



The Levtseniuks in Lviv, Ukraine

Quarter Report, 2023

July

Greetings, brothers, and sisters of the BIEM mission. Thank you very much for your kind hearts. There are no words to express our true gratitude for the prayers you offer for us, the amount of care, friendship, love, which surprise us every time. We pray for you, and we believe that God will reward you a hundredfold.

Your financial support is always on time.

This is truly an undeserved blessing. Thank you very much.

We have a great desire to tell you about us and our service to the Lord. I continue to visit men in the hospital who are missing limbs, arms, legs... I help doctors wash festering wounds and make bandages because I have a medical education. This gives me the green light to be around such men, and most importantly, to tell them about Jesus Christ. While I was still in the hospital, my new non-believing friend called me. He is a massage therapist, whom I met when he was giving me a massage, exercising discs that had slipped during the renovation in the church building, which we started on the second floor (this will be the main auditorium), and he said he really wanted to talk to me. It was a miracle, because I was in the hospital where he was lying with his wife after a serious accident. And the most important thing is that I saw this accident with my own eyes and prayed that whoever it was in the car would remain alive... and it was them, our friends. We talked with them for a long time; they had a separate ward. They are very pious, they asked very deep questions. And God gave me wisdom to answer them. At the end of our conversation, they said they need to radically change their lives. Our God does miracles. They understand that only the Lord could save them during that accident. Pray for Yuri's family. I believe that they will convert to the Lord.



Thank you very much for your prayers for the youth camp, which took place blessedly. We needed it because for the first time we went outside our church with unbelieving teenagers who are not from the church. A small percentage were church teens. God blessed our camp. There were salvation decisions. My understanding is that there was definitely one worthy fruit of repentance. This girl's name is Amina. She is 13 years old. She and her parents moved to Lviv from Kharkiv during the full-scale invasion. They never attended an evangelical service at all. Today, they joined me on the Scripture study group. They are very close to the Lord. Pray for this family—Serhiy, Kateryna, Amina. They have a big challenge, which is persecution from the family. The family declares they are betraying their

parents' faith. And pray for Nelya, who is from Berdyansk, who also fled with her family from the occupation. She is the mother who lost her daughter, who was raped by the Rashists, cut to pieces, and they said to "take her away, if there is anything left to take away." But the Lord performed a miracle, and sister Nelya has already repented and wants to be baptized.

One man from occupied Crimea repented. His name is Mykhailo, and he also wishes for baptism. Thank God. Please pray for the family of Edward and Victoria, who have repented, but are still delaying their desire to be baptized. Almost every church service, members of the church step out to renew their relationship with God through repentance. This is great. We have a living church, where the Holy Spirit works in a special way. A young family from the central Lviv church moved to our church to help us in the ministry.

Pray for us, we continue to repair the church on our own. We have a very high ceiling, and I also need to climb high on the scaffolding to lay the thermal insulation material. Pray that none of us fall. May the Lord protect us.



Thank you very much for the help that you provided for the people who suffered because of the missile strike. We helped them purchase material and transported them as needed. One woman

promised to come to our services, saying that she used to visit an evangelical church.

I had the great honor to be at the ordination of Sergiy Koop to the pastoral ministry.

Once again, I sincerely thank you for the financial aid for our family. To date, we have had our little daughter Marta examined. We will treat her. Tests show that some allergic reaction can remain for life. But we believe the Lord is good, and He will hear our and your prayers, and our daughter will grow up. Thank you for not forgetting about us. We are praying for you.



Always yours,

Yura, Violetta, Aaron, Veniamin, Elizaveta, Marta

August

I sincerely greet you, dear friends of the BIEM mission.

Thank you very much for your support, for your prayers for our church and our family.

Our little Marta is alive thanks to your prayers. Thank you for the help you provide for our daughter. We can buy her special food, special diapers.

A little about the life of our church. We thought that only the teen camp would take place, but the Lord also planned a one-day camp for our children here on the property of our church.



We continue to repair and reconstruct the house of prayer on our own. At the moment, we have prepared for winter; that is, we have insulated the roof. We are not able to hire workers, so I am compelled to climb onto the roof together with brother Rostyk since it is very high and dangerous to send someone to the top of the roof. But thank God, we finished. We still need to screw the sheet metal. Please pray that there is no accident.

A teen club has been organized. God gave us unbelieving teens, and their parents trust us, and this is a great miracle for us. The camp bore fruit. The girl named Amina who came to our church from Kharkiv with her parents, being non-believers at the time, repented in camp when I gave the final sermon. The whole family is thinking about baptism. They rent an apartment in Lviv in order to attend church. And that's great. They are currently in need of financial assistance.

We are always happy to have guests who come to our church to serve.

I sincerely thank you for praying for us in this difficult time for Ukrainians. A rocket landed not far from our brother Volodymyr, who works as a policeman in our city. All the windows, doors, and roof were damaged... but thank God we were able to help him with repairs of his windows and doors.

Great grief befell a sister from the church; her name is Tonya. Her son Oleksandr was mobilized, so we bought a helmet, and gave him tourniquets you gave us... It's been 20 days since he went missing. Please pray for Tonya's mother, because she doesn't want to see anyone now, and she doesn't want to let me near her. I pray to somehow help her out of the depression she is in. She's beaten down with grief. And it's very hard for me to watch it.

God blessed us with a baptism. We baptized two out of seven applicants. The Lord always knows who is ready and who is not ready to make a covenant with Him. It was an extraordinary holiday. We went to the river for the first time with the church to hold a baptism... It was a testimony for everyone who watched this event. On this day, there was a big tornado in Lviv, but the Lord blessed us with wonderful weather, and this was a testimony for all non-believers and believers. Nelya from occupied Berdyansk was baptized. This is the one you helped and prayed for, whose daughter was killed and cut into pieces by the Rashists... I very much doubted that this Nelya would become a believer at all... But now her husband already attends the church and the Bible study group. Brother Mykhailo from Crimea, a geologist by profession, also accepted Him. He loves the Lord with all his heart. He had been a very strong Orthodox, but we studied the Word of God together, and it made him free. Thank God. God is still preparing new people for baptism. Pray for those who have a desire but still hesitate to be baptized. These are Serhiy, Katerina, and Amina from Kharkov, Eduard, Victoria, Natalia.

Once again, thank you very much for having you with us...

Always yours,
Yuri, Violetta, Aaron, Veniamin, Elizaveta, Marta

September/October

Greetings, brothers, and sisters associated with the BIEM mission!

Your heart is the heart of a servant. We sincerely thank you for your unceasing prayers for us. That's how it feels. Our little daughter Marta is feeling better. Thank you for helping us with a trip to the sea to treat Marta. Great results. Her skin has become smooth. She's feeling better. Thank God everything is fine. Thank you for the financial support of our family.

And thank you for your prayers. We continue to repair the upper floor of the church building on our own, little by little. Some of our friends supply us with material, and we work,

because we understand that it is necessary to move to this larger hall, since we are all at the bottom, and the children have no place to study in Sunday school. Therefore, please pray for us in this need as well.

God opened the hospital doors for the Gospel where the military wounded are lying, without limbs... In general, this is a terrible sight. One military commander, when he dared to talk about his pain, because psychologists came to my office, whom he expelled and did not want to listen to, and he opened up to me and said that every day the wives of dead men call him and curse him, saying it is he who should've died, and not their husbands, and so on. And he was wounded by a sniper who shot his legs. He put a tourniquet on himself to stop the bleeding, and without endangering his comrades, he took care of himself, because if his comrades had followed him to help him, the snipers would have killed them all. The snipers were waiting for it. Thank you very much, once again for the high-quality tourniquets that you provide for our defenders. It really saves lives. The military is very grateful to you. We continue to pray for sister Tonya's son Oleksandr, who has been missing for two months. We pray for Ivan, who lived in Iziium in the Kharkiv region. At that time, 23 rockets struck and took the lives of his wife, two children, mother, and a total of 250 people. And they are all buried in a "mass grave." Now, I visit him in the hospital. He has no one else, and he wants to keep living in Lviv. We need to help him rent an apartment. He already wants us to take him to church this Sunday. Thank God. He had wanted to end his life by suicide. But praise God, he wants to hear about God and wants to go to church.

And praise the Lord, God heard our prayers—Kateryna from Kharkiv repented.

We are constantly with the brothers and pray every Tuesday morning. This gives us strength and inspiration to work for the Lord. We held a very good Harvest holiday. There were many needy, hungry people... It was a very nice holiday. We continue the school year with the whole church, which I divided into three groups. And it is a great blessing when the church learns.

Thank you for praying for our spiritual retreat (rest), for the ministers of our church, for those who are just starting to serve. It turned out very well. I was concerned, because this is the first time we went to a base, which is in the forest. No one was in a hurry, and we had three days to fellowship, plan, to dedicate ourselves to service. I distributed responsibilities to the ministers, helpers of our church. We were blessed by this time. Pray for CORAM DEO training in November. Pray for the trip of our church to the city of Dubno, where I was born spiritually, where we will participate on November 26. It is so good that there is someone to share blessings, experiences, and troubles with. You listen to us and pray for us and help us.

Always yours,

Yura, Violetta, Aaron, Veniamin, Elizaveta, Marta