



# Ministry Association *Shalom*

INFORMATION AND PRAYER LETTER

*...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.* Mt. 25:40b

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## Brothers and Sisters,

The Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. (Psalm 121:8) The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is faithful to His Word and we could experience that during our next trip to Ukraine in June. During that time we visited many places, where we distribute food parcels.

We met Roza and Zinov and other people that we help in Shepetivka.

First, we visited Marek and his wife Sofia. She had a kidney surgery one month ago. The operation cost 26 thousand UAH (999\$). Their son, who is in Canada, helped and paid the costs of this operation. Sofia is going to have one more surgery. We promised to help Sofia if their son won't be able to support them again. Let's pray for Sofia's health and the salvation of their entire family.

We also visited 66-year-old Klara, whose pension is 1400 UAH (54\$). Klara managed to sell her house, which needed renovation and

with her brother's support bought a flat. She said that when we last prayed for her, God heard our prayers and helped her sell the house, which had been empty for many years and nobody had wanted to buy it. We told Klara that we receive good from God, because God wants our salvation. His kindness leads us to repentance. ...God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance. (Romans 2:4b)

The time in the soup kitchen was full of God's blessing. Whenever we are there, we see God's faithfulness in this important work



Meeting at the soup kitchen in Shepetivka



Klara

of divine mercy, which is manifested in our dear ones in Shepetivka. Our friends from Zdunska Wola (Poland), Grzegorz and Grazyna, who participated together with us in this trip, passed on greetings from the Children of the Holocaust in Lodz (Poland), who they meet during religious holidays and Shabbat meetings. It was them and the church in Zdunska Wola, which they attend, that gave financial support to the soup kitchen.

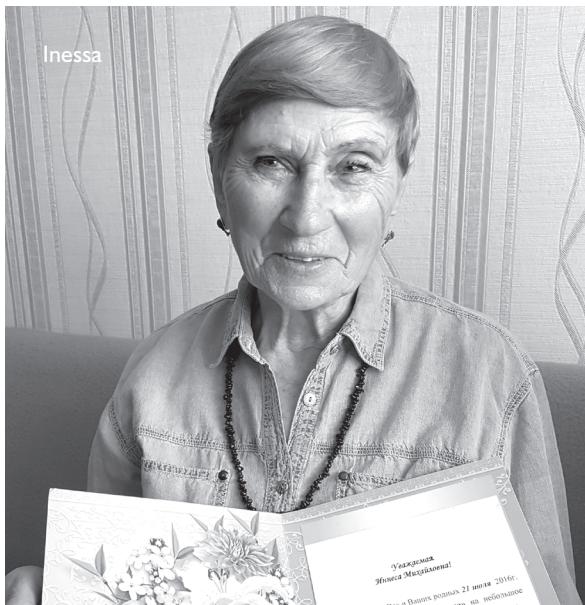
We visited 77-year-old Olga, whose health rapidly deteriorated. She's weak and doesn't want to eat thus she lost her weight greatly and needs constant care. It was hard to find



a proper person to do take care of her. However, after our departure from Shepetivka we learned that the local community of one of the churches decided to help Olga and arranged a constant full-time care for her, and in this practical way they showed their love for her.

When we were editing this letter, we received the information about Olga's passing away to eternity. We hope that Olga trusted Yeshua, the Messiah, who she had heard so many times about, and who she prayed together with us to.

Then we visited 80-year-old Inessa and her daughter Marina. Inessa underwent surgery and feels good now. Referring to the Proverbs



of Solomon 3:5 we told her about trusting God and based on Psalm 90 about salvation. Let us pray for Inessa's health and, above all, for the salvation of her and her daughter Marina.

In the evening we went for the meeting of the home group consisting of leaders from different churches in Shepetivka. Roza and Zinov attend these meetings. During this meeting we were able to share the Word of God about our attitude towards the people of Israel and the Church's responsibility for that nation. When we talked about the need for Olga's care, we learned later that it was one of the church leaders, who participated in the meeting, that decided to organize this support. Let us pray for proper understanding of Israel in the Church in Ukraine and expressing it by love in a practical way.

We visited 66-year-old Arkadi and 68-year-old Luda the next day. Luda's pension is 1300 UAH (50\$), and Arkadi's 2600 UAH (100\$) because he's a retired colonel. Their only dau-



ghter, whom they really miss, lives in Moscow and the current situation makes it impossible for them to meet. They wish they could live in one country. Arkadi mows the lawn at the old Jewish cemetery w Shepetivka. Luda has Polish ancestors, whom she remembers perfectly. Let us pray for the family situation so that it could be possible for them to visit each other, and most of all, for the salvation of all three of them.

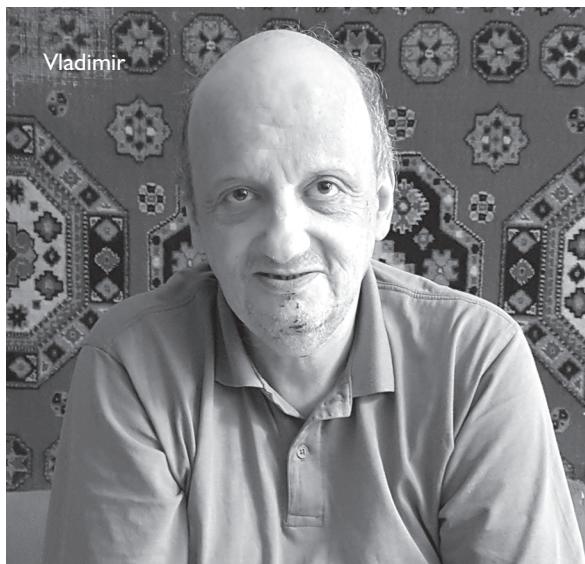
We also decided to visit Raja, who fell and broke her arm. Raja needs extra care due to

this accident. Let us pray for her health so that she could go to the soup kitchen. Many times we talked about the salvation in Yeshua with



Raja, so let us pray that the word will bear fruit in her life.

The next place that we visited was Vinnytsia, where the next day we met 60-year-old Vladimir, who lives alone after the death of his



parents and requires care due to his mental condition. Vladimir suffers from prostate problems. Chesed assigned him a caregiver, who does the shopping and helps him keep everything in order. He goes to one of the soup kitchen. His pension is 1000 UAH (38\$). He reads and watches TV in the evenings. Vladimir will get help from us as a part of the medical project. We also gave him the Bible. Let us pray for his health and salvation.

The next person that we visited was 85-year-old Anna. Anna's family live in Israel and her granddaughter has recently finished her



military service. Anna has 2 children, 4 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Anna has been to Jerusalem, where she could pray to her Messiah and Yeshua the Savior. She believed in Yeshua and received His help in various difficult situations in her life. She comes from a poor family. She dreamt of shoes because she always had wet feet. She went to Odessa, where she was given 10 roubles, for which she was hardly able to survive, having only bread, water and a piece of sausage. People admire Odessa, but for her it was the worst place on earth. She couldn't do full-time studies so she did extramural studies at National Maritime University. With her education, Anna, a petite woman weighing 44 kg, completed the work of a strong man. She had to deal with large structures that control water. While working, she was sometimes forced to risk her own life. One time a part of the installation, not properly tightened, suddenly fell off and hit her

hard in the head, causing severe trauma and bleeding. While being transported by the ambulance, the driver asked her: "Move at least your finger so I could see that you're alive." Another time, the foreman saved her from death, when she fell into to a big pipe, trying to prevent the collector from freezing. At first they lived in tents, even in autumn, when it was cold. Rats, as big as cats, attacked people. She said that in such conditions the people were praying 20 times per minute so as not to die. Her faith helped her to survive. Despite higher education she does not receive a large pension. She is grateful for the help in the form of lunches at the soup kitchen and medical assistance. She prays so that she could have full control over her body until very old age and not be a burden to others. The treatment of hypertension requires taking medications that cause asthma. A doctor prescribes inhalable medicine for asthma, which costs 800 UAH (30\$). She is a joyful and enthusiastic person, grateful to God for everything. Meeting us at her house was a powerful experience for her, and really motivating for us.

Then we visited 71-year-old Raja and 72-year-old Michail. They have two sons. The elder lives in Moscow and the younger with



them. Raja suffered from breast cancer. Now she smiles because God gave her new life. Michail suffers from cirrhosis. It is impossible to cure this disease but his life can be extended. He doesn't have any painful symptoms. If he had not turned yellow, he wouldn't even know he was sick. One infusion costs 800 UAH (30\$),

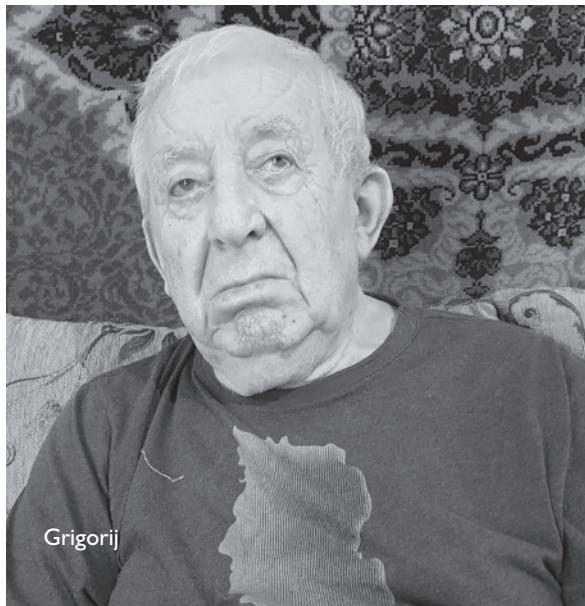
he was given 3, but he also had different tests made. Michail also takes medication called GEPADIF, which costs 475 UAH (18\$). He needs 2 packets a month. He can't drink alcohol. Raja and Michail have been to Kiev twice to treat their diseases. They will receive help from us as a part of the medical project. This year it is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriage and we asked Michail to take his wife's hand and tell her that he appreciates that she is a part of his life. He did it for the first time in his life and Raja had tears in her eyes. We prayed for blessings for this marriage, their health and salvation. Thanks to our medical project, we are conducting by means of the Shamash Foundation in Vinnytsia, Michail will be able to go to the sanatorium in order to rest. At the end of our visit he said that he wanted to repent in a personal contact with God. Let us pray for their health, and most of all, for their salvation. *For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.* (Luke 19:10)

We also visited 74-year-old Alla, who worked as a nurse for 48 years. It was very hard for her to be accepted to the university in the Soviet Union, because of her Jewish origin. The official reason was the lack of places. However, she managed to finish her studies with excellent grades. Last year she was in the sanatorium in Nove Obichody and she would like to come back there. Alla is grateful for the



help in the form of medicine and for her last stay in the sanatorium and also a group trip to Poland. Alla's sister lives in Hadera in Israel. Alla's daughter-in-law went with her daughter to live in Germany, but her son stayed with her, because he didn't want to leave her, which caused his marital breakup. His wife doesn't allow him to contact his daughter. He married again, with a Ukrainian and has a son with her. During our visit we saw that a prayer for forgiveness and healing family wounds is really necessary, hence we ask you to pray for Alla and her entire family.

Once more we visited Grigorij, whose wife recently died, after 62 years together. His daughter and a caregiver help him, and his son recently came from Israel. Grandchildren and



great-grandchildren live in Israel. He prays to Yeshua every day, asking for health for his family. He can no longer read. He receives help from us as a part of the medical project. Grigorij really needs help in his old age, and above all he needs a systematic visits and spiritual support. Let us pray that the God of Israel will help Grigorij in his old age and strengthen his faith and trust. *Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God... (Psalm 71:18)*

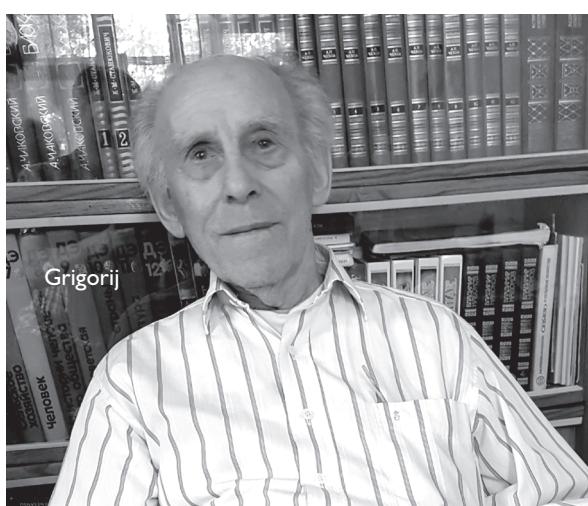
We also visited 80-year-old Jewgienia, who, due to her health condition, has to lie down and take different types of medicine – including painkillers and diuretics. Jewgienia is a

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retired geography teacher. Her whole family, thanks to her persuasion, moved to Israel but she stayed. Jewgienia's brother lives in Moscow. When she showed us photographs of her loved ones, who died, she became very emotional. Pray for Jewgienia, so that she could entrust her life to Yeshua, who gave his life for her, and took upon himself her illnesses and sins. Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. (Isaiah 53:4-5)

We visited 90-year-old Grigorij again. We couldn't reach him before because of other



visits that it's why he went down with the help of his walking stick to meet us and he waited for us there. He has problems with walking, but he really wanted to greet us and he brought a plate of strawberries from the kitchen. After a 21-day stay in the hospital in April he said that doctors are doing what they can, but it is God who helps and you have to trust Him. Grigorij worked for 67 years. He comes from a large family with five children. Before the war he had good contact with Poles, whom he fondly remembers. When we prayed for his healing and salvation through the blood of Yeshua, the Messiah of Israel, Grigorij said: "Amen." Later, he showed us a document in Hebrew with his name on it, and we affirmed that his name is in God's book of life. At the end of our visit, he tried to stop us to show us a prayer shawl from the times before the revolution, but he could not remember where he put it, then Grazyna said that apparently we have to meet again, so we could see this scarf.

In the evening, we took part in the Shabbat meeting, where we could share the Word of God.



Shabbat meeting



Zenia  
& Grisha

told Zenia that thanks to this nation we received the life in the Lord Jesus from God. They live for their children. Their 40-year-old son has a university degree in economics, but he has to work as a truck driver day and night. Their daughter is 36 years old and works in the tax office. She is a conscientious employee. Let us pray for the salvation of this family. In Voronovitsa we also saw a mass grave of several thousand Jews murdered during World War II by the Germans.



The next day, we went to Voronovitsa, where we visited a married couple: 63-year-old Grisha and 63-year-old Zenia. Their pension is 1040 and 1300 UAH (38 and 50\$) after 40 years of work. It is difficult to survive with it, because it is only enough to pay the bills. In the past, there were many Jews in Voronovitsa, now there are only three families. Grisha is of Jewish origin and has a brother in Tyvriv. Zenia has spent all her life in a Jewish family. She came to work for them, and those Jews helped her and shared everything with her. We

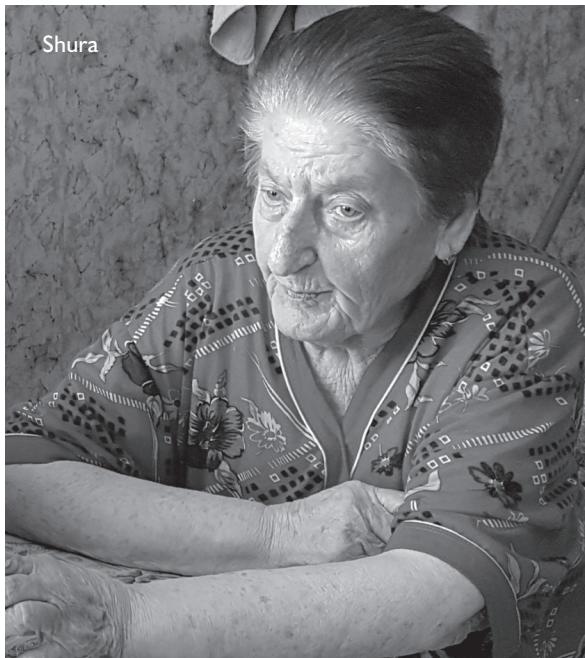
We also visited 78-year-old Ivan and his 75-year-old wife Luba. Ivan is a former prisoner of the ghetto. He was also in Pechera, where he was led by his neighbor, a policeman. His father fought on the front line. Ivan and Luba

have two sons. One lives with them and is the editor of a newspaper in Vinnytsia. After 47 years of work, their pension is 1400 UAH (54\$)



and 2200 UAH (84\$). They need help when it comes to medicines, dental treatment and an eye surgery for Luba. Let us pray together for their salvation and medical needs.

Then we went to 79-year-old Shura, who recently went out of hospital. She's very weak, she coughs and barely walks with a stick. Her



pension is 1400 UAH (54\$), which is enough only to pay gas and electricity bills. She lacks the resources to purchase medicines and pay for hospital, where from the first day of stay you have to pay for everything. She suffers from diabetes, asthma, lung and liver diseases,

her arms and legs hurt. There is no toilet inside the house. She has to go down high steps outside in order to get there. Because of these steps she doesn't basically go anywhere. Her 50-year-old son lives with her. He doesn't have a permanent job and works only occasionally. Shura's mother died during the war. Shura was in the Murafa Ghetto. She was a small child and doesn't remember how she managed to survive. Documents burnt and therefore she does not receive any compensation. She had a brother, who was three years older than her. At the end of our visit we prayed for the salvation of Shura and her son and for her health. Let us continue our prayers for them.

Later we went to Nemyriv, where he met 68-year-old Vladimir, whose wife, unfortunately, wasn't at home. His father, Finger, was buried in Murafa. He has two children, an elder daughter and a younger son, who live with



their families in Nemyriv. He worked in a managerial position, thus he receives a pension of 2500 UAH (96\$). He has health problems with his stomach, heart, liver and eyesight and suffers from hypertension, arrhythmia. His wife had 2 oncological operations. They receive help from us as a part of the medical project. Vladimir needs support for his eye surgery, which costs 12 thousand UAH i.e. 461 \$. Pray

for the health needs of this family, and above all for their salvation in Yeshua the Messiah.

Then we visited 82-year-old Musia, who, despite health problems, always welcomes us gladly. Musia's daughter comes to visit her from



Vinnytsia every day. Musia's 75-year-old brother lives in Israel in Petah Tikva. Let us pray for Musia's salvation and health.

We also visited 83-year-old Sofia, who is ill and finds it difficult to enjoy life. She makes beautiful embroidery and thus can earn a little. However, she often gives her work to friends. Her family were long-lived people. She



has lived in Nemyriv from her birth. During the war she stayed in the evacuation centre in Central Asia. After coming back, she couldn't take back her house from a family that started living there. After the war, there was a large Jewish community in Nemyriv. Sofia has a 80-year-old brother, who lives in Vinnytsia. He suffered from stomach cancer and underwent surgery. Sofia receives help from us in the medical project that we realize by means of the Shamash Foundation. Let us pray for Sofia and her brother and bring them in front of the throne of God's grace.

We also went to Bratslav, where we visited Faina and her mother. Faina is responsible for



a small Jewish community in Bratslav. We enjoyed their hospitality, but what made us the most pleased is that Faina and her mother believe in Yeshua as their Messiah and Savior.

On the second day of our stay, we went to Jurkivka, where there was the unveiling of a monument commemorating hundreds of Jews, who were murdered there. A natural ravine in the forest at the end of a long road was used for this murder. Executioners were 12 Ukrainian policemen and Romanians. Locals and our friends from Vinnytsia wanted to commemorate this place. How many more such places on Ukrainian soil that is drenched



in innocent blood shed here. Let us beg in our prayers that believers of different churches humble themselves before God and ask for the healing of the Ukrainian land from this guilt. *If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.* (2 Chronicles 7:14)

Later on, we went to Tulchyn, where we met at dinner, organised for a Jewish community for the holiday of Shavuot. Before the meal,



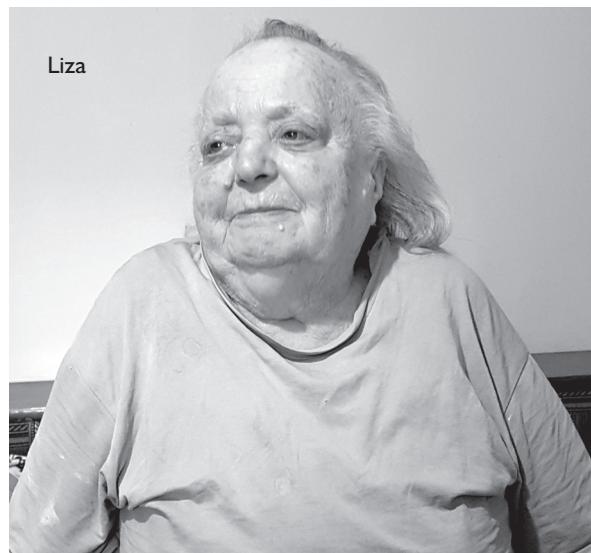
we shared God's Word and testimony. We were all grateful for this possibility to be together at a table.

After dinner, we went to see 83-year-old Haja, who was at the Pechera camp as a child. She wasn't granted compensation from Germany because of the lack of documents. There are 10 other people in Tulchyn, who survived the Holocaust, but only 5 of them receive support from Germany. During the occupation, Haja was beaten by Germans, which resulted in her disability of the first category. Haja escaped from the camp and on her way she



got bread from someone. Later, she was beaten while walking to Tulchyn, where her aunt lived. Unfortunately, her aunt made her return to the camp, fearing that they both would die. After the war, she returned to Tulchyn, but she didn't find any of her loved ones there, which is why she had to go to an orphanage. At age 16, she went to work. She worked for 39 years as a nurse. Haja has one daughter and one son, who has lived in Israel for 20 years. Let us pray for Haja so that she could be healed from her Holocaust past and could experience salvation in Yeshua, the Messiah. '*But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds,*' declares the Lord ... (Jeremiah 30:17a)

In Tulchyn we also visited 88-year-old Liza, who worked as a nurse for 40 years. During German occupation she was in the ghetto in Zygovce near Yampil. Her daughter, who lives nearby with her family, takes care of her. Let



us ask for God's mercy for Liza to be granted consolation and salvation in Yeshua, the Messiah of Israel.

The next day, we were in Vapniarka, where we visited 62-year-old Luda, who is a widow. Luda's son now lives in Israel. Luda worked all her life in the railroad industry, and now she is retired.

Then, we went to 65-year-old Luda, whose husband died at the age of 66 years. Luda's son lives in Israel and her daughter in Vapniarka. In the period 1990-2003, Luda and her husband lived in Israel in Nahariya, where she worked in a Russian store. Her husband quickly learned Hebrew, while working with Israelis. After returning to Ukraine, he died suddenly. It could be the result of working in Chernobyl for three months shortly after the nuclear power plant explosion, and out of 7 people who went to Chernobyl with him, only one is still alive. In Vapniarka, people retire earlier, at the age of 50-55 years, because Vapniarka is located in the contamination zone after the Chernobyl disaster.

We also visited 68-year-old Zina, a widow, who lived with her husband for 48 years. Zina's son is a soldier in Kherson and has 2 sons and her daughter is divorced. Zina has the Bible, which she reads.



Let us pray for the widows we visited, for them to find salvation and consolation in God, who is their Father and Protector. *A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.* (Psalm 68:5)

At the end of our stay in Vapniarka, we visited 77-year-old Borys and his 74-year-old wife Anna, who have been together for 54 years. 5 years ago Borys had right-sided stroke. It caused a clot in his leg, and only the second doctor put the correct diagnosis. Anna and Bo-



rys have one daughter, who lives with her husband in Odessa. Their daughter has one son, who is a sailor in Odessa. Anna after 43 years of work gets 1600 UAH (61\$) of pension, and Borys – 2400 UAH (92\$). With great joy they recalled their group holidays in Poland many years ago. Let us pray for Anna and Borys so that they could trust Yeshua till the end, believe and entrust Him their lives.

Being in Tomashpil we visited 67-year-old Maria, whose pension is 1300 UAH (50\$). Maria is a widow. She lived with her husband for 40 years. Her son lives in Germany and comes every year to visit his mother. Maria recently underwent gall bladder surgery. The bottom line is that Maria trusted Yeshua as her Savior. Let it be for the glory of God!

We also went to 43-year-old Jura, who, despite being ill and lying down, is cheerful and smiling. Jura's mother died many years ago, and his aunt hired a caregiver for him. When we were saying goodbye, after a prayer, Jura said

with great effort: God bless you. We are grateful to God for Jura, who despite his illness, is cheerful and has faith and trust in God.

Another person that we visited, was 79-year-old Zenia, who was evacuated near Saratov during the war. After the liberation, she returned to her hometown. Her problems are not only related to health. The main problem is her husband's alcoholism and therefore Zenia is constantly under stress. Let us pray to-



gether for the liberation of this family from all sin. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. (John 8:36)

We also visited Mila, who has 4 children. Two of them were at a youth camp organized by the Sochnut – one of the Jewish agencies, at that time. Only 16-year-old Jasmina, who is a very good student and 14-year-old Nazar stayed at home. Mila hasn't had contact with her Palestinian husband for 10 years now. He



was deprived of his parental rights. Mila would like to work in Poland or send her children to work, but she cannot leave the house because of her 43-year-old, mentally disabled sister, whom she takes care of. Mila also has health problems and needs more accurate diagnosis to be made in Kiev. Roman, who is a father to girls, prayed for Mila's daughters, giving them a fatherly blessing. Grzegorz, who has sons, prayed similarly for her sons. We notice how much Mila needs regular contact and support. Let us pray for Mila and her children, so that we can support them and thus bear witness to God's love for them in Yeshua, the Messiah.

We also came to see 58-year-old Maria, who lives with her husband in terrible condi-



tions. Maria's husband has a problem with alcohol. They have one son, who lives with his family nearby. Let us pray together for the salvation of the whole family.

In Yampil we went to Anna, who lives with her son Misha. Anna suffers a heart disease. The big problem for them and all other inhabitants of Yampil is the lack of gas and central heating, and the only energy they have is electricity, which is very expensive. It is very difficult to live through winter time and it always costs a lot. Anna receives help thanks to the

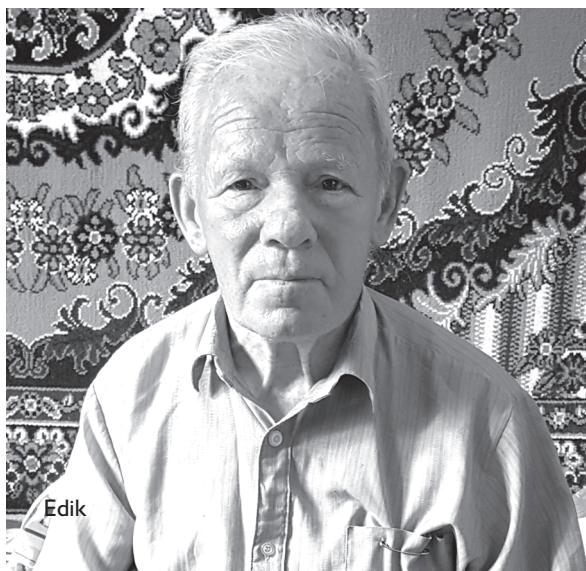
medical project, which we do together with the Shamash Foundation in Vinnytsia. Let us pray for possibilities to help in Yampil, especially during autumn and winter. Let us pray for the salvation of Anna and Misha.

We also visited 66-year-old Alla and her husband, 66-year-old El, who have one son in Israel. He has no family. He works in Rehovot, where he studied. He visited them last year. El



suffers from high pressure, diabetes, heart disease, hernia and spine problems. Alla couldn't walk, but now it is better. They also receive medical support thanks to our medical project. We bring them in our prayers to the throne of grace and ask for their salvation and healing. *Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. (Hebrews 4:16)*

The next day, we were in Bar, where we visited 80-year-old Edik, who suffers from serious health problems. Edik has prostate pro-



Edik

blems and has a catheter inserted. His leg also hurts. He walks a little around the house with a stick. He needs an operation on the knee, but his heart is too weak for that. He survived the ghetto in Bar, where everybody was shot, but he was spared, because he was still small. After 50 years of working as a laborer in a machine factory he has a pension of 2000 UAH (77\$). Let us pray for the salvation and health of Edik.

We also visited Svetlana and Michail. They both come from Jewish families. The total amount of their pensions is 2800 UAH (108\$). Svetlana had oncological problems. She has to pay half of the pension for a packet of medicine, which lasts for two weeks. Svetlana had



gallstones and took proper medication, that's why laparoscopy was no longer needed. She also suffers due to problems with her spine. Svetlana and Michail have two children, a son and a daughter and two grandchildren in the Vinnytsia. Svetlana only once went on a real vacation, because she has to look after her mother and mother-in-law. During our stay, we could talk to them about salvation in Yeshua the Messiah and pray for our dear ones. Let us continually pray for the health and salvation of this family.

78-year-old widow, Zina and her son, Ruslan live not far from Bar, in the village of Jankovce. In January this year, her husband died and she still suffers from this loss. She's Ukrainian, but her husband was a Jew. They lived together for 53 years. She met him in Kharkiv and they lived in Crimea for 10 years, after that they returned to their home village, to the mother and they stayed there. Zina also has a



daughter, who lives with her son in Odessa. Zina suffers from knee and back pains and walks with a stick. She has gas at home, but it is expensive, so she only uses a little so that the boiler won't freeze in winter. Her son is renovating the floor in the house now. Zina said that the most important thing for her is the Lord Jesus. At the end, we prayed for Zina and her entire family to be saved. Let us entrust this family to God and ask for their salvation, as well as their health.

Later, we went to Sharhorod, where we visited Luda, who is a widow. Her husband fell



on the street and during his treatment he did not wake up from anesthesia. Her son and his family moved to Kiev, where he is really involved in religious practices. Since his childhood, he was interested in Judaism, but a clear di-

rection of his life appeared during a religious camp, where he went with a friend. Their life has changed since then. Luda looks after her father, who is 92 and can still read without glasses. In March, during the night thieves entered Luda's house through the window. They tried to strangle her and asked her just one question: 'Where is the money?' She gave them the money and did not inform the police about anything, because she didn't believe that they could catch the thieves. The thieves had to be locals, because they knew her situation. After the burglary, she installed security system at home and the house is under protection now. We ask you kindly to pray for Luda and for her family so that they could get to know the salvation in Yeshua, the Messiah of Israel.

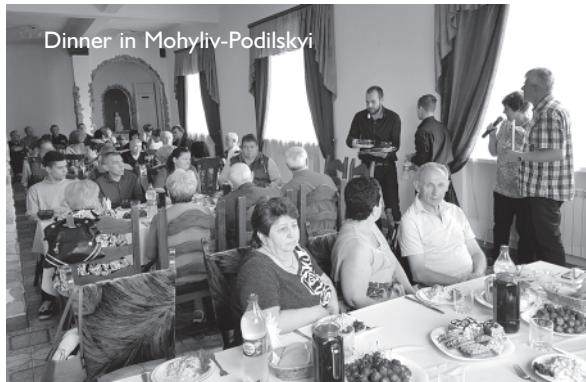
Later, we went to 65-year-old Bella and 65-year-old Viktor, whose pension amounts to



1400 UAH (54\$) after 40 years of work experience. Bella worked in Chesed. Right now, she is responsible for support coordination where comes to food packets and the medical project. They have a rural house from their parents, which they want to sell, but the price offered is too low – the house has a great location, an orchard and a garden. Meanwhile, they go there in the summer with their kids and make fruit preserves. Bella recently underwent eye surgery and, thank God, she no longer needs to use very thick glass lenses. Viktor had heart problems and has a peace-maker inserted. They once gave their lives to Yeshua and we can see how much they need

to renew their relationship with God, and at the end of our meeting, we prayed for this. Let us pray together so that this relationship with Yeshua was renewed in their lives.

On the second day of our stay, we went to Mohyliv-Podilskyi, where we met 40 people from the Jewish community at a dinner. Before the dinner, we were able to share the Word of God and testimonies of God's work.



After the dinner, we visited 64-year-old Jewgieni, whose pension is 1300 UAH (50\$). Jewgieni does not live with his wife and lives alone. His large apartment was cut off from



central heating during the renovation of the entire building. He has gas and electricity. He needs a heating system, which is very expensive. The apartment needs renovation, it is very neglected. Jewgieni must consider swapping a

large apartment, where he lives alone, to a smaller one. Jewgieni had a stroke, after which his mind is not functioning properly. He's afraid of taking any means of transport. He gets dinners and food parcels delivered. He comes to the synagogue to pray. During our meeting, we prayed for sincere repentance and dedication of his life to Yeshua. Let us continue praying for this cause.

We also visited 84-year-old Raisa, who has a caregiver. Over a year ago, after months of



illness, her son died, who was a teacher and director, a very talented man. The synagogue keeps her spirits up. She has a good family. Her husband died suddenly 15 years ago. Raisa worked all her life in the bank. She went there to work after the technical school and, later, she finished extramural studies. She gets a pension of 1560 UAH (60\$). During the war she was in a camp. Her whole family were sent there in June, there was heavy rain, so her mother and grandmother were trying to protect the children. Romanians came there, and therefore they survived. They returned to their empty apartment that had been robbed. Plead together for Raisa in our prayers so that she could find her hope and salvation in Yeshua, the Messiah.

Then we visited 85-year-old Volodia, whose wife, Gienia died last year, and they were together for 47 years. Volodia's legs and fingers hurt, because his blood circulation doesn't function properly. Medicines do not help. Every day, he goes to the synagogue to pray. His pension is 1500 UAH (57\$). He worked in a fac-



Volodia

work. As a prisoner of the ghetto, he was considered a participant of the war, thus he had the right to free travel around Ukraine. All Volodia's brothers already died, and he is alone. Volodia's son lives with his family in Israel. His daughter lives with her family in Mogilev, but as soon as she travels to Israel, she will take him with her. Volodia sent greetings in Yiddish to the Children of the Holocaust from Lodz (Poland). At the end of our visit, we prayed for the health and salvation for Volodia and his entire family. Let us continue praying for this cause because: *The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.* (James 5:16b)

We also visited 80-year-old Avram, who lives in the same house together with his family. Avram's legs hurt. The war started when he



Avram with his wife

tory with Lonia, who taught him. During the war, he was sent to the Pechera camp. There were many people there, and the residents of certain cities were placed in separate barracks, e.g. Mogilev or Tulchyn. Along with four brothers, he fled from Pechera and went in the direction of Sharhorod. When they came home, it turned out that a policeman lived there. Finally, someone took them home. They caught during the next manhunt, but Volodia and his brothers escaped from a train, leaving their mother alone. On March 19, 1945 Mogilev was liberated and their mother returned. It turned out that she was in a labor camp. At the beginning, he was in an orphanage, but when his mother returned, he lived with her. At age 14, he started studying in a handicraft school. When he was 15, he began working in a factory, where he received medals for his good

was 4 years old. It was believed that they were not human beings, and they were treated as such. They were in the ghetto. His father died there. His mother went to work and brought food that people gave her. They were guarded mainly by Romanians. After the war, he learned at the school. There was enormous famine. His family home stayed untouched, because a policeman lived there. Avram's son lives in Ashdod in Israel, and his sister in Beersheba. Avram has three grandchildren in Israel. He was in Israel three times, but in spite of many difficulties he wants to remain in Ukraine. He is grateful for the stay in Poland. He said that it was like in a fairy tale. Grazyna said that aid for Jews is an expression of gratitude for the fact that the Torah has also become a share of the Gentiles. Let us plead before

God for Avram and his family so that they could find their salvation in Yeshua, the Messiah.

We hope that, by writing this letter, we made you, in some way, more familiar with the people that we visited, those that we help together both materially and spiritually by preaching the Word of God. We're sending you warm greetings and expressions of gratitude from all the people that we met. Every time we go there, we can see how much our support is needed in the face of this ever-worsening situation in Ukraine. Let all of this motivates us even more to prayer and persistent attitude in the works of mercy for the people of God's covenant. In the name of Yeshua, the Messiah of Israel, thank you very much for your perseverance in this service.

Postscript: When we were editing this letter, we learned about the miracle, which was

experienced by 80-year-old Michail from Hniván. He couldn't see properly for four years now, and his desire and prayer was that God would heal him. In our prayer letters we also asked you to pray for Michail. The opportunity arose to carry out this operation in Vinnytsia, but only on one eye because the other is fully blind. After the surgery, Michail could finally see something and now he praises God for his healing. Praise God for His mercy and healing!

We would also like to inform you that 50-year-old Bella, about whom we wrote in the last letter, went to eternity to Her Lord and Savior, Yeshua, whom she trusted. Thank God that He relieved her from pain and suffering.

***Shalom from Oświęcim***