



BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES

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Dear friends and family,

This is the month when people traditionally celebrate love. But there is no love greater than God's. We do hope each of you knows Him personally, through faith in Jesus, whom God sent to bear the punishment for our sins and open the way to Heaven.

That's the core of the same message we in this ministry take to Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Georgia, and the –stan nations that once formed part of the USSR. Thanks to all of you who keep us in your hearts, thoughts, and even your giving.

Recently BIEM received 2 special visitors from Russia: Dmitry and Anya Trofimov. Dmitry is the son of Yuri Trofimov, pastor of the church in Kazan, Russia, where BIEM helped to raise building funds a few years back. The couple was in the U.S. to visit relatives, but set aside 2 days to volunteer at BIEM sorting and packing clothing as humanitarian aid that will go to Ukraine.

Overseas, our coworkers have been sending good reports of excellent attendance at Christmas services (Eastern Europe celebrates Christmas in January). Funds we at BIEM provided helped to provide gifts for special children's outreaches. Please accept great thanks from our friends for making those gifts possible. Youth outreaches are taking place in churches with which BIEM works in Belarus and Russia, which is exciting. We don't have answers for these lands' other problems, but we do know the answer for their spiritual problems, and that answer is Jesus!

Because overseas summer camps make summertime too hectic for vacations, the two of us took our first-ever vacation to California last week. There we visited friends, saw sights, enjoyed warm temperatures, and gained a deeper understanding of Los Angeles parking lots (aka, highways). We enjoyed the trip, but by the end of vacation, we were itching to get back to work!

On a side note, Kregel Books is now editing and preparing the cover for Rick's upcoming Christian novel, *The Methuselah Project*. It isn't due for release until September, but they're already doing behind-the-scenes work. We hope the Lord will use this suspense story to plant seeds of Biblical truth in readers' hearts. (And of course, any sales will help to support us in our regular missionary work too.) Thank you to the many who have asked about this next book!

May God bless you!

Rick and Pam Barry