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Dear family and friends,

Greetings from Ukraine! Rick is currently in Ternopil, but has also visited BIEM coworkers in a number of other cities, where our missionaries send their “Hello” back to all of you. In Goncharovsk, he delivered a slightly used projector to Sasha and Ira Petrenko, who had been praying for one, but had no funds to purchase one. In response to our mention of this need on Facebook, a friend of BIEM donated a projector—which arrived less than 24 hours before Rick flew out of Indianapolis!

While in Desna, Ukraine, Rick delivered to the Fomichovs a sack of brand-new children’s shoes, which someone had sent as a humanitarian aid donation. Igor Fomichov’s eyes lit up when he saw the contents of the sack. “Rick, you don’t know what a treasure this is. Dannik [their son] doesn’t have any good shoes.” He told how church families share hand-me-down children’s clothes and repeated how much the gift of brand-new shoes would be for the church.

The next stop took Rick to Ternopil, in the western part of the country. There he preached in the church planted by Vitaly and Katya Bilyak. However, the main goal in that city was to join Vitaly in considering a number of options for a permanent church home for that congregation. So far, this church has had to rent various facilities in their 10 years of existence, which has led to some instability, not to mention rising costs each time a lease expires. We would appreciate prayer for this church in Ternopil, where there are two universities and much potential for growth.

The Lord has also led concerning this summer and where to serve. Because of the military strife in eastern Ukraine, we won’t be recruiting Americans to assist in camps for the second summer in a row. At the moment, the plan is for Rick to join our Ukrainian counterparts and to assist in camps in north central Ukraine in June. For mid-July, the brotherhood of independent Baptist churches we work with in Russia has invited him to help out in their “Pilgrim” camp for teens once again. We have seen souls saved in each of these places in the past, and would appreciate your prayers for the Lord to be working even now in both camp staffers and the young people who will be in these camps.

We want to thank each one of you who reads these letters for your prayers, encouraging good wishes, and your financial support for the sake of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ in these lands where such ministries were once merely a dream. May the Lord bless each of you!

Sincerely,

Rick and Pam Barry