

**But thou O Lord art a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering and plenteous in mercy and truth. Psalm 86 v 15**

*Greetings to all,*

During May we kept busy in the Gospel visiting the 9 different orphanages we have been involved with over the past eight years, since coming to Lviv we have built a good rapport and relationship with the management and staff of these institutions. We are so thankful to the Lord for the opportunity to sing and speak about the Lord Jesus Christ and to present Him to a lost world, as the only Saviour of sinners. We are amazed how open the management are to allow us to “preach the Word” unrestricted and to “preach Christ crucified”.

At the end of May we drove back to N Ireland for the purpose of MOT and visiting Mum Johnston in Faith House. We stopped on our journey with a visit to the assembly in Mechelen, Belgium and had a very enjoyable Lord’s day with the saints there. After 13 days in NI and a successful MOT we set off to drive back to Lviv. This year was a little different as we were invited to speak at the 2 day conference in Zvolen, Slovakia. We appreciated greatly the hospitality of Daniel and Yanka Mozes who we stayed with for 8 days. Our brother kept us busy and arranged meetings in 3 other assemblies for ministry, a visit to the school where he teaches, and meet other teachers and students. Also 2 meetings in the assembly in Zvolen. As we reflect it was quite an experience and a time of refreshment and fellowship with those of “like precious faith”.

At the end of June we arrived back in Lviv exhausted but encouraged, physically stressed but spiritually strengthened.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> July we had the responsibility to speak along with Ruslan and Dima at the funeral of Valentine (42) from Ivano Frankisk who was “called home” after a short illness. It was a sad occasion as he leaves a dear wife Tania and 3 children aged 14, 12 and 4. Please pray for his wife as she is really missing him and is finding life a struggle.

In contrast, on 7<sup>th</sup> July we attended the wedding of Vladimir and Svetlana at a church in the town of Lutsk and after a reception at the Restpark Hotel. It was a very dignified Christian wedding, trusting God to bless them and guide them in the right paths in the Lord.

In July we had an informal Gospel meeting with the management and staff at Loupaton orphanage. Ten staff members gathered in a small classroom and we spoke a short message from John 14 v 6. We were a little surprised at the attention and reverence to God’s Word. Please pray for blessing in salvation, we might never know the results this side of eternity but would like to meet some of these dear souls in heaven.

Mid July we travelled to Holavetz village in the Carpathian Mountains where our contact Natalia a believer had arranged for the people to gather at her sister’s house for an “open air” meeting. After we arrived and enjoyed a typical village lunch (and a few rennies) about 25 people gathered in the yard. It was a great joy to sing with the children and preach the Gospel from Isaiah 45 v 22. In the “open air” it is quite informal and we asked some bible related questions receiving some very

interesting answers. Please pray for the seed sown that blessing in salvation will result to God's glory.

On our last visit to the "Homeless Shelter" at the end of July, 23 men and women were present at the meeting. Many of those from the homeless shelter prefer to sleep under the stars in the warm humid nights of the summer months. However, we enjoyed the presence of the Lord and I spoke a short message from 1 Peter 3 v 18 – "you could have heard a pin drop". Then Ruslan also read from the scriptures and spoke a clear message in the Gospel. A couple of men asked a few questions which we tried to answer and then at the end before Ruslan prayed a man stood up and said he wanted to give us a blessing and proceeded to open his bible and read from Numbers 6 v 24-26. It was a very nice way to end the meeting. Prayer would be appreciated for these dear people and as we leave the building we often say to each other "it could have been us only for God's matchless grace".

We give God thanks for His faithfulness and mercy to us. We also wish to thank all for their continued prayers, practical support and encouragements in the work.

Warmly in His Honoured name

*Edmund + Agnes*

**Now the Lord of Peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all.  
2 Thess 3v16**