



## BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES

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“Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” Ephesians 5:20

#### Dear Pastors and Friends,

Greetings from the Slobodians! We are in Ukraine where we have been participating in summer camps which have been a tremendous blessing. BIEM missionaries and workers conduct over 20 camps overseas each summer with over 2,000 children and youth in attendance. Over 60 % of the children are unchurched. Therefore, these outreaches are a wonderful tool for churches to make contact with families which results in souls being saved and added to the church. After each camping season, we compile a camp report which shares many testimonies and pictures. Please contact our office if you would like to receive a report from 2018 camps, and you will certainly be encouraged by hearing directly from campers, leaders and workers.

In our last prayer letter we shared that a \$2,500 matching funds gift was received to cover the \$5,000 cost of replacing the roof of a building in Fastiv, Ukraine which houses both a church and a very successful drug and alcohol rehabilitation center. Praise God that the needed funds have come in along with an extra \$1,000 which turned out to be needed for a cost overrun. The roof is actually a two-tiered roof with a large area between the two roofs for future ministry needs. The funds provided covered the cost of the entire roof which is complete and will cover the cost of the siding or walls between the two roofs which is not complete but will be soon. This is a very large roof, about 3,800 square feet. The reason they were able to do all this so cheaply is that they did 100% of the labor themselves. Pastor Vadim is a trained and experienced roofer. In fact, the men in the rehab center earn their keep by doing roofing jobs. In the future funds will be needed to complete the new area between the two roofs.

Currently we have a need for some special meetings for widows and orphans we have scheduled for this Fall. In October we have a church group coming to Ukraine who together with Ukrainian nationals will conduct special meetings for widows and needy children. The Gospel will be presented along with Bibles for those that do not have one as well as a bag of groceries for each widow and a care package for each child. The widow's meetings will be held in churches who will invite widows in the community and the children's meetings will be in orphanages and other institutions which house needy children. At least \$6,000 is needed for the items which will be distributed to the widows and needy children in October. We would like to raise \$12,000 so that these meetings could continue through the month of November. Please pray about helping with this need.

We have some more nationals coming to participate in a special mission's conference at our home church. They will be on hand to load our next 40' foot container which will be shipped to Ukraine. Praise God for the bountiful supply that has been provided which besides the normal clothing and medical supplies includes 4 pianos, about 200 folding chairs, 30 tables and 600 brand new winter coats. There are also a lot of gardening tools and equipment which will be used by our drug and alcohol rehabilitation centers where the men earn their own keep and grow much of their food. Please pray that everything will be loaded safely and for our Ukrainian brethren who have the huge task of clearing all of the items for humanitarian purposes so that everything is duty-free.

Thank-you for your prayers and support which make this ministry possible. May God bless each one of you in your service for our wonderful Lord.

#### *The Slobodians*

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