



## **The Levtseniuks in western Ukraine**

### **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report, 2020**

#### **November**

Greetings to you, brothers and sisters of the BIEM mission!

Grace to you, and peace, from our Lord Jesus Christ!

We sincerely thank you for your material support. This past month has been very difficult, since the church wanted to stop work on the building due a lack of funds. But the Lord is good to us. We pray, we fast, and we continue to work, and God answers our prayers! We are continuing with the repair work and expect to continue up to New Year's. We are not fainting. We thank you for your prayers!

It's very hard for me to lead the physical repair work and also the spiritual leadership of the ministry. But, thanks to your prayers, I am strengthened, which motivates me! God is bringing us various people from the world. For a whole month now, a fellow named Ivan has been coming to services. He is disabled. Praise God he is able to walk on his own, although with a cane since he gets dizzy. He is very interested in the Lord Jesus Christ. He comes to see me every day. Another man named Yura also comes to me; he's an alcoholic. It's hard with him, but he's a fellow with an immortal soul. On Wednesdays, we continue to hold a group for unbelievers. I'm praying that by next year they'll be saved and ready for baptism. Pray for those who still aren't baptized—Misha, Ivan, Vladimir, Ivanka.

Please pray that we will be able to complete the auditorium, hallway, and restroom of the church by New Year's. I'm a bit concerned that there might not be enough money to pay the workers. But I believe everything will be blessed.

That is how our month has been. Keep praying for us!

Always yours,

Yuri, Violetta, Aaron, Benjamin, Elizabeth

#### **December 2020 & January 2021**

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

I sincerely thank you for your prayerful and material support. God's mercy is upon us. I have especially sensed your prayers, dear friends, during these past two months.

The main problem has been finishing the reconstruction and repair work in the church building and to manage to finish at least one bathroom. God is good to us, and in a surprising way we managed to do that by the New Year. We celebrated together with the whole church in the newly completed part of the building, where it was warm and comfortable. We also had unbelievers with us. They really enjoyed the worship service, and after the service we prepared a meal for everyone and played interesting games. At midnight, we prayed for Ukraine and for the city of Lvov. We thanked God for the past year and for the warmth we have in the church building. It was a very warm atmosphere.

The Lord is blessing us with visitors. There were brothers and sisters from the city of Rovno. Some came from local cities in order to praise our Lord Jesus Christ together. Others came from my hometown of Dubno to support us in the worship service since many of our people have fallen ill of Covid-19. God did not forsake us. There were always those who helped us to conduct a full church service.

We had an interesting time of evangelism when we as a church went out to sing Christmas carols for the neighbors and saw who opened their doors to us. We sang, gave out calendars, and invited people to church services. Some neighbors even came to our church for the first time. They are Bogdan and Nadezhda. Please pray that they will continue coming to church services!

Now we have organized another group of unbelievers. These are alcoholics and people in a very poor social situation. We've already been meeting together for two months. They tend to smell bad. I dress them and feed them. I feel sorry for these people with immortal souls. And some have already suggested that I drop them. But I understand that Jesus never cast people away. We are working to install showers for such people. And we are continuing this work without fainting. We believe that this will be done toward springtime. There isn't enough money, but we halted only for the holidays. Now we're continuing that work. We thank you for having supported us so much financially. I no longer dare to ask you for money; yet there is a need!

We are continuing work in the children's room since there is no place to put the little children. We often have guests who come with young children. When the kids cry, there is nowhere to take them. It's a pity, but we have a neighbor who won't come for that very reason. But we are trying. We're already plastering the children's room. From there we'll continue on to the kitchen since they are beside each other, and then the corridors and the showers and a disabled restroom, and then the brothers' room. We received a gift of high-quality windows, praise God! God gave and we covered the storage building where I keep tools and valuable things. When I took the cement mixer, snow was falling. Then I prayed, and the snow melted, and over the winter we covered the storage building. Praise God.

Please pray for our small groups with unbelievers and with people who stand on the decision of whether to follow the Lord or not. These are Mikhail, Ekaterina, Ivanka, Ivan, Yuri, Nadezhda, Vladimir, and Stepan. These are people who could receive baptism but who need to sincerely repent. Please pray!

Continue to pray for my family and for me, because I'm responsible for all of the reconstruction work, the acquisition of materials, and the search for money. And I need strength for dealing with the people who come every day asking for help. These are people whom nobody needs except for God and His church. Now we'll need to buy adult diapers for Ivan, who is attending worship services. He is 41. He is still just coming toward God, but he asked me to be his pastor and I agreed in order to lead him to God.

More news: we have great joy in our family—Violetta is pregnant. Praise God! This is a great miracle. All of my family was sick with Covid-19, and when Violetta went to the doctor for examination, he said that we won't have more children, that the virus had done its work and that my wife couldn't get pregnant anymore. God once again showed His strength, and we are waiting for our fourth child. We live in the church building, in a one-room apartment, and above us there is also an attic room, where I want to make a children's room. We will be crowded with a sixth family member. Pray about this, that there will be finances. I rejoice that the Lord has given my family the confidence that, the place where we are is the place where we are supposed to be! And we labor for the glory of God with joy.

Thank you for supporting us! We wait for you to come for a visit. Be blessed!  
Always yours,

Yuri, Violetta, Aaron, Benjamin, and Elizabeth