



The Levtseniuks in Lviv, Ukraine

1st Quarter Report, 2020

January/February

Greetings to you, dear brothers and sisters of the BIEM mission!

A huge thank-you to you for your love toward my family! And for helping us to live, supporting us spiritually and materially and in praying for us. That is very precious. As a young pastor, I understood that it's important to thank our God for everything, to rejoice in everything, even if it's very hard in ministry. Each day, we feel your prayers. More than once we have said at church that there is a large number of people in America praying for us. Each time, they are pleasantly amazed.

Life in Lviv is very interesting. Since we live near the church, we gladly receive guests. A female missionary came to fellowship with us. There have been guests from Zaporozhe, from eastern Ukraine, and from Belarus. We love guests; therefore, we are waiting for you to come and visit! Our church had a funeral for sister Nadezhda, who was one of the first members of our congregation. She was a very good woman, so many people attended. And it turned out to be an evangelistic funeral. Many unbelievers heard about Christ.

We are still meeting with pastors of the city of Lviv. We pray and read together, and we plan ways that we as a church can help our city. God is good. He performs His miracles even in our present day.

One family came to Lviv to visit their parents from Germany. And their little son who is 4 fell ill with a serious case of pneumonia. When [at the hospital] they began pumping fluid out of the lungs, the surgeon told these parents that their child would not live. They telephoned me and asked that I come to the recovery room to pray over their son Milan. I went and was allowed to see the boy. I prayed, and immediately a mother came to me and asked that I pray for her daughter, who was dying. When I approached the second bed where this little girl was lying, I couldn't hold back my tears. Her mother said to me, "If God doesn't heal my daughter, then I'll do away with myself!" I told her that I would not pray until she asked God's forgiveness for





saying such words. The mother repented. Together, we prayed for the healing of her daughter. So, we had evangelism in the recovery room. Please pray that this girl will recover and that she and the mother will come to church.

But what happened with the boy, Milan, that is a great miracle that the Lord did. As a testimony to all the doctors and the church, he fully recovered! God heard our prayer and answered. Let us rejoice together. What a joy, when we can be of benefit. Two months have passed since that young family was in the hospital. Considering his condition at the time, this is a very short period of time. Our God did a miracle! My wife and I visited them in the hospital, brought food, encouraged them. Today they are already at home. Thank God!!!

I visited my brother in the city of Dubno (he is a pastor of the church) to help him repair his house. It was also a blessing to me to serve my brother as I could!

We prayed and received an automobile. God listened to us, and we bought a car. Thank you for taking on a special role in this blessing. My whole family thanks you! Thank you so much for praying for our Salvation Baptist Church. A young man by the name of Yan repented and declared his desire for baptism. There are still other people who have not repented but will soon come before God in repentance. Please continue to pray for these individuals: Volodya, Katerina, Mikhail, Roman, Olya. And pray for our group with unbelievers.



Please pray that right after Easter we can begin repairs on the church building. We had planned only a warm floor, but we will make repairs and redevelop rooms, such as making the kitchen bigger, and we want to add more restrooms, plus showers for guests who are rushing to the airport and for the camp teams. Please pray that we will find for these the money, which we don't have enough of. Praise God, our church members are taking part in this. We are praying to complete these repairs before children's camp. We're planning the camp for August. For Easter, we are planning a meeting with children and parents from the war zone in the east. We want to hold a theatrical presentation and distribute gifts to the children. Please pray for our plans! God loves His church and is adding saved souls. Praise be to Him! And please continue to pray for our family.

We thank God for you, our friends and coworkers and prayer partners. God bless you!

March

Greetings to you, brothers and sisters of the BIEM mission! Peace to you!

This is an appropriate greeting at this time. We thank God for His perfect love to us! It gives us the right not to fear everything that is happening in the world! Huge thanks to you for your support, dear coworkers. Your prayers are not in vain before the God. The Lord loves us and our family and uses us for His glory!

Here's a little about our lives during this month in Lviv.

We're very glad when brothers and sisters from other churches visit us. Visitors came from Rovno. It was nice to worship our Lord together. Guests also visited from Lviv, a family with many children. They participated in our service. Our young brother Yan shared his testimony of how he came to the Lord. Sister Zoryana, who travels to Nepal for missionary ministry and for whom we pray and support, came to us despite the virus, and gave testimony of that ministry.



It's interesting to share with you how God opened the door for yet another ministry. Friends who come to us for Bible studies bought us memberships to a gymnasium. I was astonished and prayed to the Lord, asking, "Why do I need this?" But God had a plan to save a man, a trainer named Nazar! We met him at the gym back before there was any quarantine, and I was able to witness to him. He was seeking the Lord, and I began inviting him to our Bible study group. For a long time, he didn't come, but he and I met one-on-one, talked, read the Bible, and I answered his questions. He's a physically strong man. He has taken part in athletic competitions, but he was weak in spirit. And when I told him about repenting, about how to come to God through repentance, he wanted to repent of his sins! We prayed together. It was wonderful. There is a quarantine, no people, but the two of us knelt in the church together and prayed and cried. It was genuine repentance. In quarantine, the Lord powerfully works through us, through believers!

Several pastors signed up on the official site for the city of Lviv to serve the city. The site is called, Lviv's Angels. I, too, have joined in this ministry. We drive doctors to work and pick them up again. We also drive donors to give blood, we deliver food to pensioners who can't leave their apartments to buy it. Most important, we give a New Testament to all of these people. God is enlarging His harvest field! We must serve the Lord, nothing fearing. Everything in our lives is by the Lord's will.

Pray for our group with unbelievers, which is growing, praise God! Please continue to pray for the following people: Volodya, Katerina, Mikhail, Ivanka, Roman, Olya, and Nazar. We meet with them online.

Thanks be to the Lord for everything. Thanks again for the computer you gifted to us. We are now using it! Thank you once again for the car, which we couldn't have purchased without you.

May the Lord preserve you and your families! Blessings from God be to you!!! You are our family, friends, coworkers, and prayer supporters. We love you!

Always yours,
Yuri, Violetta, Aaron,
Benjamin, and Elizabeth

