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"Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you." Jeremiah 29:12

Dear Pastors and Friends,

Warm greetings from the Slobodian's. It is a joy for us to be partners with you in the work of reaching souls and planting churches in the former Soviet Union and the regions beyond. Your prayer and support is an indispensable part of this ministry.

Thank you for praying for our camps this summer. After last year's drop in attendance due to the coronavirus we were praying and hoping for better attendance this year even though the situation with the coronavirus is still quite serious in the areas where we conduct our summer camp ministries. Praise God for answered prayer as this summer's camps totaled over 4,000 campers with nearly 1,000 salvation decisions. Nearly 2,000 Bibles were distributed at these camps. Most of our camps this summer were in August, so it takes us some time to receive and translate all the reports. That work is now done and so our 2021 Camp report is available. Please let us know if you would like to receive one.

The three groups of Americans who participated in our summer camps this year were all a wonderful blessing to the campers and to our national workers. They want more Americans to come next year. God also blessed the camps with wonderful weather. The nationals conducting one of the camps in Russia went "way over the top" as some churches combined efforts into a camp which centered around the theme "Believing Like Paul." They constructed props, made costumes, and produced theatrical presentations that transformed the campground into the Roman Empire. They even printed passports for the campers to use to enter. This amazing event is featured in the upcoming issue of our newsletter *The Challenger*. You can view a video of this camp from one of our monthly video updates at the following site: <https://vimeo.com/591614583>

Last prayer letter we shared with you our plans to ship a container to Ukraine which involved purchasing a container that would be used by the Drug and Alcohol Rehab Center operated by the church in Ternopil, Ukraine. Ukrainian church planters Vitaly Bilyak and Igor Fomichov spent most of September with us here in the US visiting churches and finishing the loading of this container which includes over 200 padded pew chairs, 100 folding chairs and tables, a good number of musical instruments including two pianos, and a great amount of used clothing, shoes, medical supplies, sports equipment for youth ministries, and other equipment needed by the Rehab Center. Please pray for our Ukrainian brethren who have now begun the difficult and detailed process of getting all these contents classified as humanitarian aid. This is more complicated than before due to changes made by the government. Please pray this would be done soon so we can ship the container and pray for funds which are still needed for this project.

In some of our publications earlier this year we asked for prayer and direction regarding a possible new church plant in Belarus. Praise God this new church is now a reality! This church which is in the outskirts of the large city of Brest has begun. One person accepted Christ in their first meeting and two more were saved in the next meeting. Funds are needed for their building program which has begun. The current strength of the dollar in Belarus makes this a great time for investing in the construction of a church building for the Glory of God. Perhaps the Lord would lead you to participate in this. May God bless each and every one of you!

The Slobodians