



# BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES

121 Commerce Drive, Suite 50 • Danville, IN 46122 • e-mail: [Missions@BaptistInternational.org](mailto:Missions@BaptistInternational.org)

**January-February 2019**

*"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things." II Cor.9:8*

## Dear Pastors and Friends,

We are thankful for another new year to serve the Lord together with you in this ministry of planting churches through training, equipping and supporting nationals. 2019 marks 38 years of God leading, guiding, and blessing the ministry of BIEM for His glory. There have been plenty of challenges along the way, but we thank God for amazing blessings in every one of those years. We are grateful for each of you who stand with us. We realize that we are not alone in these efforts and cherish your partnership.

In January we were in Kyiv, Ukraine for the winter session of our seminary. Subjects included "Bibliology," "Holiness," "Exegesis," "Hermeneutics," and "Methods of Teaching." We praise the Lord, both for God-fearing instructors and for eager students, who immediately began applying to their personal ministries the things they learn in the Seminary. During the Spring session which will be in May, we are planning a special missions conference that will be incorporated into the school's program but will be open to anyone interested in missions. This conference will focus on the Muslim countries of Central Asia and will feature speakers and instructors who are working in those fields. Students will hear firsthand what God is doing there and what opportunities are currently present. Please pray with us that God will use this event to call missionaries to these needy areas.

After the Seminary sessions in Kyiv I was on the way to the airport to travel to Russia to spend some time with some of our personnel there when we heard that our dear brother in Christ, Pastor Peter Rumachik passed on into glory. Brother Peter was 87 years old and spent the very last days of his life ministering in Shahovskaya with the new church planted there. He preached there that Sunday and spent a lot of time calling on folks with brother Andrei the church planter he recruited for this church. After returning home, he passed away during the night.

We had the wonderful opportunity and privilege of attending the funeral on Saturday February 2nd. It was truly an amazing event attended by hundreds of people and featured a large choir assembled from area churches as well as a brass orchestra. The Friday evening memorial service was 4 hours long. On Saturday the funeral, funeral march through town, grave site service and fellowship meal went from 10 AM til 7 PM. The title of Peter's biography is "A Path Not Lined With Roses." However, the funeral was filled with hundreds and hundreds of roses brought by the many whose lives he touched.

We praise God for the life of this dedicated servant of God who was a blessing and example to all of us. He spent 18.5 years in Soviet prisons and labor camps because of his uncompromising faith in the Lord. Pastor Peter Rumachik played a huge role in our ministry in Russia. Many churches were planted, and church buildings built through the fruitful partnership we had together for many years. Our next *Challenger* will share more about brother Peter. In the meantime, you can view some video and pictures of the funeral from our February monthly video by visiting <https://vimeo.com/316168759>.

Each month we send out a video update about 3 or 4 minutes long. If you are not receiving this via e-mail and would like to, please let us know. May God bless each of you in your service for Him!

## *The Slobodians*

---

Church Planting • Evangelism • Bibles & Literature • Training Nationals

---

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