



## BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES

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### September-October 2012

*"O Lord, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants." Nehemiah 1:10*

#### Dear Praying Friends,

We are thankful for each of you who partner with us in our missionary work through prayer and support. It is a privilege for us to see God's blessing in giving so many opportunities to preach the Gospel.

While this all keeps us busy we know that if God does not bless our efforts, nothing happens no matter how hard we try. Therefore, as we see souls saved and churches not only being established but now even planting second generation churches, we are deeply grateful for so many who consistently pray for us.

In September Sam was in Ukraine for our Fall session of training nationals in Kiev, Ukraine. Praise God for several new students including some from neighboring Belarus who came from two different churches our national church planters have established. We are thankful for the men who were willing to travel to Ukraine and invest in those preparing for Christian ministry. Joining us for this session were Pastor Ron Groschel from Minnesota, Brother Duane Hansen from S. Carolina, Pastor Audrius Sinkevicius from Lithuania and Sam's brother-in-law and nephew from Missouri, Pastor Rick and Matthew Shrader. After these sessions the Shraders traveled to our Cypress Training Center for a teaching session for pastors from Russia.

In the entire month of October we are hosting one of our missionaries from Ukraine, Vitaly Sychov. It has been a blessing to travel with him reporting to churches who have been blessed by his testimony and ministry report. Brother Sychov is the man whom God used to plant a church on the military base in Ukraine. At our BIEM board meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup>, we appointed 7 new national missionaries, 4 in Central Asia, 2 in Ukraine, 1 in Belarus. We praise God for willing workers, but this also becomes a prayer request for the support needed for these men as well as the 3 appointed in Latin America, earlier this year.

This Fall board meeting marked 30 years of our missionary service with BIEM since we were appointed as BIEM's first missionaries in the Fall board meeting of 1982. We praise God for these wonderful years and are deeply grateful for so many of you who have so faithfully stood with us in prayer and support over these 30 years. Praise God for his mercy, goodness, and faithfulness!

Speaking of God's mercy, goodness and faithfulness we are so blessed to report that Noah our grandson continues to do very well. He is a very happy and growing boy! Each month the doctor's at Riley hospital do a heart biopsy to check for any signs of rejection of his new heart. Praise God for the good reports the doctors give each month. We are very grateful for your continued prayers for Noah. May God bless each of you in your walk and service for Him!

### *The Slobodians*

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