



# BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES

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*"He that gathereth in the summer is a wise son..." 1 Corinthians 2:5*

### Dear Pastors and Friends,

Warm greetings again from the Slobodians! We have just returned from Ukraine where we were able to participate in 3 different camps. We rejoice in what God is doing and thank Him for your prayers and support, which make this ministry possible.

We have much to praise God for. We are rejoicing that the financial need for this summers camps we mentioned in our last prayer has been met. Thank-you for your prayers! This is a great blessing and enables us to conduct our full slate of summer camps this year. Amy and the group from Michigan, who came to Ukraine with us, brought a great amount of crafts for the children in the camps we visited. These crafts were for different age groups and not only did the children greatly enjoy them, but parents and camp workers were also thrilled with the items brought. It seems like just the fact that they were from America somehow made them special to these Ukrainian young people.

Other highlights of this trip were being able to attend the dedication of the church in Bilogorodka and the dedication of the rebuilt Drug and Alcohol Rehab Center near Ternopil. Both of these facilities turned out much better than anyone had imagined and both stand out as wonderful testimonies in their communities. Praise God for these two lighthouses each shining brightly in the place God has put them.

Another tremendous answer to prayer was that the container shipment we were so concerned about was released by the Ukrainian customs just in time for the dedication of the new church in Bilogorodka! We had also mentioned this prayer need in our last prayer letter. It was really close but, praise God, we received the chairs just in time to set them up for the dedication service. It would have been really difficult to have a dedication without chairs for people to sit on. Thank-you for praying! For the most part, the new congregation decided to pray not for the chairs to arrive in time for the dedication, but for God to bless the dedication no matter what! But the newly saved construction man we mentioned in our last letter, Brother Vasily, did not pray that way. He simply stated that he was going to pray that the chairs would arrive in time and, when they did, he told everyone that he knew all along that they would!

In May and June, we also had two more Ukrainians visiting churches with us just like we did in March and April. This time it was Igor & Sasha. One is a church planter in Ukraine and the other is a BIEM national missionary in a restricted country. God greatly blessed these meetings as well. Some of you prayed a long time for these two to get their visas. The circumstances of these two men made them the most difficult cases for obtaining visa's we have ever undertaken. It took years and, in one case, was made possible by the intervention of our local congressman here in Indiana. The other case was even more complicated and is too complex to explain in a prayer letter. Let's just say, Praise the Lord that we serve a God who hears and answers prayer and for whom nothing is too hard nor impossible!

In closing, we would like to encourage you to pray much for our camps going on through August. Pray for good weather, safety, and health for the workers and campers and for God to work mightily in the hearts of these young people. Please pray with us for a wonderful harvest of souls this summer.

### *The Slobodians*

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