



BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES

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Dear family and friends:

In recent days, both of us—like many of you—have taken our turns with sickness. But even in sickness there are benefits. After all, if we never experienced afflictions, then we couldn't truly empathize with others who hurt. We try to draw value even from our illnesses!

Thank you for praying as we continue plans for the Christian summer camps. In June, Rick is planning to lead a group of 15 Americans to Ukraine to participate in camps. Just a couple days ago he reserved the last of the airline tickets needed for this team of Americans from three different churches (which turned out to be a time-intensive chore as he tried to get the most economical flights possible, and the prices were changing even as he was trying to book them).

Also, just yesterday Rick submitted his passport to apply for another Russian visa to participate in forest camp in July. Last year this experimental camp was a resounding success. Young people not only learned wilderness skills, but grew in knowledge of God and His Word. A good number of young people prayed in repentance and asked the Lord to save them. The theme chosen for this year's forest camp is "The Ten Commandments." Each day, lessons and other activities will highlight one of those commandments. Of course, leaders will emphasize the Gospel regularly.

The last weekend in March, Rick interpreted in Nebraska for visiting coworker Vitaly Yurchenko. He was a blessing to Bible Baptist Church there, and they in turn warmed our hearts.

Last week we had two groups of students from Bethesda Christian School in Brownsburg, Indiana, come and help us to sort and pack donated clothing. This was a huge help, since we had received many donations in recent weeks, including a 24-ft truck of items from a church in Pennsylvania. The students faced a mountain of work, but they rose to the task and did a fine job!

Meanwhile, the administrative side of things continues, and we begin to plan what to include in BIEM's next *Challenger* newsletter.

Prayer requests:

1. For all of BIEM's church planters and ministry coworkers not to be weary in well-doing. Satan regularly tries to discourage. Please uphold us (and your own pastor!) in prayer.

2. For God to prepare the hearts of the children and teens who will attend the summer camps. For hundreds of young people, this will be their first exposure to the Gospel. May more souls come to Christ.

3. Pray for the 15 Americans planning to join Rick for camp ministry in June. May this experience kindle an undying passion for Christian missions.

In closing, let us thank you once more for your prayers and donations on our behalf. We do not take those lightly, and we understand that God uses you to keep us in this ministry.

In Christ,

Rick & Pam Barry