



BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES

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“Grace to you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” Philemon 1:3

Dear Pastors and Friends,

Hello from the Slobodians! We trust this prayer letter finds you doing well and surviving the heat of this summer. We are thankful for the opportunity to serve Him in these exciting days and for all of you who participate in this ministry of reaching souls and planting churches overseas. Sam spent some of the summer in Ukraine as well as Russia where our summer camping programs are seeing many young people coming to Christ. This summer we had four different mission teams from the US serve with our missionaries overseas with many of them working in summer camps.

We also praise God for a new church being planted in Belarus through the efforts of our first Belarusian church plant that is serving as the mother church for the new work in a nearby town. Praise God for encouraging reports and gratitude for the thousands of Scriptures we were able to provide in the Uzbek, Turkmen and Kyrgyz languages for workers in the Moscow area. Our Central Asia director reports over 100 confirmed salvation decisions just from one people group that has been targeted for Gospel distribution. We also praise God for the release of “Giving God the Glory”, the biography of Sam’s dad, our mission’s founder, Dr. Peter Slobodian. This book has already been a blessing to many.

We would like to share a special need concerning our military ministry in Ukraine. Brother Igor Balashov is doing a great job directing this work and asks that you pray for the salvation of Sasha, an army major whose wife just received Christ last month. Recently we traveled with Igor to the military base. It took some time to get there because of his nearly 30-year-old Soviet car. The gas pedal was not working so he found a way to operate the car by keeping it in one gear and using the throttle! Among other significant problems of riding with Igor, if you want to roll down the window, he hands you the one remaining window crank. It was obvious to us that this military ministry really needs a newer vehicle. We need anywhere from \$5,000 to \$10,000 dollars to get a more reliable vehicle for Igor. If you can help with this need it would be greatly appreciated.

This fall will mark 30 years of ministry with BIEM. As we have been gathering information for some 30 year anniversary publications we are planning, we are rejoicing that in this 30th year of ministry we have surpassed the 100 mark in churches planted! Praise God for 60 churches planted in Russia and Eastern Europe, 38 in Central and Western Asia, and 6 in Latin America for a total of 104 churches. We will feature a more detailed breakdown by country in an upcoming issue of our newsletter, *The Challenger*. May God bless each and every one of you!

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