



## BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES

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Dear friends and family,

As usual, this summer is rushing onward. Here's a quick update!

In our last prayer letter, we asked you to pray especially for Rick's trip to Russia, where he was to serve as leader for a group of boys in a wilderness-type camp. Thank you for prayers! Our doctor gave Rick the okay to travel even though his leg hadn't fully healed from his surgery in the Ukrainian Army hospital in June. The flight went well, and Rick and other counselors drove to Tverskaya region, where they prepared the tents, docks, and other items needed for when the campers arrived. For 10 days of "Camp Pilgrim" all washing, laundering, and teeth brushing was done with lake water. Each team had to saw and chop its own firewood. Small groups held Bible lessons around their campfires, and twice daily the whole camp met inside a large tent for worship services. (There were also games, kayaking, etc.) This experience was more physically demanding than most camps (two younger kids asked to go home). However, the Lord definitely blessed. Six or seven young people repented and asked Christ to save them, and one of those was a boy named Daniel in Rick's group. Praise God! (Bonus: halfway through camp Rick realized he no longer thought about his leg. The rest of the swelling was gone. Perhaps God used the long days of much exercise to speed up the recovery?)

Of course, time overseas doesn't stop work from piling up at the office. After Rick's return, hundreds of emails waited for him to open them. Catching up takes time. Also, since then we've sorted through the material and recent photos available to create our next *Challenger* newsletter for BIEM. That went to the printers yesterday, and we'll mail them out as soon as we receive them.

Meanwhile, more national church-planter reports continue to trickle in, and these must be translated. BIEM also has 2 Ukrainian church planters visiting the U.S. now, and Rick and Dr. Slobodian take turns interpreting for them at churches as they bring updates to supporters.

Coming up: A key church in Kazan (whom we helped to build their first building when we worked with Georgi Vins) Russia, urged Rick to come and preach at their new building dedication in September. We had no funds left for the airfare, but we did have enough Delta frequent flier miles, so the Lord has opened the door for that trip too.

Please continue to pray for the salvation of souls in the former USSR. Thank you for your prayer and financial support, without which we couldn't be in this ministry!

Sincerely in Christ,

*Rick & Pam Barry*

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