



BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES

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"Declare his glory among the heathen, his wonders among all people." Psalm 96:3

Dear Pastors and Friends,

Greetings in the name of our wonderful Lord! We are grateful for the blessings and the challenges we have seen in the countries of Ukraine, Georgia, and Russia as well as one of the restricted countries that we have been able to minister in these past several weeks. Thank you for your prayers for this ministry, for they play a huge role in our progress in furthering the Gospel that we rejoice in as well the challenges that come our way.

Amy and Sam were able to spend some time in the Republic of Georgia with our missionaries Charles and Nina Hoblitz. God has used these BIEM missionaries to establish and strengthen a small group of Independent Baptist Churches in Georgia by training and supporting dedicated nationals who are seeing a steady stream of souls being saved. Georgia is a unique missions opportunity in our days since the people and government have become very much pro-American. In contrast to much of the world which seems to be going in an anti-American direction, Georgia has made English their second language, dropped the visa requirement for Americans, named a major street "George Bush Boulevard", and are asking for thousands of Americans to teach English throughout their school system. At the same time, the powerful Orthodox state church is able to exert pressure on local businesses and officials that affects our church planting efforts. Please pray for special enablement for our missionaries and workers who constantly deal with such issues in their communities.

Sam was in Ukraine for the May sessions of our seminary in Kiev that featured the graduation of 16 students. While most of the graduates were from Ukraine, there were also graduates from Russia, Georgia, and Belarus. We continue to have a handful of Iranian students who are eagerly soaking in the doctrines of Scripture. With their help, we have finally completed all of the audio for the Farsi edition of "Hear It Now". This is BIEM's strategic Bible distribution project for restricted nations which features small Mp3 players which contain Scriptures, Gospel message, songs, testimonies and other audio recordings in the heart language of those these players are designed to evangelize. Please pray that the audio players are produced in time for a group of couriers leaving towards the end of June and for listeners to be saved.

This summer we have four different mission groups for the US working with our missionaries overseas. Many of the youth and Bible College students that make up these teams will be working in our summer camps. Pray for souls to be saved and families to be reached through this year's camping program. Another summer mission group will be working with one of our Ukrainian missionaries in a Muslim country where they recently had 40 attend a service. While this attendance and the souls that have been saved are a great blessing, there is concern about the attention that the growing crowds could attract. Please pray for some complicated efforts underway to establish an official organization that would legalize such meetings. Thank-you for partnering with us in the Gospel and may God bless each of you!

The Slobodians

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