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"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." III John 1:2

Dear Pastors and Friends,

Hello again from the Slobodians. We are grateful for your interest, prayers and support for our ministry of reaching souls and planting churches in Eastern Europe, Muslim lands and Latin America. Recently BIEM added a church planter in Bogota, Columbia. Therefore, our outreach in Latin America has expanded to include not only Peru but Columbia as well.

Praise the Lord for providing funds for the purchase of a home in Smolin, Ukraine which has been targeted as a location of a new church plant by our church planters in the area. Smolin is a town on the road between Desna and Chernihiv. Establishing this ministry will be a joint effort between the churches in Desna, Goncharovsk, and Chernihiv. It will involve children's ministry, Bible distribution, youth work, and ministering to the needy. All of these efforts are planned to lead to Bibles studies, which by God's grace should eventually lead to a congregation. Plans for this work have been underway for some time but efforts at renting a meeting place were not succeeding.

Now that funds are available we hope to complete the purchase soon and begin those efforts. Please pray that souls will be saved and that a church will be established for the glory of God in this place.

In April, Sam traveled to Ukraine along with BIEM board member Pastor Kevin Gaugler from Coastesville Missionary Baptist church. One of our stops was Ternopil, Ukraine where we spent some time with brother Vitaly Bilyak. What a blessing to see the newly acquired building for this church. There is still \$30,000 needed to remodel and furnish this building so that they can move their worship services from the rented facility they are using for their Sunday services. We are praising God that \$15,000 has been available on a matching funds basis and so we are praying for the needed matching gifts to come in. Please consider helping with this need.

One of the highlights of this trip was the Sunday morning service in Ternopil when 66 year old Nicholai came forward to be saved. Nicholai is one of the new residents in the church's Drug and Alcohol Christian Rehab Center. Nicholai is the oldest man ever admitted and has spent 32 years in prison for crimes related to his addictions, thus he spent most of his adult life in prison. Praise God with us for His great saving grace and pray for Nicholai and the other men in this center who are finding freedom from crime and sin through Christ. Another great blessing was the Spring graduation of our seminary in Kiev. Praise God for the 10 graduates this year and pray that God would use them mightily as they use their training in service for the Lord.

Finally, we are glad to let you know that Amy has completed her rehabilitation from heart surgery and has resumed all her activities. We praise God for this and thank you for your prayers for us and our ministry!

The Slobodians

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"...Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel." Mark 16:15