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ON THE MOVE

*Pastor Alexander Nagirnyak reports on outreach
to mining villages in Eastern Ukraine*

I thank you for your support and your prayers for our ministry here. May the Lord bless you plentifully! We are particularly encouraged by the young people in our church. Recently they have made several 'crusade' trips. One was a two-day long trip (their second visit) to the mining village of Roskoshnoe in the Lugansk province.

There is a small church building there but the fellowship of Christians consists of a very small group of elderly women. Literally every house in the village was visited by the youth group, who invited people to the service. This consisted of songs by the music group, testimonies and the preaching of the Gospel. Lots of children came along too. Consequently the villagers were 'on the move' and on the Sunday the church was filled; the local people came to listen to God's word.

Then our youth group helped another small Church, this time in the village of Urzuf beside the Azov Sea, also in the Donetsk province. The people were more welcoming too, coming in crowds to listen to the Christian music and preaching.

I see such ministry as very useful for the young people. They become stronger spiritually and their faith grows as they are become practised in giving their testimonies publicly. They also find their prayer life develops. Ivan Gartvig, IMM sponsored youth worker, participated actively on these trips instructing and encouraging the musicians and all the Church youth.

Unfettered

In our main church in Enakievo, our Friendship Youth Club is welcoming new faces. Recently one young mother and her daughter repented of their sins. Praise God! Another young man came to the Church after he was unfettered from prison! Our young people start to marry! Recently Roman and

Ella became husband and wife. Soon Stas and Anzhela will be married. You will remember that Stas became a Christian last year and was baptised. Anzhela is a girl from a gipsy family and she accepted Christ 2 years ago.



Young people teaching the children a chorus at a Christian summer camp last year. This summer IMM hopes to sponsor more of these camps in the mining areas of the Ukraine. They are very popular and many young people are able hear the Gospel of Christ preached clearly. These camps cost IMM about £1,000 per year to fund.

In our ministry we are blessed to have a video projector, but need a proper portable screen to help in the ministry. At the moment we have to use bed sheets. *(Is there anyone able to help us to provide funds to our Ukrainian brothers and sisters for a screen please? – Editor)*

We have educational films about the dangers of drugs and AIDS infection and these give us entrance into schools and colleges. We also show clips of our ministry including the children's Christian holiday camps and evangelistic crusades.

Dear friends, we express our gratitude to our Lord for your Mission everywhere.

Pastor Alexander Nagirnyak

GREAT JOY IN HEAVEN

The personal testimony of Daniel Gheorghitan, just appointed a member of the team of IMM-sponsored evangelists in Romania

My name is DANIEL GHEORGHITAN. I am 49 years of age. I received Jesus into my life as a young man at the age of 23 and I was baptised into the Brethren Church here in Targu Jiu, Romania. I married Mariana in 1985 and God has blessed us with 8 children – 4 boys and 4 girls. The oldest is 20 years old and is looking for work and the youngest is 6 years old and will soon be starting school. The other 6 are all at school.



I am a mechanic by profession, and in 1991 I started work in the coal mine in ROVINARI, a little south of Targu Jiu.

A few years later, I had to leave my work in the mine because I had surgery to my spine due to back trouble and a hernia. (*Note by Editor: These are frequent injuries suffered by miners.*)

However, God prepared for me a job that was physically less demanding at the neighbouring coal-fired Power Station. All this time I had opportunity to talk to my colleagues and also some of the managers about God, my faith and the salvation

found in Jesus Christ. I gave them New Testaments and Christian literature.

In 2005 we moved with our whole family to attend the Baptist Church 'Maranatha' in Tirgu Jiu.

This was a great joy for our family and also the church, but GREAT JOY IN HEAVEN because three of my children received the Lord in their hearts and were baptised!

I felt God wanted me to do more for Him – He called me into the mission work (1 Timothy Chapter 1, verse 12) and so I now visit on a regular basis the daughter churches of our Church at PRIGORIA, FLORESTENI and RASOVA.

My prayer is that the Lord may help me in this work, bless me with His grace and enable me to do this ministry for His Glory and for the salvation of many miners and their families.

I am thankful from my heart for your support, both financial and in prayer. May God continue to bless you, both spiritually and materially.

I send greetings from our family to you with this Bible verse:

'Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.'
Jeremiah Chapter 17, verse 7.

Daniel

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Preparations are in hand for our IMM Romania Conference taking place at the MARANATHA BAPTIST CHURCH in Targu Jiu in Southern Romania from 23rd to 27th September 2010.

It is hoped that representatives from IMM committees and IMM sponsored groups with outreach and ministry to miners will be present including Ethiopia, Ukraine, Romania, USA, South Africa, Chile, Switzerland and UK.

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