



# BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES

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*"Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light." Col.1:12*

## Dear Pastors and Friends,

God's hand of blessing has been abundantly bestowed upon our ministry at BIEM. For this we thank and praise our wonderful Lord. We are sincerely grateful for the many laborers He has called into this ministry, for those who have sacrificially supported this work, and for those who regularly pray for us. We are rejoicing that through the prayers of God's people some precious souls have recently come to Christ in Desna, Bilogorodka and Chernigiv, Ukraine. Furthermore several people were saved in a one-week period through the work of BIEM nationals in Central Asia. Therefore keep on praying for souls to be saved through this ministry. Praise God for so many open doors to proclaim His saving grace!

A good part of the last two months we had the privilege of hosting a couple of our church planters from Ukraine, Eugene Buyko and Vitaly Yurchenko. They were a great blessing to the churches we were able to schedule them in. There is something special about hearing directly from these dedicated nationals who have an excellent ability to communicate their love for the Lord and zeal for missions even through translation.

The goal of these meetings was to raise \$25,000 for the first phase of a church building program in Bilogorodka, Ukraine. This is the church planting project we featured in a recent Challenger where the mayor had succeeded even through opposition, to give a strategic lot for the building of a new church. If you have not had a chance to read about this exciting opportunity you can do so through the following link from our website under publications: ([http://www.baptistinternational.org/downloads/challenger/2012/2012challenger\\_30-4.pdf](http://www.baptistinternational.org/downloads/challenger/2012/2012challenger_30-4.pdf)) Despite the challenges of traveling during a severe winter and a struggling economy, God's people responded wonderfully and the need was met in large part due to an unusually generous response from a church in Michigan towards the very end of our travels. This occasion was one of those moments when we stand in awe of God's grace since this was a provision beyond human expectations. Please pray for a speedy completion of this first phase which includes some major roadwork, architecture, land clearing, permits for utilities and construction of a permanent fence around the property.

Also in April the Lord supplied us with three different teams of volunteers who sorted and boxed a good portion of a truckload of donated clothing and supplies designated for our next container shipment overseas. While this solved the pressing problem of a huge mountain of donated goods which needed to be processed, it created another problem of how are we going to come up with the funds needed to ship the next container which had become a pressing issue. While one of these groups were hard at work packing boxes of the donated goods, a family of long time BIEM supporters stopped by to drop off some donated clothing as well. Seeing the need this couple decided to underwrite the entire cost of shipping the next container! Praise God for this wonderful opportunity which opens needy hearts for the Gospel!

In our last prayer letter we asked for you to pray for our grandson Noah's heart biopsy scheduled for March 7<sup>th</sup> to check for rejection. We praise God that this procedure showed no sign of rejection and we thank you for your prayers. It was such a great joy to celebrate Noah and Madison's first birthday this last weekend. Here is a picture of the whole family from the birthday party festivities, Susan, Mat, Madison and Noah Harvey. May God bless each of you in your service for and walk with Him!



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