



BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES

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"Continue in prayer and watch in the same with thanksgiving." Colossians 4:2

Dear Pastors and Friends,

Greetings once again from the Slobodians! We are so thankful for all of you who pray for our ministry. Your prayers and support enable us to continue partnering with you in sharing the Gospel with encouraging results. Scripture assures us that "...if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth." *John 9:31*. So please keep on praying. Besides this prayer letter these are some other publications you can subscribe to that we send out or post on our website to keep you informed and updated with needs to pray about as well as praises and answers to prayer.

1. Our monthly prayer and praise sheet called the "BIEM's of Light.
2. Our weekly war relief update that is sent out each week by e-mail.
3. Our video update which is sent out each month through a link in an e-mail.
4. Our quarterly newsletter, *The Challenger*.

You can also log onto our website, BaptistInternational.org where you can click onto "War Relief Updates" or "View Video Updates."

For 6 straight weeks covering most of May and June we had Eugene Buyko and Igor Fomichov with us who were able to preach and bring updates to multiple supporting churches in several states. They also assisted with physically packing our latest container of humanitarian aid and in preparing its paperwork in dual languages. Often during this time, the hearts of these men were heavy with concern for the families and people in Ukraine. When they left for Ukraine things were relatively peaceful in their areas. However, soon after they arrived here, Russia intensified its bombing of their area of Kyiv. Praise God they have now just safely returned and have gladly reunited with their families. Love offerings from their visits to churches contributed wonderfully to our War Relief Fund for which we are sincerely grateful.

In June, the Lord blessed our newest national missionaries, Sergiy and Karina Koop with their first child, a baby girl they have named Karolina. Currently, regular monthly support is needed for this dedicated couple who are planting a new church in an area of Ternopil, Ukraine. This area contains over 30,000 war refugees. Sergiy has served as the youth pastor there for several years and oversaw ministering to the refugees flooding the city. Through this God gave them a burden to start a new church in a refugee packed part of the city called Drushba, which means "Friendship". We would be glad to send you the Koop's prayer card and information about their ministry. Sergiy's testimony certainly touches the hearts of all who read it. Please pray that the Lord would provide the support needed. Karina is the daughter of Vitaly and Katya Bilyak, also our missionaries in Ternopil, Ukraine.

In the end of July and beginning of August Amy and I plan to assist in summer camps in Ukraine mostly in and around Kyiv, the capital. However, Kyiv remains a key target for Russia's airborne attacks—Kinzhall hypersonic missiles, Iskander ballistic missiles, cruise missiles (X-101, X-555, "Kalibr), and Shahed drones continue to rain down on this city. Please pray for our safety, safety of all the campers and camp workers, and most importantly please pray for the Holy Spirit's working in hearts during these camps. Please pray as well for the funds needed to operate the more than 20 camps that are planned for this summer. At this point of the \$50,000 needed we have received \$39,283. Therefore \$10,717 is still needed.

May God continue to bless and encourage each of you in your service for Him!

The Slobodians