



## The Levtseniuks in Ternopil, Ukraine

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report, 2021

#### May

Greetings to you, brothers and sisters associated with the BIEM mission! Grace to you, and peace, from our Lord Jesus Christ! We sincerely thank you for the prayers and material support. This month was not easy. But the Lord is blessing us, thanks to your prayers. Following is a little about our blessings.

We had guests here for the Easter holiday. Our friends, the Ivash family, came here from Kiev. We also had the pastor from Rovno with a team that took part in the service. A guest pastor was here from Lvov's central Baptist church. There were students visiting from the Lvov seminary. They sang very well and played on instruments. They also shared testimonies. Another guest pastor was here from the Far East of Russia, and he shared a message from the Word of God. A family from Dubno also visited us. Simply put, this has been a season for guests, and we are glad for that. I always pray to the Lord that we will receive guests well and that we will always have resources to do that. This is not unimportant! We would also like to see you come here as guests, dear friends, so that you can see how God is working in our church, thanks to your support!

It was a great blessing to take a trip to a conference held in the city of Rovno, and we took our teens with us. Now these teens are in our church team, where we meet regularly on Tuesdays at 7 a.m., along with adults. Praise God for the groups with unbelievers, which our brothers and sisters are leading. There are results. People are coming to the Lord through repentance.



The Lord gave me an opportunity to teach in seminary. My oldest son Aaron has already finished 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and since he did well, he has been transitioned to middle school. As his parents, we rejoice at this! Our youngest, Benjamin, goes to first grade. As I have already told you, we would like to create a kindergarten in our church, and we would like for our little daughter Liza to attend that. This is for everyone interested, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

I also cannot hold back from sharing with you, my prayer warrior friends, what happened with one very influential person who is named Sergei. As a family, we were driving along the Lviv bypass, when suddenly we saw a terrible sight: an SUV went flying through the air, and another car was in a ditch. I stopped in the middle of the road with this scene right in front of us. I asked my family to pray, and I quickly ran toward the accident. I pulled the victim out through

the hatch of the car, since the car was lying on its side. I performed first aid, and it was a miracle, because it's not realistic to expect that he could survive. I spoke with this man while the police and ambulance were coming. He only had grazes and a torn ear. I also talked with the police and ambulance workers. Together, we thanked God that everything worked out! He had caused the accident when he passed out. He asked me to accompany him to the hospital, where they sewed on his ear. Then the victim's son also arrived. We returned home to church at 1 a.m., drank tea, prayed, and thanked God for the miracle. It turned out that that man is believer, but his son is not. His son saw it was a miracle that his father survived. There was a reevaluation of values that night. That's what they said! They saw that we have an unfinished renovation, and they blessed the church with \$5,000. Especially for me, this was a huge blessing, since that very day I had been fasting before the Lord, asking that God would give us funds for repairs. They stated it was necessary to roll their car to help us with repairs! God works in our life! Thanks for the prayers!



Naturally, more money is needed to finish the first floor of the church. Also, the work with children needs finances since the money is going to building repairs. We already have an almost new church with new people! People come; young families with little kids come. We had prayers for the blessing of children at a service. Parents bring their kids for the church to bless.

It was also interesting how our policeman, who repented, came with his commander during a service to greet the church. God is working in our church! Keep praying!



Our sisters had parties for our pregnant women, and they also invited non-believing mothers. It's another way of evangelism.

There's a young family that comes to our services. The husband is black, and the wife is white, and they have a very beautiful child. They enjoy our services. Much more could be said about what is happening in our church. Keep praying for us, for our church. My wife is about to give birth. I want everything to be on time, especially since camp is coming up. And we live in the church building, so we have practically no life of our own. I wish my wife to always be in spiritual frame of mind and not exhausted. Please pray for this.

Pray for those who wanted to be baptized (Ivan, Vladimir and Ira, Vladimir, Inna). Thank you so much for your collaboration!

Always yours,  
Yuri, Violettochka, Aaron, Benjamin, Elizabeth ... and the Lord will give birth to Martochka!

## June & July

I greet you, brothers and sisters associated with the BIEM mission!

Grace to you, and peace, from our Lord Jesus Christ! We sincerely thank you for your prayerful and material support!

This summer was extremely hot, both in the physical sense and in the spiritual one. We felt your prayerful support. Thank you very much! Here is a little about our life and the life of our church.

Our expert in construction, who was working in the church, tore the ligaments in one leg, so naturally he went home and couldn't complete the reconstruction. For me, this was a trial. I ended up having to do much myself. There was little time to prepare for camp. Still, we prepared even though I had no energy.

We really like it when guests visit us. And the pastor from Dubno and his wife came to visit. Also, friends from the city of Vinnitsa. There was a guest from a local church. All of them preached. This was a blessed time. And it was a blessing for us when a young couple asked me to pray for them and their marriage. They are Catholic. But they came to me for instruction. They weren't interested in having the Catholic church bless them! They were very glad, and we are praying for their repentance. Praise God!

There was another blessing when my friends from the city of Rovno created new kitchen furniture themselves and brought it here! Now we are using all of it to the glory of our Lord.

In our church we have a terrific guy by the name of Yan. He's been following the Lord for one year. My wife and I happened to visit the apartment where he lives with his two other brothers and his mother. We were shocked at the conditions they live in. So some other men from the church and I decided to do some cosmetic improvements for them. We have already done their kitchen, and we gave them our previous kitchen furniture, which is still in good shape. They are very glad. To this day, the mother continues to come to our church, and Yan's older brother is planning to be baptized. Hallelujah!

It was a great joy when our daughter Marta was born. It was truly a blessing. When the doctor told me wife that the baby was in the wrong position and he would need to perform a Caesarean delivery, I asked the Lord to position our child correctly. God gave me perfect peace that our baby would be born the normal way. However, the doctor declared that we must be realists and prepared for the operation. I told my wife to remain calm, that she will give birth herself. It was simply a miracle that, when we came for a follow-up examination, the doctor exclaimed, "He's in the right position!" I told him that our God had done a miracle, and he recognized that. Praise the Lord!



We received missionaries visiting from Brazil. That was a blessed meeting! Their family name is Arshulik.



The summer camp too place! Thank you for the support! In our church we have few children or youth, but now there are some unbelievers who will no doubt repent and serve the Lord. Since the camp ended, we are continuing to meet with them every Sunday. At 3:00 we have children, and at 5:00 we have teens and youth. Please pray that they will stick with the church. One Sunday evening we were sitting with the young people in the churchyard when suddenly a strong blew in and swept away our food and tent and ruined

them. Everyone got frightened. Praise God, we were not hurt!

Then we had other guests from a local church. They sang praise to the Lord and preached. We love to receive guests.

Another big blessing was the arrival of my own brother, Benjamin, from the Far East, where he lives in Khabarovsk. He prayed over our daughter Marta and blessed her.

In September we plan to have a baptism. Seven people have a desire, but if the Lord so allows, five of them will be baptized. A policeman's family will be baptized. Ivan, the disabled man for whom we prayed, repented and wanted to be baptized in the hospital, can't regain consciousness and is dying. But I believe that he will go to be with our loving Lord! Please pray that he will no suffer long since he has many physical ailments. Our family has done all we can for him, thanks be to God.

Dear friends, I want to say that, if it weren't for your prayers, we wouldn't be able to accomplish any of the things that getting done. And there is so much more to do. Please pray for us. All of our family has had the flu, and we're struggling to recover. But that, too, is from our loving Lord.

We want to do a new project, which is working with preschoolers. We want to allow unbeliever parents to leave their kids with us from 9:00 to 2:00. And then we can celebrate some holidays for the parents and kids. This would be a good form of evangelism. Please pray. And if you have a chance to support this ministry materially, then we will be thankful. May the Lord bless you!

Always yours,

Yura, Violetta, Aaron, Benjamin, Elizabeth, and Marta