

## The Levtseniuks in Lviv, Ukraine

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## November 2023

Greetings to you, brothers and sisters connect with the BIEM mission! Peace to you, and grace, from our Lord.

Thank you very much for your prayer and material support. Pray for us because the war is not over yet. There is a very strict and brazen mobilization of men for military service. It looks like the genocide of our people. But we will continue to be patriotic. Therefore, many guys who have been in the war do not want to go back there, to that hell. I sincerely thank Ivan from the city of Iziuma for the help he provided. He lives in Odessa region. A miracle happened with his housing, which was provided for him. God heard our prayers. It is true that there were large debts for utility bills, etc., problems at this home, but thanks to you, we were able to resolve these problems that fell on my shoulders. Recently, his bag with all his documents was stolen. But the Lord helped to solve this issue as well. He came to our church as a guest, as a new visitor, to testify about himself and what happened to him and his family. It was nice to see a deeply believing person. Praise God. He often comes to us because he found a job as a volunteer. He still doesn't have enough to live on, but we are helping him.

Recently, a man walked into the church, and I was right there. He asked if I could call a pastor for him. I told him that I am a pastor and was ready to help. He was in a state of shock. His appearance was terrible. He told me that he was a soldier and had been in Kherson in a mop-up operation. And he didn't want to go back there! His name is Taras. He was weeping very hard, saying that he didn't want to kill anyone else. He declared he came to pray with me and that Jesus had led him to our church. He asked if God could forgive him. He allowed me take pictures of his document. And it turned out that he was a neighbor to our church. My wife and I packed him a bag and blessed him on his way. He requested that I tell the church to pray for him to be released from the war, that he would not have to fight anymore. We prayed for him as a church. Suddenly, we saw this Taras coming to Sunday church serve looking happy and joyful. He said, "I will now come to the prayer meetings on Sundays as well!" He realizes that the Lord answered his and our prayers! Pray that he will repent and join Christ's church.

The fact is, there much work to do among the military. They are all in need. Concerning Oleksandr, the son of our sister Toni—for whom you have been praying with us, who went missing in Bakhmut—we already have information that he is allegedly in captivity. We have now contacted all the relevant services to find him. Please pray that he survives. Currently, we have a military deminer living in our church. He is not a believer, but he listens to the Word of God. In a month he leaves for demining duty. Please pray that the Lord will give him repentance so that he will go to demining as a believer!

Our church is already starting to visit other churches a little bit. We visited a church in Dubno and held a service there. It was a blessed trip! I believe that we will continue to be we equipped by your prayers!

Please continue to pray for our little Marta and our entire family. We have a financial request. We need to urgently repair the car.

I sincerely thank God that we have you, our prayer partners.

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

## **December**

Greetings, brothers and sisters of the BIEM mission!

Peace and grace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you very much for your coworking with us in God's harvest field.

We praise God for your correct understanding of the circumstances that exist right now in our Ukraine, and in the church, when we are engaged in spiritual and physical warfare!

I immediately want to thank you on behalf of all our military men, whom we know and pray for, and who have received warm clothes. Thanks to you, we were able to buy expensive outfits for warming soldiers. They are very grateful! Not everyone can send a photo of themselves with the gift you provided for them. And for us, this is valuable because these men are open to us



and know that they are being prayed for. The main thing is to survive!



Here are some experiences and blessings from our lives: At Christmas, the Lord helped us to evangelize our neighbors. We delivered a calendar with Scriptures to every house and apartment that was opened for us, and of course we sang Christmas carols. It rained a lot that day, and we got wet, but none of us got sick. Praise God. In the last house, we were invited into warm up and to receive a treat. We had another short conversation about Jesus Christ.

We held a Christmas service for unsaved teens, and I had the honor of telling them about the birth of Jesus Christ. We

made gifts with healthy sweets, fruits, for all children who have lost their fathers or their parents

in the war and called this action "Give hope." It was a blessed service. Therefore, thank you for the funds, which we invested in gifts for these children.

During the holidays, a brother named Ivan from the city of Izium visited us. He testified in front of the church. We have already found him a job, which is good for his health. To date, we support him a little financially, with your help. The Lord blessed us with another family from Mariupol, Oleg and Viktoria, who have a son at the front, whom we also help support



during this winter effort. They have an adopted teen daughter who also attends our church. So, pray for this family. During the holidays, Oleg cooked food for the whole church, delicious pilaf. It was a blessing for us!

God continues to work miracles in our church. Five people repented and expressed their desire to be baptized. I'm teaching them. This is a family from Kharkiv—Sergiy, Kateryna, and Amina.

A girl named Solomiya is from Lviv; her parents are very against her being in our church, because they are Catholics. Therefore, pray for her, that she does not deviate from this path. Another girl is Sima, from Donetsk.

Thank you very much for the finances with which we bought quality warm clothing for our soldiers! May the Lord reward you for your kind hearts.

Pray for our family; we are sick now. Our son Benjamin developed ear complications; we are treating him at the hospital. Continue to pray for our little Marta so that she outgrows her intolerances and allergies.

God bless you, our friends, partners, prayer partners, brothers and sisters!

Always yours,

Yura, Violetta, Aaron, Benjamin, Elizaveta, Marta