



The Levtseniuks in Lvov, Ukraine

2nd Quarter Report, 2020

April

Greetings to you, brothers and sisters associated with the BIEM ministry! Grace to you, and peace, from our Lord Jesus Christ!

Thank you very much for the sincere prayers of our beloved friends! We praise the Lord for you. God is good to us.

Throughout the course of this whole quarantine, my family and church have been totally healthy. The Lord used us during this time, which has been difficult for everyone. In our city, the name of the Lord Jesus Christ was glorified through the ministry of

“Lvov’s Angels.” This is a divinely appointed time, which we must use, and it won’t be repeated. A large number of medical personnel were evangelized. Many gospels were distributed. Doctors received the Word of God like never before! Violetta and I still transport doctors from the nearest villages to work. And this is effective, because it gives us a whole hour to talk about Christ with them. Please pray for the village of Tulygolovy, which is 50 kilometers from Lvov. People have already asked that we come to them even after the quarantine, and I’m thinking of



organizing a Bible study group there. Pray that this would develop.

For us, it was a great blessing when young people came to us from the Bethany church in the city of Dubno to help us clean in the church building, on the second floor, in the auditorium, where we will meet while reconstruction work is being done on the ground floor. Praise God, the quarantine is already passing!



Our prayer meeting was shown online, via Zoom. On Sunday I recorded a sermon and we had fellowship in a chat. We also have small groups with unbelievers by chat. But, regardless of quarantine, both believers and unbelievers come to us every day since we live at the church. Praise God, we are preparing for a baptism! If the Lord allows, we will have new members in the church. We rejoice so much when people repent. Thank you for your prayers.

Please, don't forget to pray for our church, which is still young. Pray for the children's camp that we are planning, but still haven't been able to set dates for. God will direct! Pray for our group that has recently come to the Lord, and also for those who haven't yet repented. These are Mikhail, Yekaterina, Ivanna, Nazar, Roman, and Olga. Pray for me, that God will give me wisdom as I gather a team of workers to do repair work in the prayer house. Our family thanks the Lord for you, our dear ones, for your prayerful and material support. We also pray for you! Be blessed of the Lord!

May

Greetings to you, brothers and sisters of the BIEM mission! Grace to you, and peace, from our Lord Jesus Christ!

Thank you very much for your prayers! We truly feel them. The Lord is with us, and He is using my family for His glory! Thanks be to God for our church, which is growing both spiritually and in quantity. There is a family that has begun coming, and they are already helping in the ministry. We rejoice, because yet another young family wishes to become members of the church. They also serve alongside us.

In a past letter I told about a young man preparing for baptism. This is my trainer in the gym, for whom you also have prayed. His name is Nazar. God is doing miracles with the small groups. We pray and we wait, as we study the Scriptures, for the time when other members of the group ("with unbelievers") will repent and be baptized. Please continue to pray for our Salvation Baptist Church and about the group with unbelievers, Ivanka, Mikhail, Yekaterina, and Nazar (who is preparing for baptism).

Right now, I have much discipleship work. Pray for the Lord to give me wisdom to help people to grow spiritually. Pray about a young man named Yana, who has expressed his desire to be baptized. God gave me the chance to organize a Tuesday group of young men, who are supposed to come punctually at 7:00 a.m. We pray, and we study the character of Jesus Christ. These young guys are accountable by their own will. Praise God, they are growing spiritually as they strengthen physically. They will be good ministers. We have already started repair work [on the church building], and our young



brothers are helping in this. Brothers from the city of Dubno are coming to assist. We had planned on doing only the heating, but so much is getting accomplished that we will do repairs in the auditorium, and we will add toilets and a shower, a toilet for those with disabilities, and a baptistry. Rather than buying benches, we will buy chairs so that they can be gathered easily for whatever kind of event.

At the moment, an architect is creating blueprints for the lower level. In order to add a restroom, we'll need to move the electric network. Everything will need to be paid for. Pray that we will have the funds for everything! I'm already a little concerned, since I'm the one who is answerable for this repair work. We must finish before the winter weather. There's not enough money since we also want to hold a day camp. Unsaved kids are waiting for it, and I don't want to lose the opportunity of evangelizing children due to the quarantine. Please pray about this, too. I'll be having a conversation with the local authorities about holding a camp. I'm acquainted with a few of them, including the mayor of the city himself. This is a result of our desire to help the city of Lvov [during the pandemic], when we provided free transportation to work for the doctors. The mayor himself sent me a note of appreciation! But we rejoice that we didn't get sick, since we were driving doctors who were with coronavirus patients. Praise be to the Almighty for this! I hope that these acquaintances will serve us in the privatization of the land where the church stands. We are no longer driving doctors officially. At the conclusion of this mission, all of us who were partakers in "Lvov's Angels" shared a delicious cake. It was pleasant sharing how God had given the opportunity to talk to these doctors about Christ during the coronavirus!

Praise God; He is building our church!

Our dear friends, please continue to pray for us; we also pray for you! We love you!

June

Hello, brothers and sisters of the BIEM mission!!! Grace to you, and peace, from our Lord Jesus Christ!

"Much prayer, much power!" Our family knows about, believes in, and feels your prayers for us and our ministry in God's harvest field in our city of Lvov! We sincerely thank you for your material and spiritual support. A little about our missionary lives...

In Lvov, there is only one church of our brotherhood, and that one is ours. However, we are friends with all of the Baptist churches. So, we gather each month for a joint prayer for our city. And this last time our church hosted the city's pastors here in our building. They really enjoyed it here. We enjoyed good fellowship. On occasion, pastors visit us in order to preach. This is special for us. We continue to hold a group for unbelievers in our home. And despite the fact that we live in the church, they come here to study the Scriptures.

At the moment, everything is in disorder in our church building. We had planned on putting in only heated flooring. But it was decided that we also needed to do repairs and redevelopment, toilets for the disabled, a shower, plumbing, new water supply, and to run heating into our apartment, since we heat it with electricity, and electricity costs twice as much.



You are helping us so much! We thank God for you, for your ministry, which we are conducting along with you. This is our joint project. We still need financial assistance. Praise God, our church members are likewise sacrificing very much financially. They learned from you to give sacrificially. This has served as a good lesson. But we need to complete all the repairs before cold weather, since we are currently meeting in the upstairs area, where we have done some temporary repairs in order to have a place to meet. The toilets are disconnected, so they're not in service. Please

pray that we will soon be able to complete the drainpipes and stools. And for the all the repairs in general!

We have accepted into the church a family from Donetsk. They began attending here after God healed their grandson, Milan, about whom we prayed. Another family, the Karnaushenkos, has come as missionaries to help us. We thank God that we can labor together. We are growing. May the Lord give us a baptism. Pray for those who are studying and preparing for baptism.

We are using a birthday for evangelism. We're inviting neighbors, unbeliever friends. Even during the repairs, we're trying not to slow down the spiritual labor. Every Thursday at 3 pm, in the city we're engaged in teen evangelism for those with no home, who are hungry both spiritually and physically. Some of them already are coming to church.



One woman named Maria wanted to go into a [Christian] rehabilitation center, and we drove her there. She is very joyful there. We pray for her, that she will accept the Lord. Pray with us, and for us in our "Salvation Baptist Church," and for our family. Since I'm involved in the repair work every day, I need a lot of spiritual strength in order to help the church spiritually.

It's great to know that friends and coworkers are praying for us. These are God's people, who are so far away from us, but who feel so close! Thanks be to the Lord for you! We wait for you to come and visit!

Abide with God!

Always yours,

Yuri, Violetta, Aaron, Benjamin, Elizabeth