



# BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES

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*"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth..."Romans 1:16*

**Dear Pastors and Friends,**

Warm greetings from the Slobodian's and we do mean warm since right now we are with Sasha and his family who are serving in a city right on the Mediterranean Sea where it is quite warm. Praise God that in this strictly Muslim land people are open to the Gospel, and God continues to bless this ministry with the fruit of souls. Many times, they baptize converts right in the sea. The strange stares and puzzled looks they draw from some passersbys is nothing compared to the opposition they face from family and friends. Nevertheless, they continue to find those who are willing to follow Christ who in turn share the wonderful news of God's grace and love with others. Right now they are preparing for a special Thanksgiving service. Such special events are a great opportunity to preach the Gospel to the lost since a hall is rented and folks are far more willing to come to such an event rather than where the church normally meets. Please pray that many would come to this meeting and that contact would be established with many of these people which would lead to them coming to a saving faith in Christ.

When we wrote our last prayer letter we were in the middle of preparing to ship a container of aid and church planting equipment to Ukraine, and we asked for prayer that the church that was to receive this shipment would be able to complete the legal work that needed to be done so that they could receive humanitarian aid from abroad. Praise God for answered prayer since this managed to be done just in time to send the container. Thank-you for praying! Now please pray that our folks would be able to successfully clear all of the contents through customs as humanitarian aid. Not a small task at all, so they need wisdom, direction and open hearts on the part of officials.

We also asked for prayer concerning the new trumpet CD Sam was recording in September featuring Christmas music that we hoped to release in October. Praise God the recording is now completed and has been released to the CD manufacturers who will soon have it ready for shipment. Very soon, maybe by the time you receive this prayer letter there will be a link on our website ([BaptistInternational.org](http://BaptistInternational.org)) where folks can listen to samples and place orders. Please pray that this recording would be a blessing to many. Other answers to prayer is that out of over 3,000 children and teens who attended Christian summer camps in multiple countries, 1,019 are known to have made professions of repentance and faith in Christ! We are also rejoicing

For several years BIEM has operated a good-sized facility in a restricted country that serves several functions. Besides housing the missionary family and a church which has been established, it is in a location that can be used for meetings and sessions with our personnel from nearby restricted countries. Since it is located in a beautiful tourist area it is also used as a place our folks who serve under stress and persecution can relax, decompress and be ministered to. Finally, this facility has been designated as our "safe house" in the event we need to evacuate anyone from a dangerous situation. Due to years of wear and tear and some pretty major requirements the local government has placed upon the buildings in our development we need at least \$25,000 to repair and update this facility. Please pray that God would supply this need through His people.

Finally, please continue to pray for our 7 year old grandson Noah who had a heart transplant at 12 weeks old and has constantly faced daunting medical challenges. He has contracted the BK virus which is now in his bloodstream and the treatments the specialists are administering are not producing the results hoped for. The situation has become very serious. Please pray that they can find a way to defeat this virus. Thank-you for reading this letter and for standing with us in prayer in the service of our Lord!

***The Slobodians***

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