



## BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES

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*"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men." Colossians 3:23*

### Dear Pastors and Friends,

Hello from the Slobodians! In this prayer letter, we are glad to share with you what the Lord has been doing in this ministry made possible through the prayer and support of God's people. During the months of September and October we were truly blessed by God's wonderful hand.

During all of September we were still receiving reports from camp directors and leaders from our 2017 summer camping program that included over 20 different camps conducted by our church plants and ministry partners overseas. It took most of October to translate and compile them into our 2017 Summer Camp Report. When everything was tallied up we were amazed at the results. 3,614 children and teens attended this year's camps! These reports relate that 677 campers (and a few parents!) made specific decisions regarding repenting and asking the Lord to save them. Praise God! This 2017 camp report that includes many pictures and testimonies is available upon request.

In the middle of September we were in Ukraine for the Fall session of the seminary in Kiev. It was a blessing to see some more new students from the war zone in the East. Normally the students and their churches cover the transportation costs of attending our sessions. However since the war has impoverished these Eastern regions, we cover the costs for these students. Therefore training nationals is an area where funds are needed to help cover the costs for these students.

Later in September we were glad to host a couple of our Russian church planters, Pavel Rumachik and Andrei Yudinsev. In October, we were glad to welcome a couple of our Ukrainian church planters, Eugene Buyko and Igor Fomichov. All these men were warmly received and greatly encouraged by the churches they were able to speak in. Likewise these churches were blessed to hear firsthand from the field.

Our Ukrainian brethren were on hand on October 14 when we loaded a forty-foot container bound for Ukraine. Praise God for all the donated items we have received for this shipment, which included a complete set of pews, 350 folding chairs, a pulpit, two pianos and 60 tables. Along with clothing, medical supplies and sports equipment, these items will be a great blessing for new churches in Ukraine who share with the needy in their communities thereby lifting up their testimony in their areas. Praise God for the volunteers who helped load. We were also thankful for the forklift that came with them since this particular shipment included some very heavy items. Please pray for safe passage of this shipment and for our Ukrainian brethren as they work through all the bureaucracy involved in clearing this container through customs. Sending this shipment significantly depletes our container shipment funds so funds are needed for this purpose.

May God bless and encourage each of you as you work and walk with Him. We are thankful for your part in this ministry.

### *The Slobodians*

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