



## **The Levtseniuks in Lviv, Ukraine**

### **4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report, 2022**

#### **October**

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

Thank you so much for being in our lives. You really help us survive this war. It is hard for children to endure air raid alarms. There is chaos in schools every day. Children often sit in a shelter. As a pastor, you need to be engaged in counseling not only in your family, but also with the church. Keep praying for us.

We lived in a hotel for 2 months while the apartment in the church was being renovated. Praise the Lord, we are no longer crowded. We can invite groups, host guests. Praise God, small groups still gather for the study of the Scriptures and continue their activities. We had a big holiday for the church, a baptism. Pray for Natasha, a woman who was also supposed to be baptized, but it was clear she was not ready. She continues to study Scripture with us in the group. The time will come.

In hospitals, we visit patients who are seriously injured. One of them is Andrew; pray for him. He is very close to the Lord. We pray for his repentance. Pray also for the families from Kharkiv. They are still unbelievers. They came to us at the beginning of the war. They no longer smoke. We study the Scriptures together. They liked our church, they are looking to rent an apartment here in Lviv. We need to help them a little while they find a job. Thank God for your help. Today we have 3 refugee families living in our church. Almost every day we have a someone spend a night or two with us as they are traveling abroad or from the border. Every day, the doors of our church are open to everyone. This is our ministry. We thank God that we have the honor to serve Him. We have received 3,000 refugees.

Despite the war, we celebrated the 100th anniversary of Baptism in Lviv in the Lviv Central Church. We prayed for Ukraine, for the end of the war, and for wisdom concerning what each of us who did not leave Ukraine should do.

We also ordained Brother Ivashko to the deacon ministry in our Salvation Church. This is already a help for me. May God bless. God is building His church. Thank you for your prayers.

Now we visit shelters for children with autism, disabled people... Continue to pray for us, and we will take care of these children. There are 250 of them. Thanks for all the help you provide us. Thank you so much; God will reward you, I firmly believe in this. For your money, we feed refugees here in the church, we make them a warm shelter. We buy food for the shelter with whom we work spiritually. Thank God that His name is glorified through us and you, my spiritual family, dear friends of the BIEM mission.

Always yours,  
Yura, Violetta, Aaron, Benjamin, and Martha

### **November/December**

Greetings, brothers and sisters of the BIEM mission. Grace to you and peace from our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you so much for your prayerful and financial support. This month was very difficult, as winter came and after the bombing of power plants, they began to turn off the electricity. We prayed for a chance to buy a generator. And God answered our prayers. Thank you very much. You bought us a generator. When the lights are turned off, then we turn on the generator and people who walk near the church and the neighbors see that no matter what happens, the believers gather to study the Scriptures and hold clubs for teenagers. The boiler is also powered by a generator. With it, we cook food, and refugees live in the church, as well as my family. Praise God, we have had good evangelism. There were neighboring families. They listened carefully. They really liked it.

Thank God, we are visited by local preachers, brothers with whom we are friends. Despite the war time, people come and want to do something for the Lord. Some have left the country. But the Lord gives new people. Now in our church the teen ministry and discipleship groups have gone well. Unbelievers come to church. God blesses. Now in the church there is one family that came from Kharkiv. They ran away from the war from Donetsk. Now they have fled here from Kharkiv. They are still unbelievers. They said that the first reason they want to live in Lviv is because they love the church. But I believe that soon they will love the Lord, too. They want us to help them rent an apartment, using some of their money and some of ours. I believe that it is the will of God that they live in Lviv. Because they should be in a Bible study group. They must be believers. Because it is worth any money. I believe that God will give them, and we will rent a place for them. We already have no room in the church apartments. Praise the Lord, He has given us such friends, that I can simply talk about our needs, problems, experiences, and our pains ...

There is also another family from Berdyansk. A mother who collected her dismembered daughter by body parts. The daughter was killed and dismembered by the Russians while they mocked. It is impossible to listen without tears to the stories of mothers telling what happened to them when they were under occupation. I think I will interview her, and she will tell a terrible story from her life in the first person. Thank God that I can work spiritually with this family and help with food and everything necessary. The whole family is already coming to worship services. They are very attentive listeners of the Word of God.

Please pray. We want to hold a Christmas service for orphans, refugees, and give them gifts. Pray that we have enough funds to organize such a project. You are always our blessing. Thank you so much for being with us. We love you, we pray for you!

Always yours,

Yura, Violetta, Aaron, Benjamin, Elizabeth, Martha