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BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL Evangelistic Ministries

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${\cal P}$ raises – *Rejoice with us*!

- In June, both Eugene Buyko and Igor Fomichov of Ukraine were with us in the U.S. During those weeks, both men were able to preach and bring updates to multiple supporting churches. They also assisted with physically packing our latest container of humanitarian aid and in preparing its paperwork in dual languages. Love offerings from their visits to churches contributed wonderfully to our War Relief fund. Thank you for praying for these men's visits!
- In June, the Lord provided a third member to the home of our newest missionaries, Serhiy and Karina Koop! They have named their firstborn daughter Karolina (pronounced kar-oh-LEE-nah). Serhiy expresses thanks for prayers for a safe delivery.
- In Central Asia, a special family camp ministered to 60 Afghani refugees, at least 25 of whom came as unbelievers. As the Gospel repeatedly went forth day by day, 13 formerly Muslim souls came to Christ! May the Lord help them to stand firm in their newfound faith since these decisions will not please Muslim friends and family members
- Our missionary Sasha in Western Asia is planning a baptism in July, which is special because the candidates are teens who have accepted Christ despite their Islamic surroundings.

Prayer - Pray with us!

- The same Sasha mentioned above in a predominantly Muslim nation is also planning two evangelistic events for his area. Sasha says, "Please pray for these projects, that there will be no obstacles from the authorities or anyone else."
- This item is a combination of praise plus a prayer request: Praise the Lord, summer camps are underway in multiple countries, and churches will continue holding them throughout July and into August. However, at this point, of the \$50,000 needed, we have received \$39,283, meaning \$10,717 has not yet come in. Please join us in praying for those funds to operate the camps.
- Please don't let "out of sight, out of mind" apply to our recent container of humanitarian aid, which is well on its way to Ukraine. Please pray for smooth and safe passage through the port in Poland and then overland as it is trucked into Ukraine.
- ✤ In July, BIEM's Sam and Amy Slobodian plan to assist in camps in Ukraine, including near Kyiv, the capital. However, Kyiv remains a key target for Russia's air attacks—Kinzhal hypersonic missiles, Iskander ballistic missiles, cruise missiles (X-101, X-555, "Kalibr"), and Shahed drones. Please pray for their safety and the safety of all the campers and camp workers. Most importantly, please pray for the Holy Spirit's working in hearts during these camps.

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