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"Who when he was reviled, reviled not again, when he suffered he threatened not, but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously." I Peter 2:23

Dear Pastors and Friends,

Warm greetings from the Slobodians! As we continue in our work of reaching souls and establishing churches in formerly Communist lands, we are grateful for each of you who are partnering with us in these needy fields.

In March we had a missions team from a church in Australia come to Ukraine to help us with the construction of a Christian Serviceman's Center on the Ukrainian military base where we have had a presence for years. In April, a church construction group from York came as well and the project is now at the point where much of the area is dry walled. This is an excellent opportunity for any church construction group interested in coming to Ukraine over the next year.

As many of you know a thriving church has been planted there and God provided an amazing opportunity to purchase a large building right on the base. The base has two parts, a huge complex or barracks and a town where the officers live with their families. Now that Ukraine has moved to a volunteer army, the soldiers may go to places on their own during their free time. In the past, even their free time was restricted. Unfortunately, the only places for soldiers to spend their free time are bars, disco techs and the like. Since there is much available space in the church building, BIEM has launched an exciting project to convert a separate portion of the building into a Serviceman's Center. This will serve not only to evangelize soldiers but to minister to those recruits who are Christians. Please pray for this project. There will be more information about this exciting opportunity in our next newsletter, *The Challenger*.

It was a blessing to have a couple of Ukrainian brethren with us in April so that churches could hear a report of the work directly from Ukrainians as Sam translated. Eugene Buyko who directs BIEM Ukrainian efforts and Pastor Sergei Dibilensky who is the president of the Brotherhood of Independent Baptist Churches and Ministries of Ukraine whom we partner with in the seminary and other projects. BIEM missionary Bruce Tuttle's residential school in Belya Tzerkov is also registered with this group of churches. Please pray for Bruce's wife Natalie as she is undergoing chemo treatments for cancer.

Another exciting development is that our first Ukrainian missionaries in an Islamic land have had their first baptism. It took place in a beautiful setting on the Mediterranean Sea in view of many Muslims. Currently our seminary sessions in Kiev are in progress right now with a team of American pastors teaching the first week and then Ukrainian pastors teaching the second week. Classes this session include Expository Preaching, Dogmatics, Doctrine of the Holy Spirit, and Spiritual Growth.

We thank you for your thoughts, prayers and support. May God bless each of you!

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