

TAKING THE SAVING GOSPEL TO A LOST WORLD

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"...GO INTO ALL THE
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KREMENCHUK, UKRAINE

Rose and I have just returned from our customary October trip to Ukraine. **Don** and **Elnora Oelze**—from Anacortes, Washington—were with us as is also usual for this autumn trip. The nation is still suffering greatly because of the war with Russian supported rebels on their eastern border. This is primarily a war with Russia although they try to stay in the background and pretend not to participate. Without their direct involvement there would have never been a conflict.

Don and I taught evening classes to about 20 students. This time Don taught a **Survey of Old Testament Prophets**. My topic concerned **Jesus as a Preacher** with a detailed study of the **Sermon on the Mount**. We preached on the Sundays and, as always, participated in the Saturday afternoon question and answer class. How many congregations do you know that would have a two-hour adult class every Saturday?

UKRAINE BENEVOLENCE

Benevolent needs in the country are greater than ever because of the war. With the help of local Christians we investigate needs and distribute help. You know from past reports that much of the money we take goes to help care for children. Money came from two churches in the Dallas area: Wylie and Centerville Road. The congregation in Anacortes, Washington also contributed. Several individuals also gave liberally to the cause and the marvelous total was \$19,700.

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I won't go into great detail since you know about these places from previous reports. The shelter/rehabilitation center for abandoned and abused children was in desperate need. In a nearby town we always help the home/school for blind and visually impaired kids. Because of people leaving the war zone their number has increased from about 225 to 340 children! Bible teaching supplies are also provided to this institution. The prison for juvenile boys also received assistance as did the hospital for deformed and severely disabled babies and young children. Remember, the Christians there work closely with these places and help us to know what needs to be done. Then they help to get it done! The money you gave will supply clothes, shoes and coats for the Ukraine winter...children will eat better...and especially in the shelter this money will help to keep the electricity and heat on. We also helped several individuals and gave some funds to the Central congregation to use in their benevolent program.

Members of the Lord's church from the war zone are now scattered as refugees in other parts of the country. Some are in Kremenchuk. The brethren had asked for help to take care of them. We took for this purpose \$15,000 from the **Gilroy**, Tennessee church and \$5,530 from **Centerville Rd.** in Garland, Texas. With this, and a few thousand more we know is on the way, the Central church in Kremenchuk will buy two apartments to house refugees. What a great help this is! The Christians in that troubled country are so thankful for all your help!

On the way home Rose and I stopped in London. On Sunday we both taught classes and I preached at the newest congregation in the city...**Stockwell**. Several of the members we know well from the years we worked in the **New Cross** area of London and from numerous visits back to work in campaigns, etc. **Stephen Eusell** is their preacher and it seems they are off to a great start. I also taught the Wednesday night class which always meets in someone's home.

Our daughter, **Robyn Kirby**, along with granddaughter, **Aly**, joined us in London for a few days. They arrived on Monday so did get to enjoy being with the Stockwell folks at the Wednesday night study. We enjoyed showing them a few of the major attractions in the city and getting to travel back to Dallas on the same plane.

My next trip is to India, details coming soon.

Your coworker,

Ronald Coleman