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"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think..." Ephesians 3:20

Dear Praying Friends,

In these days that we live in by God's grace it is comforting to consider the words of the Psalmist who wrote in Psalm 46, "Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth." Praise God that He is being exalted in the world and through our ministry at BIEM where we are all thankful for your prayers and support.

In September, we received the last of our camp reports from locations where workers were concluding camp programs in Ukraine, Russia and Belarus. In light of the very troubled situation in that part of the world caused by Russia's invasion of Ukraine, we were expecting a downturn in summer camps in comparison to other years. However when we finished tabulating all of the results we were excited in the record number of campers and salvation decisions. Praise God that 1,880 children and teens attended these camps, and 598 that we know of prayed the sinner's prayer of repentance. Our national church planters and workers are also reporting that attendance is up in church services, which they attribute to the fact that people are more ready to hear from God in troubled times. This was especially encouraging since our numbers for our training sessions in Kiev, Ukraine, were down due to the border conflict, which has taken thousands of lives in Ukraine.

In October, we were finally able to send a container of church planting equipment and material aid to Ukraine. This forty-foot container is headed for the Chernihiv and Desna areas, where much of it will be distributed by our church planters working among the Ukrainian military. They are excited about how these donated items are sure to open hearts to the Gospel especially since no one in this area has been untouched by wartime casualties. Also at the end of October, Amy and Sam were able to take a trip to Peru to visit our Latin American church planters, along with Pastor Andy Counterman and his wife Jo Ellen, who oversee this BIEM ministry. A highlight of this trip was being able to provide theology books and leather-bound Spanish Scofield Bibles for all of the students at a Bible school in Trujillo, Peru, where many of our Latin American church planters receive their training. Praise God for the churches being planted and souls being saved in these fields.

In November, we were blessed with local church volunteers who came to spend the day packing boxes for the next container shipment. We had just received a shipment of medical supplies and a good number of wheel chairs from a hospital in Minnesota and are awaiting a truckload of donated goods from a church in York, Pennsylvania. Praise God for his abundant supply!

In your prayers for us please continue to pray for the troubling situation in Ukraine, the re-building of the drug and alcohol rehabilitation center in Ternopil, Ukraine, and our church building program in Bilogorodka, Ukraine. Thank you for your partnership in the harvest fields of Eastern Europe.

Sam & Amy Slobodian

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