



BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES

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"The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us...." John 1:14

Dear Pastors and Friends,

At this special time of year, we send you warm Christmas greetings from the Slobodian family! We trust that the joy of this Christmas season finds you doing well and enjoying holiday festivities with family and friends. As this year rapidly draws to an end we extend to you our wishes for God's richest blessings in the coming New Year. As we celebrate our Savior's wonderful birth and look forward to another year, our family has much to thank God for.

Stephanie is finishing up her studies at Maranatha Baptist Bible College and really enjoyed going to the National College Ladies Volleyball tournament in Kissimmee, Florida where Maranatha's team did well placing in the finals. Sharon continues in her medical receptionist work at a chiropractor's office in Greenwood, Indiana. Steven has some new challenges as he has been placed over a new department at the local company where he continues to use his management training. Susan has been recognized as one of the top bankers in the nation by her banking position in Franklin, Indiana where she lives with her husband Mat. Sarah does well as she keeps us in line as our Office Manager at our BIEM office. Her husband Nate has taken on an expanded role at BIEM in lending his IT and communications skills as he continues to develop their photography business and continues in further theological studies. Sam keeps busy directing BIEM's church planting missionary activities and Amy continues serving as our mission's bookkeeper.

As we look over the blessings of this year there are certainly many. Here are a few:

- Summer camps sponsored by BIEM hosted over 1200 children and young teens, of whom we know of 331 salvation decisions.
- This year we launched a special outreach to servicemen at the military base in Desna, Ukraine. Even before the completion of the facility intended to widen that ministry, we've been able to access young soldiers with the Gospel via a seminary graduate who once was an officer in the Special Forces.
- On December 5 the new church in Kazan, Russia, will hold their dedication service for their first-ever building, thus ending their need to rent a small auditorium at a school. The new building is highly visible as it is situated alongside a busy street. May many find salvation through it! Both Rick Barry and I are invited to participate in this exciting day.
- In this year, our seminary in Kiev gained a new international element with the addition of Iranian students wanting to deepen their knowledge of the Scriptures.
- We completed a printing project of Uzbek-language Bibles with distribution in 3 (soon to be 4) strategic locations. The Hear It Now project has completed recordings of the New Testament in 4 of 12 target languages in Central and Western Asia (languages such as Turkmen, Uzbek, Kyrgyz, etc.).

We are grateful for our family, friends and ministry partners who are a wonderful encouragement. Thank you very much for your part in our lives and ministry. May God give you a blessed and wonderful New Year!

The Slobodians

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