



BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES

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"We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you." Col.1:3

Dear Pastors and Friends,

Greetings once again from the Slobodians! We are grateful for each of you who remember us in prayer. As we kneel together, it is a privilege to be partners with you in the work God is doing in Russia and Eastern Europe.

In September, we were in Ukraine for the fall sessions of our seminary in Kiev. This session, we once again had students from the country of Georgia where BIEM missionaries, Charles and Nina Hoblitz are doing a great work. They are in the process of starting a similar school in that country. Please pray for this important expansion. This session, a couple of our Russian missionaries from St. Petersburg, Vitaly Keller and Oleg Vladyko taught classes as well as brother Duane Hansen, a long time friend of BIEM from Harvest Baptist Church in South Carolina. We also visited Bila Tserkva, where BIEM missionary Bruce Tuttle operates International Baptist Bible College which is a full-time residential school, a rarity in that part of the world where almost all theological training is done through modular sessions where students attend classes for two week periods 3 or 4 times a year.

We are thankful for all of our BIEM schools which have successfully produced over 300 graduates serving in over 70 locations in Ukraine, Russia and other countries. The students who arrive in these locations present wonderful opportunities to reach souls and plant churches. In Kiev we have recently been blessed with a handful of Iranian students who are part of an Iranian refugee community in Ukraine. It has been a blessing to help them with a couple of their Iranian projects as they have established an Iranian church in Kiev. They have been instrumental in helping us with the Farsi edition of a program BIEM missionaries have launched for distributing the Word of God into restricted countries. We would be glad to give you more information about this program by contacting our office.

We praise God for outstanding progress on the Serviceman's Center being established on the military base in Ukraine. We just had our fifth mission team construction group work on this project. This group included men from South Carolina, Pennsylvania and one from Canada. Along with some dry walling, carpentry and a lot of painting, this hard working group laid ceramic tiles and installed wood flooring in most of the Center. We praise God for an excellent response to the financial need which has enabled us to proceed with the gas line and furnaces which are currently being installed in time to heat the facility for the winter.

Brother Igor, our director for this ministry has made significant inroads on the base. The commander is allowing him to meet weekly with all new recruits and he has managed to have regular meetings in two public schools on the base where the children of officers are educated. A need for this ministry right now is to furnish the completed kitchen with appliances as well as other furniture and equipment needs. For example, in the recreation hall we need items such as ping pong, pool, foosball and air hockey tables. We are asking for donations of such items so that we can load them on a container shipment for Ukraine. We also need \$7,000 to cover the cost of our next container shipment.

Thank you for your part in these efforts as the Gospel is being lifted up, souls are being saved and lives are changing for the glory of God. May God encourage you in your work for Him!

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