



BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES

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"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which though knowest not." Jeremiah 33:3

Dear Pastors and Friends,

Hello from the Slobodians! We praise God for the opportunity to labor together with you in reaching souls and planting churches. We are grateful for God's hand of blessing we see being abundantly bestowed upon our ministry at BIEM and for so many open doors to proclaim the glorious Gospel of our wonderful Lord.

We are writing you from Ukraine where both Amy and Sam are taking part in a summer camp in the town of Bilogorodka. The church here expected about 100 children to attend this summer's camp which is held on the church grounds. The first day there were 136 which grew to 181 by the end of the week! This church gained two families as well as some children and youth from last year's camp which has encouraged them to work hard in planning and conducting this year's efforts. There is an advantage to conducting camp right on the church property in that it brings youth and adults onto the church premises. This familiarizes them with the church people and the building which helps in the goal of getting folks to come to services.

The camp ends with a closing ceremony on Saturday with all age groups participating in a program for their parents which features songs and Bible verses they had learning during the week. This is an effective way to get parents to come. After the concluding program there is picnic with a lot of good food, games and fellowship. At this time the children can purchase various donated items and treats with tokens they earned during the week. God provided wonderful weather for this particular week of camp. Please pray that this church along with the more than 20 other camps conducted by our church plants would gain regular attenders and that many hearts would receive the Gospel message and be saved. Right after camp we participated in a baptismal service in Desna where 8 new Christians followed the Lord in believers baptism.

During this week of camp Sam and our Ukrainian director brother Eugene took a day trip to visit our church planters in Lviv which is a large city in Western Ukraine. We were able bring a very much needed computer and projector that was provided for this ministry. Our missionaries there, Yura and Violetta are facing a coming crisis when the weather will turn cold. Their heating system needs to be replaced before winter which will be a major expense. Please pray that God would supply the funds needed for this project.

In the end of July and the first part of August we were able to host Vitaly Yurchenko, the director of our seminary for training nationals in Ukraine. God blessed the meetings we had in Wisconsin, Kentucky and Indiana as translating for brother Vitaly gave supporting churches an opportunity to hear first hand from the field. Soon we hope to have two other nationals with us when we will be loading our next container shipment headed for Ukraine. Please pray that legal details would be worked out in time for this shipment.

A final prayer request is for Sam, who is working on a new trumpet CD which will feature Christmas music. Recording is scheduled in September so that the album can be released in October. Please pray for Sam and the other musicians involved and that God would bless and be glorified through this project. Thank-you for taking the time to read this letter and for your prayers which mean a lot and are always our greatest need.

The Slobodians

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