

...Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. Luke 24:15

Dear friends,

At the end of July the way opened to return to Lviv after 4 months of “lock down” in NI and the borders in to Ukraine closed. However we are so thankful to the Lord for the many opportunities whilst in NI to write some articles for our home assembly newsletter, giving reports, ministry and gospel via Zoom and also invited by different assemblies to preach the Gospel at their “drive in” Gospel meetings on Sundays.

We drove back across Europe some 1700 miles through 4 countries, with our jeep fully laden with clothes and other items given to us by believers in NI. We are truly thankful to the Lord that the journey was without accident or incident.

On our arrival at the Ukrainian border we were instructed to download a Government App to our Ukrainian phones called “working at home” for the purpose of 14 days quarantine. When we reached our apartment 2 hours later, we received a text message asking us to take a “selfie” and send. This continued 3 times every day. We were able to take a Covid test on day 5 with both of us showing negative. We were released and “set free” on day 7. However the test showed we both had the virus some months earlier.

The first week back was a little discouraging as we were requested not to visit 3 of the 8 orphanages we had been involved with previously and also were only allowed to deliver food and clothes to the Homeless Shelter. We were greatly uplifted as we visited the other 5 orphanages sharing the Gospel, teaching the scriptures and singing with the kids and staff, with mask’s being mandatory, and not able to hug or embrace the children. It was truly a heart warming experience to be welcomed back by the believers in Lviv and Ivano and to be reunited with the many contacts and kids at the different orphanages.

Every Saturday we had our children’s meeting outside in the garden of brother Vacill, the Lord providing good weather +30 degrees, with some adults also attending. We also visited a rehabilitation centre for men who are recovering from different addictions and even one man who has been in prison. It was an excellent opportunity to open the scriptures and present Christ.

During August and September every Tuesday evening we shared the Gospel in Ivano in support of our brother Dan Perez. The assembly continues to meet each Wednesday evening for prayer and Bible teaching and Lord’s day for the breaking of bread, things being very different from normal but all the saints are delighted to be gathering to His Lovely Name and sing, read and speak about our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Sadly the Sunday school has been suspended since last March. We have made several visits to the villages of the Carpathian Mountains, preaching in the “open air” not a “drive in” but more like “walk in” at one meeting we had over 30 standing listening.

We are always encouraged as we visit Loupatin and Lubin orphanages. The directors in both homes are so open to the Gospel and actually encourage the staff to attend and sit with the children at the meeting. It thrills our hearts as these adults repeat the scriptures, sing together and even on occasions shout out answers to the bible questions!!

We would request prayer for Olya Temun (Ruslan's Mum), who is now blind and is confined to her home although a few weeks ago it was a great joy to welcome her to the breaking of bread meeting. Also Halya from the assembly is caring for her mother who suffers from Alzheimer's and is going through a very difficult time (Nadia's grandmother). Please remember another Halya , director of a home we visit, who was saved 7 years ago and unfortunately her cancer has returned and needs more treatment. Prayer would be appreciated.

Due to Covid19 this year we will not have a physical conference in Lviv. **BUT** please note we will have an assembly conference virtually via **ZOOM on Saturday 31st October DV.** which will mark by date, the planting by the Lord of the assembly in Lviv 10 years ago.

ZOOM times and codes will follow shortly D.V.

We value very much the prayerful and practical support of the Lord's people, during the past unprecedented months. We trust all keep safe and well.

In HIM

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God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

1Cor 1:9