

# PIEI-UKRAINE

**Establishing Partnerships with National Christian Missionaries** 



## PRAISES/PRAYER REQUESTS

- 1) An outreach at an orphanage in Hotyn provided items for 350 children, and 10 accepted Christ
- 2) 1000 ladies gathered together in prayer
- 3) After many years of prayer a man from Mihai Gortopan's church accepted Christ
- 4) Vasil Preutesa is once again in need of expensive medicine
- 5) Pastors are working on a project for next year to celebrate the 500 year anniversary of the Protestant Reformation
- 6) Alexa Paskari's church celebrated its 26th anniversary
- 7) Churches are preparing for Christmas and New Year's celebrations

#### **Petihachny Pavel**

In November we held an outreach at an orphanage that is in Hotyn, a town in Chernovtsy region. There are 350 children there. Each of them was given sweets, juice, and fruit. Besides, we gave them warm socks and winter clothes. We provided them with food such as rice, beans, pasta, potatoes, vegetable oil, canned meat and cabbage and so on. The directors of

the orphanage were grateful to us and to the American brothers and sisters for the great Christmas gifts. At the end of our meeting at the orphanage, there were 10 children willing to accept Jesus as their Savior.

At the beginning of the month our sisters joined in prayer with other sisters in the world for missionaries and God's ministry all over the world. Later all the sisters in Chernovtsy region gathered together and had a time of prayer and a Bible study. There were around 1000 ladies from the entire region.



I ordained a young brother as a pastor in a small village, Costicheni, from Novoselitsa district. May the Lord bless Him in this important ministry! There was a great evangelism with that occasion too.

In Nesvoia church we are doing preparations for a new testimonial baptism that will be in December. Three people are willing to enter into a covenant with the Lord through baptism.

Thank you for supporting us and for the condolences you told us for my wife's brother's death. Thank you for praying for us and encouraging us with the Word of God. We hope to meet each other one day in heaven.

Thank you for the financial support and for your prayers for the ministry in Ukraine. My family is sending you warm greetings and is wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! We pray for you to be blessed.

Love, Pavel and Larisa Petihachny

#### **Gortopan Mihai**

I praise God for showing us again His mercy and greatness in the ministry we did

in November. This month God answered our prayer that we prayed for several years. A man who has attended our church for several years accepted the Lord in his heart after a sermon about the prodigal son. This case is an encouragement for the whole church that teaches us to keep praying and not fail or get discouraged in our faith.

Our brothers and sisters had regional meetings where they met other brothers and sisters and had fellowship learning the word of God and from others experiences how to serve our Lord. As well our youth had a youth meeting in Chernovtsy and had great fellowship there too.

We had a funeral in the village and many unbelievers attended the ceremony. We

pray for all who heard the Gospel to be touched by the Lord.

Thank you wholeheartedly for working with us and supporting us. You are a blessing for us and a great support in our ministry. We love you and pray for you.

Love, Mihai Gortopan

#### **Vasil Preutesa**

My family and the church in Fagadau greet you with 1 John 5:11-"And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son."

In November I visited a lot of sick people at their homes and God gave me His word to encourage them. I had the opportunity to visit a family who are my friends but they are not saved. They are over 60 years old and their names are George and Anna. George has cancer. I have visited them many times and told them about God's love, heaven and hell, about being born again and God's justice. They are strong orthodox people, who follow each tradition and orthodox customs. They don't read the Bible, but respect it because their parents respected it too. I am glad that they listen carefully when I speak from the Bible. I pray for them to be enlightened by God and get salvation.

Another special occasion I had last month was my conversation with another couple - Mihai, 56, and Galina, 48. I accompanied them to Lvov, to the hospital where I

had surgery before. This man, Mihai had a CT scan in Chernovtsy and the doctors diagnosed him with cancer that turned in metastasis. He had spent a fortune on chemo for 6 months with no results: then I offered him to go to Lvov, to have a consultation at the hospital where I stayed before. The professor who cured me advised him to have another scan in Lvov. While we were in Lvov our church was praying for him. After several tests the doctor told him that he has no cancer, only a small polyp on the intestines and a hematoma on lungs. He must have two surgeries only to have the polyp and the hematoma removed. We all saw God's miracle on this man and the family praised God for this. They were so happy that Mihai doesn't have cancer and

happy that Mihai doesn't have cancer and that he will stay alive! I told them that only God is worthy for praise and glory. I recommended them to read the Bible and pray. We pray for the surgery that is to be that the Lord will show His glory to us, as well for them and for all their family to get salvation.

As for me, after three months the fever in the intestines started to increase and I have to take expensive antibiotics again. Please, pray for me and for the work that



Holy Spirit does in God's children. We pray for you and thank you for everything you do for us.

Love, your brother in Christ, Preutesa Vasil

#### **Postusak Grigory**

By God's grace every Sunday we have been doing discipleship lessons for the last two months. We are planning to have a baptism at the beginning of December. We pray for the candidates tfor baptism to get wisdom from God to understand His Word. Many of them come from unsaved families and know nothing about the Bible. We pray for that day and for people who will come to this celebration and will hear the Word of God.

In November I met the young families from our church at a coffee and had fellowship studying the Bible about the love Agape. We learned how can we get this love and apply it in our lives. Also some families confessed how God has worked in their family life. At the end of our meeting many young families prayed God to give them the love Agape as Jesus had; a love that is ready to sacrifice and doesn't seek its priorities but loves to death.

Also I had similar meetings with 400 young people at "Coffee House" that is by our church and with the children who attend Sunday school. We pray for both youth and children because they are the future of our church. We have children who attend Sunday school but whose parents are not believers. We pray that their parents will be saved too through their children.

We had a pastoral conference where I talked to other pastors in Chernovtsy region about the evangelism project for the next year. Next year is a great jubilee for all Protestants - 500 years since Reformation. We plan a project in which we would like to involve all Protestant churches with different denominations. I and several other pastors went to the city administration and talked with the regional deputies and the Governor about our project. At the end of our meeting at the city administration we all prayed for the future project and for peace in Ukraine. We pray for this project and ask God's blessing on the evangelisms planned for the next year that more and more people will find Jesus as their Savior.

Please, continue to pray for Ukraine, for peace and wisdom to our leaders. We pray for you too. May the Lord bless you for your support! My family is sending you greetings.

Best wishes, Postusak Grigory

#### **Valery Popov**

With God's grace this month we continued to grow spiritually the Church of Christ by preaching and doing Bible study with the members. Every Monday all the church is involved in a prayer chain when we pray for more people in our town to be touched by the Gospel.

The children are taught to love the Word of God at Sunday school. One Sunday in November we visited two Christian families who adopted children. We brought them food and clothes. We are also involved in the organization of the youth meetings of the district. With the youth we also plan outputs and evangelize people in the street.

Besides, this month our church raised some money for two missionaries from Kazakhstan, who visited us.

Please, join with us in prayer for people in Bukovina to open their hearts for the Gospel.

We thank the Lord for your financial support and for your prayer support. Be blessed!

Best wishes, Valery Popov



#### Paskari Alexa

With God's grace I was involved in the Lord's vineyard ministry. At the beginning of the month I visited four sick members of our church who are bound to bed and cannot come to church. I encouraged them and also talked to their relatives who are not saved. I always invite them to church when I talk to them and pray for them to be saved.

At church we celebrated 26 years since the opening of the church building in our village. With this occasion we had a great evangelism at church with lots of guests. Our youth and children had a wonderful praise and worship program. We pray for those people who came to church for the first time and heard the Gospel.

I am glad that our youth are keen to get involved in each ministry so we started to clean the center of our village. The leaders of the village were thankful to us.

We had a joy in our family as in November we had the baby dedication of our grandson Oliver, David and Inga's son. We had a lot of guests on that day.

My wife Nadia leads the ladies' meetings. They gather each Monday for prayer and Bible study. Then they go and visit the sick and the old members of our church. There they offer their help. I am glad that lour sisters are involved in the Lord's ministry by praying for others and helping those in need.

At the moment we are doing preparations for Christmas and New Year. Our youth and children are preparing a beautiful program with carols and poetry. We plan to go caroling in our village and in the neighboring villages. We praise the Lord for the opportunity to share the Good News to everybody.

We always thank the Lord for you, for you help. May the Lord reward your sacrifice and bless you and your families! My family is sending you greetings in Jesus' name1

Love, your brother in Christ, Alex Paskar

#### **Kioresko Grigory**

I thank God for helping me in my ministry this past month. With God's help I preached 17 sermons in the church I lead. We also had as guests two missionaries from Kazakhstan. They came home on vacation for three weeks and they told us and the church about their ministry in a Muslim country. They work there with homeless children mostly. We prayed for them and blessed them and they left for Kazakhstan with God.

We have meetings with the young families of the church once a week. Our choir, youth and children are preparing programs for Christmas.

This month I was ill, I had a cold. I praise God for healing me. My family is getting bigger: in Benjamin's family a baby boy was born. The most important thing is that everybody is serving the Lord. I may say the words written in 3 John 4- "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."

We thank the Lord for you and we pray for you. Please, pray for us especially for the ministry we do. May God bless you!

Love, Kioresko Grigory

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