



## BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES

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Dear Family and Friends,

Even as we compose this letter, the fourth and final BIEM *Challenger* is being folded at the printers. Soon we'll receive them and recruit local volunteers to help stuff and mail them. A new mailing always excites us, since the newsletter is our #1 way to communicate with all of BIEM's supporters at once.

On a more sobering note, this past week has seen much political unrest in the country of Ukraine, where our mission has many coworkers and friends. Clashes between demonstrators and the police have resulted in bloodshed. Some well-known Ukrainian figures from the spheres of politics and sports are calling for their president to resign or face revolution—which may or may not guarantee the same freedom for churches that we enjoy today. The demonstrations could die down, but even if so, tensions will remain among much of the citizenry. Please pray for a peaceful resolution and for continuing freedom for BIEM and churches to work there.

Right now in Dyedovsk, Russia, students from Kiev, Odessa, Kharkov, and various cities in Russia are receiving specialized training for choir directors. Because God-glorifying music is integral to the life of any church, we're excited that students from even smaller churches can benefit from such classes. One of those students is a young Russian man with whom I worked in teen camp the past couple of summers. Kirill has a dream of organizing an orchestra for his home church. To do so, he will need some basic instruments, such as flutes, clarinets, and violins. If anyone would like to donate a spare instrument before the end of the 2013, BIEM will mail you a tax-deductible statement of receipt. Rick will personally carry donated instruments on upcoming trips. Thanks for considering this!

In closing, as we continue the spirit of thanksgiving to God for His blessings, we want each of you to know that we are grateful to Him for *you*, for your prayers, and for your financial support in this ministry. Although a good percentage of our monthly support comes from churches, we literally could not be in this ministry if not for donations from individuals. Some friends give monthly, others quarterly, and others from time to time as they are able, but the Lord uses all of those contributions to keep us at BIEM, where we labor with a great team of dedicated believers to win souls and glorify the Lord. Thank you for being part of our lives and our ministry!

Wishing you Christmas blessings as we remember the Savior's birth,

*Rick & Pam Barry*

P.S. Here's a good reminder for all of us from Jesus: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matthew 6:33).