



BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES

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*"Giving thanks unto the Father; which hath made us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints of light."
Col. 1:12*

Dear Pastors and Friends,

Hello from the Slobodians! We praise God for the open doors of opportunity in reaching souls and planting churches in the needy fields of Eastern Europe as well as the unreached Muslim lands to the South. We thank God for each of you who bless us in this ministry with your support and prayers.

We concluded the year 2011 in a wonderful way as we had a great response towards our project of distributing 30,000 Bibles to celebrate 30 years of ministry at BIEM. We are sincerely thankful for all those who gave and prayed for this effort which is bringing the light of the Word of God to many in spiritual darkness. The next issue of our newsletter, *The Challenger*, will feature an update on this exciting project. Praise the Lord that the gifts given made it possible to reach our goal of 30,000 Scriptures for the glory of God.

This January the winter session of our Ukrainian seminary went on despite some severely cold weather which drastically affected temperatures in Kiev. At one point temperatures reached -34 degrees where we were staying. Sam and visiting pastors who were teaching had some interesting times at our office where the electricity and furnace went out and the pipes froze. At that point we had to vacate the place and camp out at the home of one of our church planters. Nevertheless, the large church building which houses the school stayed warm and students enthusiastically delved into the teaching of the Word of God. The handful of Iranian students the Lord has given us are all involved in a Farsi speaking church which is reaching Iranian refugees which are settling in Kiev, Ukraine. There were also students from Georgia and Belarus where BIEM's church planting efforts are reaching

In February and March we will have some of our Ukrainian church planters with us for meetings in the South, Midwest, and East. We hope to load and send our next container of Gospel Literature, church planting equipment and humanitarian aid while they are here. While we have plenty of clothing for this shipment, we could use musical instruments, bicycles, wheelchairs, folding tables and chairs, pulpits and a 220-volt gas powered generator. Such equipment is a great blessing to the churches being established. As our church planters distribute aid to the needy the testimony of the church is greatly enhanced in the communities they are reaching. Please pray for the \$8,000 which is needed to finance this particular shipment.

Thank-you for your participation in this ministry. May God bless, encourage and greatly use you for His glory in this New Year!

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