



BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES

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“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” John 17:17

Dear Pastors and Friends,

Hello again from the Slobodians! We are grateful for each of you who read our updates, pray for the needs mentioned, rejoice with us over the victories and invest in this ministry. We send out information to keep folks up to date in several ways. We put out this bi-monthly Slobodian prayer letter as well as a monthly prayer and praise sheet entitled, “BIEM’s of Light”. It is amazing to see how often one month’s prayer requests turn into praises for answered prayers in later months. We also send out our quarterly newsletter, *The Challenger*, which contains articles highlighting various events as well as pictures. Earlier this year we began sending out a monthly 2-3 minute video update. Please let us now if you would like to receive any of these items by calling our office at 317-718-1633 or emailing missions@BaptistInternational.org.

In our last prayer letter we mentioned that we still needed \$9,894 to meet the total \$32,000 cost for summer camps this year. We are glad to inform you that this need has been met and are grateful for each gift and contributor. After the summer camping season is over contributors receive a camp report which contains the totals of campers, decisions made, testimonies and pictures. We are receiving encouraging reports of great attendance and souls being saved. Please pray for the follow-up efforts which continue afterwards since these camps provide our church planters with new contacts.

In our last prayer letter we shared the great news of how God provided funds to purchase a building for the church in Ternopil, Ukraine, and asked for prayer that the closing would take place successfully. We are glad to report that this did take place and the church now has possession of a facility that will meet their needs. The church is greatly rejoicing since they can now, for the first time, have all of their services and activities in one building and will no longer have to move due to a lease not being renewed. Thank you for your prayers! As it turns out, this facility has a large storage space that could be used to receive container shipments. Please pray for brother Vitaly Bilyak as he has begun efforts to secure official registration enabling the receiving of humanitarian goods. This would be such a great boost to this inner city ministry. But this involves mountains of bureaucracy and red tape so your prayers are needed once again.

In addition to those that are being saved at camps, a harvest of souls continues in many locations. The church in the military city of Desna is preparing to baptize several new converts, folks are continuing to be reached through the war zone evangelism in Eastern Ukraine, and one of our missionaries targeting an Islamic area reports dozens coming to Christ through a video clip that has been especially effective as folks hear the Gospel in their heart language.

Pray for our training session in Kiev next month where attendance may be down because of the war in the East. Pray for those students who are able to come that what they learn would enhance their ministries and enable them to be more effective pastors, missionaries and church workers. Pray as well for the pastors from Indiana and South Carolina who will be teaching the nationals this session as well as ministering in churches along with Sam. Finally, we are rejoicing in the birth of our 7th grandchild! Shane Samuel Harvey was born to Susan and Mat Harvey on July 20, 2015, weighing 6 lbs. 12 ounces and 20 inches. May God bless each of you!

Sam & Amy Slobodian

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