# BIEM's of Light

#### BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL Evangelistic Ministries

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## $\mathcal{P}$ raises – Rejoice with us!

- Our director for Central Asia sent this exciting message: "When our [evangelistic team] came back from the border, two men asked for a ride. Today, after those two had finished up their business, they came back to our men and asked to know more about Jesus. Both men trusted Christ as their Savior today!"
- We received this message concerning Misha, a nephew of BIEM coworkers in Ukraine: "Thank you for praying for Misha. He had 28 bombs dropped near his trench last night. At one point his machine gun malfunctioned. He left his trench to get a tool and call home. As he did, one bomb hit the trench, the 14 others in the trench died.... So many going to hell.... Pray for these men to come to Christ before death."
- When Sam Slobodian visited Ukraine in March, that trip included a chance to participate in baptizing new believers who have come to Christ during the war. It also held a special service primarily for local widows, including some who were made widows because of the war. In general, the Ukrainian remain much more open to hearing spiritual truths than prior to the war. We praise God for such opportunities!
- ★ At the new church in Ternopil a woman named Ludmila is not saved but is eager to learn more. Although an atheist, a family member told her, "One thing about those Christians I've learned from my many years of medical practice is that there is a huge difference in how Christians die compared to the rest of us. Christians die peacefully and with no fears or … while all other people who die—along with their loved ones—experience a tremendous amount of anxiety and fear!"

### $\mathcal{P}_{\mathrm{rayer}}$ - Pray with us!

- In Desna, Ukraine, renovations are urgently needed to the unfinished building that was purchased to use as the next Christian rehabilitation center. Stress is causing more men than ever to become addicted to alcohol and drugs. Please pray for funds and hands to bring that building to completion soon.
- The new church in Ternopil plans to hold its first baptism for several people who have come to Christ!
  However, please pray concerning a young man named Sasha. He wants to be baptized but family members are vehemently opposed. Please for their attitudes to soften.
- BIEM's Bruce Tuttle has transitioned from his ministry in Ukraine to the Republic of Georgia, where he ministers with his son Micah. Bruce says, "Please pray that our gracious and wise Lord will open doors for us, that we will demonstrate godly patience ... and that He will continue to call out men and women who are hungry to learn and grow, and men who will be the next leaders and church planters."
- In Kyiv, our missionaries, the Buykos, saw 2 Russian missiles hurtle over their house. Eugene saw one of them destroyed in mid-air while the other continued. Please continue to pray for God's protection on all our BIEM personnel.

Dear friends, the invasion of Ukraine compels BIEM to take extraordinary measures. Please log onto our website, <u>BaptistInternational.org</u>, 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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