

BIEM's of Light

Monthly praises and prayer requests from:

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Praises – Rejoice with us!

- ❖ As you know, we at BIEM have been doing what we can to provide war relief for Ukraine. **Praise God, we have now distributed more than one million dollars of war relief aid!** Look for more details in our upcoming issue of our newsletter, *The Challenger*. (You can also view videos about distributions on our website – BaptistInternational.org – by clicking “View Video Updates.”)
- ❖ With your help, BIEM was able to purchase \$250,000 worth of electrical generators for Ukraine. These provided crucial light, heat, and electricity for cooking, for phones, and other applications. Praise God!
- ❖ The economic sanctions placed on Russia have the side effect of creating complications for BIEM as we endeavor to deliver funds there for ministry. But God has provided ways, for which we thank Him.
- ❖ Our relief activities, which include sharing the Gospel and distributing New Testaments, have created an opportunity to plant a new church with a core group of believers in Nezhylovychi. (This is slightly west of Bucha, and likewise suffered atrocities during the occupation.) Now a basic building for the new church is available to purchase for \$10,000. Although this is also a prayer request, it's a huge reason to praise the Lord, who goes before us and opens doors of opportunity!

Prayer – Pray with us!

- ❖ In December, we shared how Misha, the nephew of a BIEM missionary couple, survived numerous battles and put his faith in Christ. He is being sent to the frontlines in Bakhmut, alias “the meat grinder.” The family asks, “Please pray for him to stand strong in Christ and to return safely after the war.”
- ❖ A year into the war, we rejoice that souls come to Christ, but our hearts break at the countless tragedies and continuing destruction. Continue praying for the salvation of souls (on both sides of the border), and please continue giving to our War Relief Fund to glorify God through acts of Christian compassion.
- ❖ On March 1, Sasha Petrenko plans to lead another relief distribution trip to Donbas. There will be three vehicles loaded with food, warm clothing, batteries, and other supplies going nearly to the war front for soldiers in need. Please pray for their safety and for God to open hearts to the Gospel.

In last week's update, we shared that an opportunity to plant a new church has arisen in a town near Hostomel. This opportunity is more fruit from our relief activities, which include sharing the Gospel and distributing Bibles. Now a building for this new church has become available to purchase for \$10,000. Please pray for these funds to come in so we can proceed with this project.

Dear friends, the invasion of Ukraine compels BIEM to take extraordinary measures. Please log onto our website, BaptistInternational.org, for information on BIEM's War Relief Efforts. Thank you!

“... Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel.” Mark 16:15



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