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"And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." Col.3:17

Dear Pastors and Friends,

Greetings in the name of our wonderful Lord! Thank you for your faithful prayers and support of our ministry which God continues to bless, guide, and direct. We know that much of what is being accomplished is a direct result of your prayers, which we highly value.

These days all of our church planters and workers are heavily involved in summer youth camps. The three camps that both Amy and I were able to take part in in June are really a small portion of these summer camp efforts. Altogether, BIEM conducts over 20 different camps each summer with over 1500 youth attending. God has blessed these efforts with hundreds of souls saved each summer. Please pray for this year's camps that God would guide and enable those ministering to the children and youth and that hearts would be open to the Gospel so that many souls would be saved this summer.

Reaching youth is a major part of our church planting effort. In fact, most of the churches we have started began by working with youth. When an area is targeted for a new church, the first step is often to hold children's meetings with the goal of establishing a weekly children's club. Good attendance is rewarded with an opportunity to attend summer camp. It is through these efforts with children that contact with parents is made and the work of evangelism begins, which often leads to a Bible Study for adults. Over and over again, these Bible studies have formed into new churches.

Each camp is a special adventure and each youth that attends is a potential lifelong servant of God through decisions that are made at camp. One way to learn more about how God is blessing these efforts is to read our summer camp report. This report is 10-15 pages of testimonies, blessings, and pictures from a wide variety of camps. If you have never received our summer camp report and would like to, please let us know. We would be glad to put you on the list of those who receive this special mailing that comes out in the fall.

Another mailing you may be interested in is our monthly video update. These are approximately three minute video updates from various places featuring our church planters, which is the next best thing to actually being there. Since these are sent out by e-mail, it costs us nothing to add your e-mail to the list of those receiving these videos. Just let us know that you would like to be on the video update e-mail list.

Finally, we would like to share a special prayer need. Recently church-planter Igor Fomichov, who pastors the church on the Ukrainian military base, was with us visiting U.S. churches. Occasionally, he mentioned a long-range hope of mounting a lighted Bible verse on the church building so soldiers passing by would see it. Recently, a businessman has stepped forward to fund something better: an electronic sign capable even of pictures. Thousands of soldiers are regularly marched right by the church building since they must pass it to get to their showers. What an opportunity to share a verse, the church website, and other information. Please pray that God would use this special project to reach many for Him.

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