

BIEM's of Light

Monthly praises and prayer requests from:

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Praises - Rejoice with us!

- ❖ Praise God for a wonderful answer to prayer! As you will recall, we at BIEM were concerned about the strict, new regulations governing humanitarian-aid shipments to Ukraine. Those new regulations were scheduled to begin on December 1. Despite our best efforts, due to the Polish truck drivers' strike, our container of supplies did not reach Ukraine by December 1. However, the December 1 date has been postponed by 6 months! Thank you for praying.
- ❖ In the military city of Desna, Ukraine, the public-school administrator was impressed by everything the local church is doing to aid and bless soldier during this time of war. So much so that he reached out to our missionary-pastor Igor Fomichov and invited him to speak before the whole student body and share what the church is doing. On November 29, Igor did speak to the entire school. He not only explained what the church is doing but *why* they are doing it, thus giving glory to God. Igor also used the occasion as a wonderful opportunity to present the Gospel, which is bound to produce fruit.
- ❖ We thank the Lord for the 22 years of service David and An Abernathy have given in the fields of Central Asia. On December 10, a special retirement service in their home church will honor them and praise God for the many ways He has used them to expand our Muslim outreach over these years.
- ❖ Concerning Afghani refugees who have fled to Central Asian areas where BIEM has workers, our field director recently messaged to say, "Praising God together with our Afghani church plant and the angels. Two more Afghani men came to faith in Jesus Christ this morning." A follow-up message praised God for a woman who had likewise placed her trust in the Savior!

Prayer - Pray with us!

- ❖ This past weekend, our latest Ukrainian coworker visitors arrived in the US to travel with BIEM and bring personal updates to churches. Please pray for safety and good meetings as Vitaly and Alona Yurchenko, along with their son Nikita, visit churches and share about the ministry and BIEM's relief program during this time of war.
- ❖ BIEM is now launching an effort to raise \$100,000 through our War Relief Fund to provide 1,000 Ukrainian soldiers with warm clothing and the Gospel for unsaved ones. Details will be in the cover letter for the *Challenger* newsletter now going out. Please pray God will work through this outreach.
- ❖ After Peter Rumachik passed away in 2019, BIEM received memorial gifts to build a church in the Siberian region where he had been exiled for preaching God's Word. That building is now finished! The dedication took place on November 12, and regular services are taking place. Please pray that God will use this new location as a Gospel lighthouse to draw many Siberian souls to Christ.
- ❖ Of course, we urge you to pray daily for an end to the war in Ukraine and for the salvation of perishing souls on both sides of the conflict. Special bookmarks and prayer cards are available.

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



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