

**It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High.
Psalm 92 v 1**

Greetings to all.

On Friday 24th August, Ukraine celebrated Independence Day 27 years on from 1991 when Ukraine broke free from the Communist regime of the USSR. Some say "it was better then" under the old system when "everyone had something". Others say, "life is better now with more choices and an opportunity to have a little more". Sadly corruption is engrained in society from the government down to the man on the street. We are so thankful for the many open doors for the Gospel of God and the teaching of His infallible and unchanging Word.

Also in August we were invited to Birkii orphanage for 2 special Gospel meetings with the children, staff and relations of the kids. It was a joy to share the Gospel with the grandparents, Aunts, Uncles of these orphan children along with the many staff members of this large orphanage. Although preaching and singing in temperatures in excess of +30deg was a little difficult but rewarding, even with all the windows wide open.

In September Gilles and Helene Plourde from Kapuskasing , Canada arrived in Lviv for a 7 week visit to help in the work and attend the assembly conference. Our brother Gilles spoke many times in the assembly and at the different orphanages, and was a great encouragement to us all. We appreciated so much their help both practically and spiritually.

Early in October, Malcolm Stanley and Howard Pratt arrived from Canada for a 4 week visit to help in the work in Lviv and Ivano and also to minister the Word at the assembly conference. With them and the Plourdes we enjoyed visits to Yesopovage, Loupatin, gypsies, homeless shelter and Carpathian mountains.

On the 8th October we commenced one week of Gospel and testimony meetings with all the foreigners including, Dan and myself giving testimony to God's saving Grace. With the help of Daria (recently saved) she designed and printed invitation cards to the meetings. We were delighted when some of our neighbours and friends of the Christians attended and heard the Gospel.

Mid October we arranged a Saturday afternoon for tract distribution in the centre of Lviv. The weather was superb and the people were out in "droves". Although like always we had refusals, but praise God for the many who received the Gospel literature and we pray God's blessing on His Word.

We had a delightful visit to the school at Mostaska when over 70 pupils including teachers stood and listened carefully as Gilles spoke on John 3 v 16. We noticed in particular one teacher, who recently had lost her husband, listened intently and after the meeting had a brief spiritual conversation with Ruslan.

Much time in October was spent in preparation for the 8th annual assembly conference on 26/27th October. This year proved to be our largest conference with visitors from 5 different countries and we were delighted to welcome a large bus load of friends from Lutsk and also 2 mini buses from

Ivano. It was also a pleasure to welcome 12 believers from 4 different assemblies in Slovakia and 1 assembly in the Czech Republic.

On the Friday night 91 heard the Gospel clearly preached by Gilles Plourde (Canada) and Marian Mozucha(Slovakia). Then on Saturday over 110 people attended the bible reading and ministry of God's Word. Our brother Larry Perkins (evangelist USA) was responsible for the reading on Philippians 2. The Lord drew near and gave help as more than 10 other brethren contributed with questions and comments.

The ministry on Saturday afternoon was Christ centred and challenging. Howard Pratt (Canada) spoke on the "Nameless place" and took as his text John 1 v 38 "Master where dwellest thou" and taught much concerning the importance of the assembly. Malcolm Stanley (Canada) followed with challenging thoughts on the Potter, His hands, His wheel and the clay he worked with and how God works on us to mould and make us more like His Lovely Son. Brother Larry Perkins concluded the conference considering Paul in Philippians 3 as he "rejoiced in Christ" and that his attitude and activities had been changed by a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. He also highlighted the truth that Christ meant everything to Paul.

We thank you all again sincerely for your prayers and practical fellowship.

Yours in the Master's service.

Edmund & Agnes

Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. 1 Thess 5 v 16,17.