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"And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen..." Luke 2:20.

Dear Pastors and Friends,

We bring you warm Christmas greeting from the Slobodian's. This is truly a wonderful time of year as we celebrate the birth of our precious Savior, whose humble entry into this world brings the possibility of salvation to mankind. This is truly the best news ever heard. What amazing love God demonstrated, and how wonderful is this glorious redemption plan!

This year has certainly been different due to the global pandemic. For us, we have had to shift from traveling to conduct ministry, to operating as many activities and meetings as possible through Zoom, Facetime, Skype and What's App. Besides this, we have been able to update folks about our ministry through videos. Praise God that this kind of technology exists today.

Just like in the United States, when the Coronavirus first started most of our church planters overseas were able to conduct services online. When lockdown conditions abated somewhat, many were able to resume services by adopting social distancing measures and making adjustments to their service schedules. Praise God that even in the most challenging times God's people continue in worship and in service. Nothing can stop the work of God.

For a while it looked like our summer camp program would not take place. Indeed, the majority of summer camp programs around the world were cancelled. When it came to BIEM's camping programs, God's people prayed and our brethren strategized, planned, and made adjustments, so that we were able to have a summer program. Though our numbers were down (as expected), God blessed this summer's camping program with 1,400 campers, and over 400 salvation decisions. Other blessings of this past year were fruitful evangelistic outreaches, which involved distributing care packages along with the Gospel to people who were in need due to the coronavirus, numbers of Muslims coming to Christ through the King of Glory film project, personal evangelism opportunities, and significant progress in four different church building projects.

The challenges of the pandemic continue as many of our church planters and personnel have contracted the corona virus including both Sam and Amy Slobodian, who are now just recovering. Please pray for the full recovery of all of our BIEM folks who have contracted this virus. Praise God only two of our folks had to be hospitalized. They are both doing well now.

Please pray for Ukraine as they are currently experiencing a dramatic increase in cases as the government has announced a severe lockdown. Pray as well that our winter seminary session will be able to take place as our folks consider adjustments that they hope will enable the classes to take place. Also, pray that conditions will improve so that we can resume our shipment of containers to Ukraine which have had to be halted for now. The building programs in Smolin, Ukraine and Siberia, Russia need prayer that they can get those buildings under roof soon since severe weather lies ahead.

Thank-you for your prayers and part in our ministry. May you have a blessed Christmas and wonderful New Year!

The Slobodians