

TAKING THE SAVING GOSPEL TO A LOST WORLD

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"...GO INTO ALL THE
WORLD AND PREACH THE
GOSPEL TO EVERY
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KREMENCHUK, UKRAINE

My last report mentioned that I would be making an extra trip to teach in the Bible school in Kremenchuk. For years I have been going each March and October. This additional trip was arranged late—the brethren in Ukraine contacted me because of the lack of a teacher for January. When I go back early in March **Kerry Cain** will, as usual, go to teach a second course. **Rose** and Kerry's wife, **Tommie**, will be with us on that trip. This time I taught a course regarding various matters concerning the Lord's church. I selected things to study that I thought best fitted and would most help the men attending. The group included preachers, teachers and mature Christians who furnish much of the leadership in the churches there. One lady also attended most of the studies. In spite of the cold and snow the attendance was an increase over numbers we have been having in this evening session. That was very encouraging. As usual, I had opportunities to preach on the Sundays and participate in Saturday classes at the Central congregation.

With a few local Christians I visited some of the places we help regularly. I didn't have much money this trip but what I did have I left with the two shelters for abandoned children. You may remember that last October in **Svetlovodsk** (a town 30 miles from Kremenchuk) we left money to help the home/school for 130 orphans who are blind or visually impaired. I think

On the March trip to Ukraine we always take money to help the needy in that poor country. In addition to assisting in other needs, we regularly help **homes for orphans** and **two shelters for abandoned children**. The local Christians are very involved in this work and very thankful for your help. American Christians are always very generous and tremendous good is done. If you want to send help this time, **funds can be sent directly to me or through the Centerville Rd. church but must reach me by March 2nd**. I leave the next day.

only about 30 are actually blind. Several of us returned there and I was able to see the completed work on a new bathroom with three shower stalls. The area is very small by our standards but the fixtures are new and the walls and floors are tiled and will be easy to keep clean. The improvements included a quite large water heater to provide, I hope, enough hot water. The situation had been—in the unbelievably bad conditions they did have—that each child was allowed to wash every 7 to 10 days and usually in *cold* water. Their old facilities will now be upgraded to a good standard and this will vastly improve efforts to keep the children clean.

While home in February Rose and I plan to be at the **Freed-Hardeman** lectures in Henderson, Tennessee for three days. I will then make reports to the church in **Taft, Tennessee** and the **Friendship** congregation, near **Murray, Kentucky**. Both have faithfully supported our mission work for many years. Rose has family in Murray and will be able to spend some time with two older, ailing, sisters. Then it's back home to make final preparations for the return to **Ukraine**. After that, **Thailand** in April.

We all know about the economic problems presently experienced in our country and around the world. Let's not lose our focus because of these difficulties. All we hear is doom and gloom—the media loves bad news! The Lord will take care of His people!! The *major* problems in the world are not economic. They are *spiritual* and the gospel of Jesus is the only solution. Let us not slacken our efforts to be "...lights in the world, holding forth the word of life" (Philippians 2:15, 16).

Your coworker,

Ronald Coleman