and church's activities. Upon his graduation he started to serve as a youth minister in Kramatorsk. Currently he is looking for a financial support for his ministry, so if you are willing to financially support this young servant please get in touch with me or Terry Harmon.

Bogdan Antipenko is from the city of Lviv. He is a very pleasant and a very well raised brother. He always had the best grades. He was trying very hard and always worked on all of his assignments. His plan is to live in Kiyv and work with a Church of Christ local congregation. In spite of his young age he has always been very reliable.

So, as you see, all our graduates want to serve Jesus Christ. They are young but they got enough knowledge to be able to teach others.

Unfortunately, (but it could also be a blessing) the economic situation in Ukraine develops slowly. Most of the people are working on reaching their financial wellbeing, striving to make more money and obtain costly possessions,



cars, etc. Many people are constantly on the lookout for a better paying jobs and this high pace of life is evident in all aspects of our lives. Ukraine is not the same country as it was 20 years ago. An average income has grown tenfold. And every year it's more challenging to recruit people who want to study and eventually teach the Truth. For this reason, I'm very proud of our graduates. They are the future of Ukraine.

We are thankful to all brethren who assisted us in training the leaders of the Lord's church. This joyful event would have never happened if not for you.

We pray for you and appreciate every one of you.

Your brother in Christ,

Dennis Sopelnik.