



## BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES

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*“And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace.” John 1:16*

### Dear Pastors and Friends,

Warm greetings to all of you who partner with us in spreading the Gospel and planting churches in Eastern Europe. We are glad for this opportunity to share with you the blessings, challenges and prayer needs of our ministry. As we do, it is a wonderful blessing to see God answering your prayers in our behalf.

For example, earlier this year we asked you to pray for the special missions conference we conducted in early May in Kyiv, Ukraine which focused on the Muslim countries of Central Asia which are located to the south of Ukraine and are part of the 10/40 window which has been identified as an area containing a large portion of the unreached people of our day. We brought some folks in from these restricted countries who are converted Muslims now preaching Christ in difficult circumstances. Their testimonies along with presentations and messages from several of our BIEM personnel God is using in these areas challenged those who attended, especially the students of our Kyiv Seminary.

God answered your prayers and blessed this conference as a number of attendees expressed an interest to pursue missionary work in these lands containing multitudes of unreached souls who live under the darkness of Islam. Attendees also became more sensitive to the needs and promised prayers for these restricted lands. Pray for God to continue to direct and prepare these interested potential missionaries.

Another exciting answer to prayer was regarding our need for summer camps this year. In our monthly prayer and praise sheet called “BIEM’s of Light” we shared in both April and May that we still needed most of the \$40,000 to cover the costs of the more than 20 Christian summer camps conducted by our church planters that we sponsor. Praise God that in our June issue we rejoiced that God provided for this need. If you are not receiving the “BIEM’s of Light” but would like to, please let us know.

In May and June, we were able to host two of our church planters from Ukraine, Vitaly Bilyak and Eugene Buyko. Praise God for the warm responses from churches they were able to share their ministries with in Michigan, Missouri, Indiana and Illinois.

In June we visited some of our church planters in Russia and Belarus. It was a blessing to spend some time at the Drug and Rehabilitation Center near Moscow established by brother Pavel which started as a ministry out of the church he planted in Nahabino. This Center has delivered many from the bondage of drugs and alcohol and has led to the establishment of several other centers which are doing a great work. In fact, as a result of this ministry, there are now more than 50 families serving as active members of churches in the Moscow area where the fathers have been saved and delivered from addiction. Praise God!

In Belarus, Sam was able to spend some time with our brethren where BIEM has been involved in church planting and was able to build two church buildings. Of all the countries which made up the Soviet Union, Belarus has been the slowest to move towards democracy and other reforms that came with the collapse of the Soviet Union. For example, in Belarus you can still see statues of Lenin standing, and they still have the KGB. This does make for a difficult field but nevertheless, praise God that the Gospel is being preached and souls are being saved. May God bless each of you in your service and walk with Him.

### *The Slobodians*

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