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"Therefore said he unto them, The harvest truly is great..." Luke 10:2

Dear Pastors and Friends,

Warm greetings from the Slobodians! We are well into our summer camping season. As hundreds of children and youth as well as camp workers and leaders gather in nearly two dozen locations, please pray for a harvest of souls and other important decisions that such events can bring. We still need \$9,894 of the \$32,000 cost of camps this year. Please pray with us for this amount so that we may cover the costs of camp this summer.

There is news concerning a couple of church building programs we mentioned in our last prayer letter we would like to update you on. Many of you have prayed for good weather needed for the church building program in Bilogorodka and the Lord has provided such wonderful weather that there has been encouraging progress in this location. In fact one roof is already done and the other will be done soon. The roof that covers the auditorium has been completed and the higher roof which covers the two-story portion of the building is close to being done. We had asked you to pray that this would be done by the end of summer. We praise God for this wonderful answer to prayer!

Last prayer letter we also asked you to pray for the church building possibility in Ternopil where our church planter Vitaly Bilyak leads an urban ministry which has had to relocate numerous times and currently rents facilities in two different locations, which of course is not an ideal situation. This is the church which developed the drug and alcohol rehabilitation center which had a fire and is continuing to be rebuilt. The church building possibility was due to the Lord laying the funding of such a project upon the heart of a BIEM supporter who wanted to enable the church to obtain their own building. We asked for prayer that a suitable building could be found and purchased within the amount of funds which were committed.

We rejoice in letting you know that such a building has been found and a purchase has been negotiated. This particular facility will not only meet the current needs of the church, but allow for expansion which may include a ministry for needy children as well as a facility to receive container shipments. The original asking price was nearly 40% higher than what was committed to. When the owner dropped the price within our reach we understood that God's hand was at work and that this building was the one God was leading us to. Please pray for the closing of this purchase which should take place within the next couple of weeks and that this building would result in many lost souls coming to Christ in a strategic Western area of Ukraine.

Please continue to pray for the situation in Eastern Ukraine. Many are expecting Russia to launch another offensive soon. This would make the current situation much worse. Please pray for peace and that God would continue to use such troubles to bring people to Him and open new doors for evangelizing the lost. Our last newsletter, *The Challenger*, focused on this situation, the resulting new opportunities for preaching the Gospel, and how you can contribute to these efforts by sending a donation to BIEM designated "Aid for Ukraine". These opportunities continue. For example a public school in a military city where BIEM church planters were conducting a summer camp asked if all 170 public school students could be included. What an amazing development! We praise God for such wonderful opportunities and thank Him for each of you who pray for and support this ministry. May God bless you with a wonderful summer!

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