

## Minister to address U.S. conferences overseas

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**JUDSONIA, Ark. (BNC)** – Minister John Kachelman will keynote for two U.S. government humanitarian conferences in the Ukraine and Tajikistan and speak about the Lord's church.

Kachelman, minister with the Judsonia church, will be the keynote speaker at the Small/Medium Transportation Program (SMTP) conference. SMTP is funded by the U. S. Department of State Office of the Coordinator for U.S. Assistance to Europe and Eurasia.

Kachelman will speak on the topic, "Who are the churches of Christ that care for Tajikistan?"

He is scheduled for Kiev, Ukraine on May 22 and for Dushanbe, Tajikistan, May 29.

The population of Tajikistan is over 90% Islam.

The program supports small to medium sized U.S. non-profit organizations with transportation assistance to deliver critically-needed humanitarian aid commodities to their overseas recipients in 40 foot sea containers.

The congregation has earned a well-deserved reputation as being deeply involved in humanitarian aid around the world.

The congregation has sent aid into Ukraine, Iraq, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Sri Lanka, Honduras, El Salvador, India, Sudan, Zambia, Nigeria, Somalia and Georgia.

It continues efforts in these countries as well as developing efforts to send aid into Ghana, Uganda, Afghanistan, Romania, Kenya and Tanzania.

Kachelman says that the relationship with the Ukraine, which was the catalyst for their other many works, began in 1999 when the congregation shipped over a ton of medicines into the country.

The work was so successful that it made a dramatic impression on Washington and in turn grew relationships with many members of Congress.

Another project that caused the work to be noticed was the collecting, loading and simultaneous sending of 10 containers into Ukraine in the fall of 2004. The shipment arrived at the outbreak of the Orange Revolution, a series of nationwide protests fueled by Ukraine's presidential election and alleged political corruption.

Christians around the world, such as Erlindo Nunez in Honduras, Vladimir Pazyi in Kramatorsk, Ukraine, and Vijay Rao in Ibrahimpatnam, India, keeps the Judsonia church informed through reports and photos.

For additional information on the good work of the Judsonia church or to sign up for Kachelman's newsletter, visit [www.kachelman.com](http://www.kachelman.com)

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