



BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES

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Dear friends,

Despite challenges, we continue to receive encouragement and blessings from the hand of our Lord. Here are some recent developments:

First, last week Rick finished translating a large number of church-planters' reports into English. What a privilege to read firsthand accounts of these men's ministries and to uphold them in prayer. This week comes the job of putting together the mission's next *Challenger* newsletter.

Plans are shaping up for our 10-person team to minister alongside nationals in Christian summer camps in Ukraine. This team will be a combination of Bible college students and adult leaders. Participants are already thinking through their Bible stories, crafts, songs, and games.

At the end of February, BIEM is flying to the U.S. one Ukrainian pastor and two of our national church-planters. Dr. Sam Slobodian and Rick will be visiting quite a few churches in the next month and interpreting for these brethren as they personally present exciting updates on what the Lord is doing in Ukraine, a land where freedom of worship was only a dream in Soviet times. Such services are always a blessing for everyone, including the interpreters.

On the other hand, a different bit of recent news was somewhat less thrilling. The pastor of one church regretted to tell us that his church is undergoing financial hardships and that they must discontinue support for all their other missionaries, including us. We are praying for them, as we understand the seriousness of the situation. Of course, our own support was already lacking, and this translates to an additional shortfall of \$160/month. However, a couple different families who didn't even know of this development have sent donations designated for the Barrys to BIEM, which is a big help. We sincerely thank the Lord and those individuals for caring and helping. Another plus: we have now received \$500 toward Pam's expenses for the summer camp trip. That equals 1/3 of her amount needed, so we praise the Lord for that. Now, only about \$1000 is still needed for her to go. (Donations for this—or for the Barrys in general—can be sent to BIEM, P.O. Box 707, Danville, IN 46122-0707.)

Russian churches that Rick visited last month have emailed to express continuing appreciation to BIEM for the gift of Bibles for evangelism and to invite him back to work in summer camp in Russia. It's hard to make such promises, but we promised to keep the invitations in mind.

Dear friends, we continue to be excited and awed at opportunities for ministry in these lands that once persecuted active Christians. Thanks for helping us to work alongside others in this harvest field. Pray for more souls for the Kingdom. In due season we shall reap if we faint not!

In Christ,

Rick & Pam Barry

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