

Ukraine Newsletter July – August 2026

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Dear brothers and sisters

I am glad to share a report on church life in Lviv and in Ukraine as a whole. The past few months, and the summer in general, have been filled with God's glory, ministry, and many opportunities to continue serving God and people.

During the summer, as in many places, some regular church activities take a break because there are so many interchurch events taking place during this season. Unfortunately, the war continues, and it often affects the way many of these events are held. Most of the larger Church of Christ events take place in western Ukraine, where the security situation is significantly better.

Sadly, the war is not slowing down—it continues to take lives, destroy cities, and leave wounds that are difficult to describe with words. Kramatorsk—the city where I was born and raised, where I spent my childhood and youth, and where I came to the Lord and was baptized—is now officially recognized as an area of active hostilities. I can no longer simply return there. I cannot visit the graves of my mother, father, and grandfather.

In August, a 350-kilogram bomb fell very close to the building where I grew up. The apartment was almost completely destroyed. It is still standing...but I do not know for how long. It is painful to see this. A place that was my home, a place connected with my childhood, youth, and so many important memories, can now be destroyed by the war. And this is only one story among thousands of similar stories across Ukraine.



I am praying with my older son for the Lord's Supper.



My home where I was born and raised.



But despite these earthly losses, we continue to invest in what belongs to God and what is eternal.

In July and August, we tried to send our Christians from Lviv and Drohobych to various camps and conferences for their spiritual strengthening, encouragement, and growth in Christ. Among them were:

1. **Amerikraine** — this year Anna and I helped organize this camp, which was held in Lviv, near our congregation. Several baptisms took place during the camp.
2. **A Singing School for Worship Leaders** — this event was held in the Carpathian Mountains, which also provided safer conditions for the event. We sent several brothers and sisters from our congregation to participate.
3. **Women's Seminars** — these were held both in Poland and in Ukraine, and we had the opportunity to send our sisters to both events. Anna and other sisters are investing a great deal in ministering to women, especially new Christians, helping them become stronger in their faith and grow in their knowledge of God's Word.
4. **Youth Camp** — at the end of August, a youth camp was also held in the Carpathian Mountains, and we sent young people from our congregations to participate.

In Lviv and Drohobych, we continue our ministry, worship, evangelism, and assistance to people who have been affected by the war and forced to leave their homes. We are striving to follow God's commands—to love God and to love our neighbors—and to continue expanding His Kingdom even in very difficult circumstances.

I want to sincerely thank everyone who supports our ministry here. It continues to be dangerous, but we are striving to do everything we can to remain faithful to God and to faithfully carry out the work He has entrusted to us.

May God richly bless you and your families!

Your brother and fellow servant in Christ,

Stas



Brother Oleksandr evangelizing to new people.



Sisters at a seminar in Chernivtsi.



Sisters at a seminar in Poland.



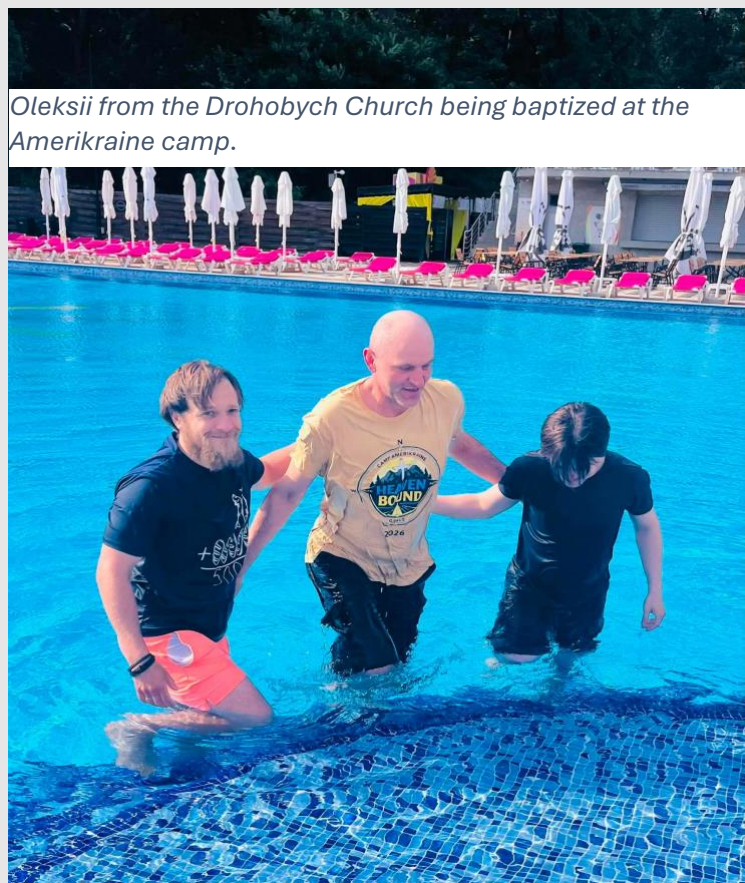
Brothers after the worship service in Lviv.



Children's Bible classes.



Lviv Church of Christ worship service.



Oleksii from the Drohobych Church being baptized at the Amerikraine camp.