

# BIEM's of Light

Monthly praises and prayer requests from:

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## *P*raises – Rejoice with us!

- ❖ A Baptist church in a Muslim country? Yes! In Central Asia we have a number of house churches, even some with buildings. The government often seeks to close them or persecute the believers, but God continues to protect, sustain, and use them. Pastor Almond's church is 30 minutes from our Women's Shelter. On Sundays, ladies and children from the Shelter are driven to the worship service, where they interact with believers. This often leads to a decision to accept Jesus as Savior!
- ❖ BIEM's Vitaly Yurchenko and family experienced a close call when one of the Russian rockets bombarding Kyiv flew within 200 meters of their home. Although the rocket was intercepted midair, the resulting explosion shook their house. Fragments damaged nearby houses and cars. We praise God for His mercy and protection.
- ❖ Our team in Central Asia just returned from evangelistic trip #14. They distributed 38 food bags, each with a Gospel tract. They were able to share how Jesus was born to be our Savior. An influential father received Christ, and we think several others will also. Earlier, the team was allowed to give boxes of candy to 150 Afghani refugee children at school. For the first time, those kids heard the story of baby Jesus, who would be King and save people from their sins. Praise God!
- ❖ At our Bible Institute in Central Asia, 25 Afghani students are soaking up God's Word and extremely actively sharing their faith with other Afghanis. May God bless their testimonies with fruit!

## *P*ray – Pray with us!

- ❖ In mid-January one of our BIEM directors will be involved in transporting Bibles in a restricted-access land. Please pray for his safety and the safe delivery of this precious cargo.
- ❖ Despite the war, our brethren plan to hold the winter session of the Kyiv Seminary starting on January 9th. Please pray that students will be able to attend regardless of the cold and logistical challenges involved during this time. Also, please pray that no bombings other interruptions will halt this session.
- ❖ Sam Slobodian and Kevin Gaugler (a BIEM board member) plan to travel to Ukraine this week to participate in the Seminary session in Kyiv. Please pray for their safety and for smooth border crossings. (In recent days, incredibly long lines have developed at the border crossings between Ukraine and Poland.)
- ❖ In Ukraine a team will soon be heading to an area of much fighting. A team leader requests prayer for safety, saying, "It's not calm there, constant shelling. And for the ministry itself. We will be taking food, construction materials, and we will hold a service and a program for children." May God bless.

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



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