



The Levtseniuks in Lviv, Ukraine

3rd Quarter Report

July-August

Hello, dear brothers and sisters of the BIEM mission! Grace be to you, and peace, from our Lord Jesus Christ! Great is God's mercy on my family. I thank the Lord for you, that you prayed for me when I was in the hospital with a diagnosis of chronic bronchitis and Covid-19 virus. I didn't understand why God wanted me to end up in the hospital. God needed for me to lose consciousness and for an ambulance to take me away. These were God's designs specifically for me. God gave me a chance to witness for Christ!

The doctors said it's a miracle that within 3 days I already felt well again. And I seized on this as an opportunity to witness to the doctors and to everyone who was in my ward with me. I told them that the whole world is praying for me. It was a great miracle that, during the night, God roused me up to go and look at a seriously ill young man who was in my ward. He barely breathed, and his pulse was weak. I was afraid for him and called for a nurse. There was no doctor available just then, and they couldn't do anything for him. Then the Lord told me to glorify Him. While we were praying, God performed a miracle. Andrei revived, and during the night he and I talked about Christ! Thus was formed a 10-day group with unbelievers. We had a service, prayed, read the Bible, and discussed it. I consider that it was the will of God for me to fall sick of the virus in order that His name be glorified!

I was very concerned when I had to go to the hospital because I couldn't work on the reconstruction project in the church building. And spiritually, I couldn't lead groups or hold a worship service, but God's will be done!

This past two months we've been doing reconstruction. It's a fact that I had not planned such a grandiose project. But I realized that someone had to decide to do some major construction. When we tore out the old plumbing, it was all corroded. We're redoing the electrical wires since they were old and grew warm just from heating an electric teapot.

We're installing new toilets and repairing the auditorium. I have only enough money for the heating and electrical work. We pray that God will help us financially. I believe that by winter we will be in the prayer house. This is a huge request to help us!

We need to work on ventilation and do general repairs on the lower floor. This is work for specialists. Whatever we can manage to do ourselves, we are doing.

To complete all of these needs, we need \$40,000 U.S. dollars.

Please help us! This is our urgent problem. But we are praying, and we believe and hope.

Also, please pray for our church holiday, a baptism. Four people are to be baptized. This is a source of great joy for us. God is drawing souls into His church! Thank you for praying for us, for our church, and for our city of Lvov. We in turn are praying for you, for your families.

And rejoice with us in this, that my oldest son Aaron has repented!

May the Lord preserve you. Be blessed!

September/October

Greetings to you, brothers and sisters associated with the BIEM mission!!! Grace to you, and peace, from our Lord Jesus Christ!

A huge thank you to you for the material aid in the struggle with Covid 19. Praise God, that we can continue ministering for Him. We are alive by the Lord's great mercy!

I want to share some of our blessings and experiences. Right now is a difficult time in ministry, when there is much work to be done physically since we continue the work of repairing our church building. So, for the spiritual side of our labor, it seems little strength remains. Therefore, pray for me. I need much physical strength to answer people's questions about discipleship.

But I am not fainting. After all, our loving Lord is always with me! There is a large number of people praying for us, including you, our dear friends!

Praise God, the repair work on our building is progressing. With your material and spiritual help, we've already completed the heating! We bought a new boiler with the assistance of dear brother Eugene. The floor is warm. God led us to a wonderful heating specialist. He's a believer with 9 children, a sacrificial fellow. Understanding our situation with a lack of money, he took practically no money for his labor! So, along with younger brothers, we are helping him a little with physical work on his own home. That is how believers ought to assist one another.

Thank you very much for additional financial aid, \$5,000! This is very touching and nice that you are concerned for us! That is, for our repair work in our house of prayer! You're teaching us to be sacrificial givers. I continue to pray seriously about the completion of the work in the church building, and the Lord is helping us, including through other people. They have brought us tiles for the floor and for the restrooms. Funds are still needed, but we know that the Lord has not forsaken us and will not forsake us. He's testing our faith! I'm praying that we can have the official reopening on New Year's. Please also pray for this. May God's will be done!



believer. He wants to study the Scriptures. We and other pastors in Lvov are thinking about how to do this wisely and correctly.

We still need to put into order our church documents concerning privatization of the land. Before I came to this church, the city authorities would not assist the previous pastor with this paperwork, since Lvov has very religious people, Catholics, who considered us to be cultists. However, God granted me a meeting with the mayor of the city, Andrei Sadov, with whom I'd become well acquainted. He's already helping me. Please pray that he will become a genuine



We have a remarkable group of young guys who have already been baptized. We call them the “D group.” Each Tuesday at 7 a.m. we meet and discuss the character of Christ in order to work on our own character and to be transformed into His image. These young men are changing and becoming godly males!

Praise the Lord for baptism! A baptism is the great holiday for our church. We did the most recent one outside the city, at a Christian vacation camp. Our church still had not gone anywhere to rest as a church family, and this drew us together even more! I’m continuing the group with unbelievers. And, despite the fact that people fear the virus, this group is still meeting. Praise God!

We had a funeral. The husband of a sister who’d

been in our church passed away. He was an unbeliever. But we buried him as a testimony to everyone. For two days I was working out the details concerning the funeral. For us, and for me in particular, this funeral was a complicated miracle from God. Since the house had burned down, all the legal documents had burned up. We could not receive the body let alone bury him. I prayed for God to perform a miracle! I needed something, even if just his wife’s passport, but nothing was left. So, there I stood on the site, not knowing how to proceed, when suddenly a woman runs up. She was the neighbor from across the street. She blurted, “Would you happen to need the passport of Galina, the wife of the deceased?”

I was in shock. But I understand that this was God’s mercy. I accepted the passport, and God gave me the wisdom to settle the problem in the procurator’s office, where I testified to them about Christ.

The funeral was a blessing. It’s a very long story. Some time I will tell it to you. It’s worth hearing how God helped me to organize everything. This is because in Lvov a burial is done in an interesting way.

These are the main blessings I wanted to share with you, my friends! It is very special that you pray for us! I believe that you and I will definitely meet and get acquainted!

We love you very much! Thank you for collaborating with us!

Yours always,

Yuri, Violetta, Aaron, Benjamin, and Elizabeth

