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"For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." Mark 10:45

Dear Pastors and Friends,

Hello from the Slobodian's! Camp season has finally begun. Months of planning, praying, and preparing have resulted in BIEM sponsoring over 20 summer camps overseas that are conducted by our church planters and ministry partners. Last year, our numbers were down considerably due to the coronavirus. We are hoping that we will bounce back this year even though the virus is still a problem in the areas where we are conducting camps. There is reason to be optimistic since some of our early camps are reporting that more campers are attending than expected. Praise God for these early encouraging signs. Praise God as well for answering a prayer request from our last prayer letter concerning the \$40,000 needed to cover the costs of these camps. We are glad to tell you that this need has been met and we are sincerely grateful for all who contributed.

Our camping programs are certainly a major thrust of our ministry in the summer months, and we have been blessed each summer with hundreds of salvation decisions for the Glory of God as well as other important decisions made at these camps. Please continue to pray for these camps throughout the summer since camps will continue through the month of August. Following are some camp prayer needs:

1. Pray that God will work in the hearts of the campers.
2. Pray that God will give direction and bless the leaders and workers as they share the Gospel.
3. Pray for safety and good health for the campers, leaders, and workers.
4. Many of the campers come from unchurched homes so pray that the parents will be responsive to the follow-up efforts that are conducted after camp.

This summer, for the first time in a long time we have Americans making mission trips to Ukraine to work in some of these summer camps. The war in Eastern Ukraine and the coronavirus prevented Americans from participating in our camps the last few years. However, we are rejoicing that this summer we have 3 groups of Americans, totaling 18 people traveling to work in 4 different camps! Foreign travel is more complicated than before since specific Covid tests within a limited time framework, and medical insurance are now required so please pray that all those planning to travel to participate in camps this summer can complete all the requirements in time.

Finally, please pray concerning our next container shipment to Ukraine planned for this Fall. Due to new restrictions and regulations because of the coronavirus, as well as the change in the government administration, we had to pause our container shipments. This was because the 6 weeks it normally takes for our containers to reach Ukraine after leaving the US is simply not enough time to fulfill all the documentation required by the new restrictions and regulations. This would result in the container being held up at the port city where storage fees are enormous. Our brethren have come up with a plan to avoid this by purchasing a container which we do not normally do. If we own the container, we will have the container number, fumigation certificate, and weight, once the container is loaded which is all that is needed to initiate the process of documentation. Then we would wait until all the documentation is complete before shipping the container, thereby avoiding any storage fees at the port city. Of course, this increases our costs significantly due to the container purchase. Since we are proceeding with this plan, we need at least \$4,000 above the cost of shipping the container for this purchase. However, the Drug and Alcohol Rehab center we have in Ternopil Ukraine is badly in need of storage space and this container would provide more room than what could be built for that amount. Please pray for this plan and for this need. Thank you for your prayers and may God bless you!

The Slobodians