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“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord...” 1 Corinthians 15:58

Dear Pastors and Friends,

Warm greetings once again from the Slobodians! 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. It is a great joy to see that the prayers of God's people are being answered as we see souls being saved as well as churches being planted and church buildings being built for the Glory of God.

With all of our camp reports in we are rejoicing over the figures tabulated, which added up to 1900 campers in various locations in Ukraine and Russia and over 500 decisions for Christ. Praise God! Thanks to a gift from a supporting church in Colorado we were able to distribute over 1,000 Bibles to campers who needed them for the Bible studies that are an important part of each camping program as well as follow-up efforts.

In September, it was a blessing to have Pastor Marshall Fant and Pastor Larry DeBruyn teaching in the Kiev seminary. Though the attendance was down due to the war in the East, there was a wonderful spirit and the teaching provided a significant contribution for those preparing for ministry. Pastor Fant's wife, Gretchen, held a seminar for women entitled “Women Helping Women” which was enthusiastically received with many of the women stating that they would like to have more women's conferences.

In October, Sam traveled to Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus with BIEM's board chairman, Pastor Greg Wahlberg-York, PA, to survey our current church building programs and a new church planting opportunity in Belarus, as well as one in the Moscow area of Russia. The church plant in Belarus is in a town near Drogichin, Belarus, where BIEM church planter Nikolai Ryzhuk will play a key role. The one in the Moscow area is in the city of Shahovkaya. Both of these locations are without a Gospel witness. Please pray that God would enable the planting of churches in these two needy locations.

An important answer to prayer is that wonderful weather has enabled several church building programs to make great strides. Even as we approach the end of October the weather is good enough to continue the outside work. All are now under roof and enclosed with windows and doors except for one. That one is a church building project in the Moscow area of Russia being spearheaded by Pastor Peter Rumachik, who at age 84 has been the driving force in recruiting a church planter and building the church building. They are in need of finances and good weather to get everything enclosed before the severe weather begins. Please pray for this need.

October 30 is the date set for loading a 40-foot container bound for Ternopil, Ukraine. This will be a great blessing not only for the church in the city, but their Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Center, which operates in a rural location outside the city. This is the ministry which recently obtained a building in the downtown area of Ternopil and is also rebuilding the rehab center which was destroyed by fire. Please pray for our church planter, Vitaly Bilyak, who faces a huge task in dealing with a mountain of red tape and the difficult challenges of negotiating with bureaucrats in getting the contents of the container cleared through Ukrainian customs. This shipment will contain donated clothing, shoes, winter wear, wheelchairs, and medical supplies as well church ministry equipment such as tables, chairs, and a desk. This container will also bring much needed beds and furniture to the rehab center. Thank you for your prayers and partnership in Christ!

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