



The Levtseniuks in Lviv, Ukraine

2nd Quarter Report, 2023

April

Greetings, brothers and sisters connected with the BIEM mission. I sincerely thank God for your support and prayers. The longer the war drags on, the more complicated things become. Therefore, praise God that we have true, praying friends who pray day and night for us, our churches, families, and Ukraine... It is very tangible. We need it more than ever. I thank God for you!

April was a special month for me. I celebrated my birthday with the church and my family, who came from Dubno. My goal has been to feed people spiritually, to invite many non-believing friends to attend services, and God gave me a chance when my birthday fell on a Sunday. In fact, everything was blessed. About 120 people came. Our Muslim friends were there. We filmed it. They liked it very much and asked a lot of questions about Christianity. In previous letters, I told you a mosque was being built not far from our church. Today, unfortunately, it is completed and is functioning. I understand that these are new challenges for me, but God allows it. Therefore, there will be more work with Muslims. We already have Muslim friends who have already visited us, but not at an official service. It's because we live in the church building. We thank God. Please pray for the family of Elshad and Nazen and their three children, that they would leave Islam and accept the Lord Jesus Christ. Pray for the family of Sergei, Catherine, and Amin. The family of Nelya from Berdiansk has big problems, misunderstandings with her husband concerning attending services and studying the Scriptures. Therefore, pray. We have many unbelievers, but they are still hesitating to accept Jesus in their hearts. Everything is in God's hands.



It was a pity to see the family responsible for our music ministry (and more) leave for America, but we prayed, and the Lord gave us a new person for this ministry. She lives in the church, a dedicated girl whose name is Katya. Please pray for her, that the Lord will multiply our

resources so that we can support her. Now we are preparing for the training, which will last a whole week in our church. Pray that the Lord will send everything we need for this.

I thank God for God's people, who are constantly praying for us... Continue to pray for our family. My wife Violetta will undergo surgery to remove her wisdom teeth. It is a difficult situation, and it is expensive for us, but necessary. Our daughter Elizaveta needs to undergo surgery on her tongue. Little Marta needs an extended analysis and treatment for allergies and intolerances. Therefore, I ask you to pray for these difficulties.

Always yours,
Yura, Violetta, Aaron, Benjamin, Elizaveta, Marta

May & June

Greetings, brothers and sisters of the BIEM mission! I sincerely thank you for your financial and prayerful support. Thank God that we have you. Now, the Lord is using you greatly as a support for us in this time, which is so depressing for all of us. You can't even imagine how much we feel your prayers and all kinds of support. May the Lord reward you!

We want to share our life with you...



A wonderful meeting of all the volunteers took place in Chernovtsy. This conference gave us inspiration to continue to rebuild our country and be relevant in our society.

The Lord blesses us with guests and preachers. At one service, 6 unbelievers repented and 3 renewed their relationship with God. The Lord is reviving our church in a wonderful way! Right now, two unbelieving families are in a Bible study group. Some of them are preparing for baptism. Please pray for all those who will be baptized. The Lord has given us another Catholic

family that we are working with now. Their names are Maxim and Victoria. They came to me and asked me to marry them. They told me that they already had a marriage certificate, but they really wanted their wedding to be like the Evangelical churches, even though their whole family is Greek Catholic. Then we went through premarital counseling, and I saw that they were changing. They agreed to all the conditions I set. This wedding turned out to be like an evangelism; people listened very much, cried, came up and thanked me for the beautiful speech, and said they had never heard anything like it. The Lord was glorified. Currently, these young people are attending worship. I pray and ask that you pray, please, that they will be in my group with unbelievers.

The Lord has opened another door of ministry for our church – a biblical institute of pastoral care called CORAM DEO. These are students from Ukraine. About 70 people. This institute takes place on the property of our church. Now, it is even more important because not only believers, but also non-believers and the military receive help... We must understand, as no one else can, that psychologists are not helpers. Only through the prism of the Word of God can

a person be helped. And we are investing in this project as much as we can. I also study at this institute with great pleasure and desire. There is often a lack of resources (finances). The teachers are dedicated, but no one wants to invest in this work. And soon there will be an even greater need for professional help.

Who better than the church can provide qualified help? Please pray, as the next module is approaching again on August 24, and I need to raise funds, which makes it difficult to maintain this project. We need money for hotel accommodation for the teachers and travel, but we also want to bless their families with funds, so please support us in prayer. This is God's project!



Our church is actively involved in groups with non-believers. We actively help IDPs [Interior Displaced Persons] and help organize projects for them. Our church is always open for overnight stays for anyone who needs help. That is, people spend the night here every day. Thank you very much for your financial support in this matter. The great directive of God is to learn. And our church is learning. This is an achievement. Now we have passed the exam, and everyone is on vacation.

I attended a conference in Irpin and visited Bucha. It was very hard to see what these “non-humans” did to these picturesque cities and the people who lived there. It was hard to listen to the stories of families who lost their loved ones and children. We believe that this wound will heal over time.

We had blessed guests in the church. This is a man who writes poetry and thus types 12 hours a day. He is originally from Belarus, but his country no longer allows him to go home. So, he lives in America and travels all over Europe and Ukraine to preach the Gospel. There were also guests from the church of the deaf.

A little bit about our family. Thank you very much for your financial support for our family. Violetta had dental surgery. We are undergoing a checkup for our daughter Marta. Please pray for our daughter that she will quickly outgrow her allergies and intolerances. A lot of money is spent on her food and diapers, which fit only once, and the cost of one pack is 33 dollars. Thank you so much for always remembering us! I visited my mom, who had surgery. Thank God, everything is blessed... I visited a camp where wives of fallen soldiers were invited with their children. There were a hundred women alone. I had the Word and prayer. It was very difficult to speak to such people. But the Lord reached their hearts. Glory to God!

Please pray for our teen camp that will take place on July 24. This is our first experience of going to a recreation center, and the most important thing is that parents of their children trust us. Teenagers from IDP families are also coming. So please pray that there will be no road checks. And the most important thing is that the teenagers come to know the Lord.

I sincerely thank the Lord that we have you, our friends, prayerful people, who are not indifferent to us and our country. We love you!

Always yours,
Yura, Violetta, Aaron, Benjamin, Elizabeth, Marta

