



BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES

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Dear friends and family,

Some of you are hearing from us for the first time. If so, you're probably among the kind souls who responded to BIEM's appeal for aid for our ministry account. In appreciation, we've sent you this letter to give a better idea of what we're doing lately. First, let me translate for you part of a note from Valia Yankovska, who works with children at the church in Lutsk, Ukraine:

Three years have passed since Rick Barry came with a team from BIEM to hold a summer camp at the church. There were children who repented, but one boy Kolya was special. Kolya's parents are alcoholics. In his 14 years of life, he had not seen anything good. But now—Jesus has become his personal Savior and given Kolya a new life, a new beginning.

Today, Kolya is actively involved in the youth musical ministry. He also has a volunteer ministry: every Friday and Monday he takes groceries to a grandmother who nurtures her three orphaned grandchildren.

But most important, Kolya is learning to preach. He testifies about how the Lord has helped him and greatly changed his life. He is very grateful to the BIEM mission for direct assistance in choosing the right path....

Yes, it's exciting when we're in Russia or Ukraine and see sinners repent before God. But it's equally heartwarming to get reports later about these new believers growing in God's love.

In recent weeks, we've been translating our national missionaries' reports to English for supporting churches, compiled an end-of-summer-camp synopsis for all who donated to camps, and created the BIEM 2013 calendar. More recently, Rick produced the content for *The Challenger*, BIEM's newsletter. They just arrived from the printer and we'll soon have volunteers in the office to stuff them into envelopes for mailing.

Even though it's still 2012, we're laying plans for Ukrainian summer camps in 2013. For that goal, we both visited Grace Bible Church in Elkhart, Indiana, the church that has committed to partner with BIEM in sending a team next June. We showed a PowerPoint, explained what to expect, and answered lots of good questions. They're excited! We are too.

That's a little of what we've been up to. *Thank you* to all of you so much for your devotion to the Lord and for your role in supporting us. The bookkeeping department reports donations to our account lagged short by \$800/month in 2012. Possibly the economy is taking a toll. We'll be working to find additional committed supporters, but meanwhile we thank you helping for us take the Gospel to Eastern Europe!

In Christ,

Rick & Pam Barry

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"...Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel." Mark 16:15