

November-December 2018

“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us...” John 1:14

Dear Pastors and Friends,

Warm Christmas greetings from the Slobodians! We trust this prayer letter finds you enjoying the blessings this joyous season. As we approach the coming New Year, we can certainly look back with gratitude for all the blessings, challenges and accomplishments of this year which is soon coming to an end. Looking back over this past year, we are truly thankful for the open doors and opportunities the Lord has given us. Truly we have much to be thankful for:

* This year's blessings started with the arrival of a container in January and now ends with a container having just arrived to be distributed in December. These 40-foot containers are loaded with clothing, medical supplies, shoes, bedding and even toys which our church planters distribute to the needy in their communities and churches. They also are packed with church equipment like donated chairs, pulpits, tables, sports equipment for youth work and many tools, furnishings and supplies for our Drug and Alcohol Rehab Centers.

* In February 3 of our church planters were ordained, and in December another brother will be ordained and will join our church planting team along with a new church planter who is laboring in Lviv, a large city of nearly one million souls in Western Ukraine.

* Despite persecution many Muslims received Christ in restricted countries where we have missionaries who are bravely sharing the light of Gospel in these areas darkened by Islam.

* Over the summer we had over 3,000 children and youth attend camps where they were challenged with the Gospel as they enjoyed a wide variety of camp activities. Praise God for over 700 salvation decisions!

* This Fall a group from our home church traveled throughout Ukraine and conducted a special outreach to widows and orphans sharing the Gospel and God's love by distributing hundreds of care packages.

Along with many family blessings God has provided through our 5 children and 10 grandchildren you see pictured here, we are so fortunate to have such wonderful friends and prayer partners that we can serve together and share our joys with. May God grant each of you a blessed Christmas and wonderful New Year!



The Slobodians