



BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES

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"I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting." I Timothy 2:8

Dear Pastors and Friends,

We count it a privilege to be workers together with you in the harvest fields of Russia and Eastern Europe. It is always a blessing to share God's blessings in our reports, presentations, and prayer letters. The Lord really does put his mighty hand on this church-planting ministry. Not that there are no problems. There are problems and awesome challenges which often drive us to our knees. However, we do not kneel alone. Through our prayer letters and our monthly prayer and praise sheet, we kneel before God's throne of grace together with many of you!

Recently one of those difficult challenges came when a conflict between two leaders rose up in one of our most needy and vital fields. Since this country has been a very neglected field with little Gospel witness, such a development could lead to serious consequences on the overall work being done, a work that has been exceedingly fruitful. As the president of BIEM Sam was doing all he could to resolve this issue, even taking an unscheduled trip to meet personally with those involved and enlisting a good number of people to pray specifically for this problem. Despite our best efforts he was not having much success. Then God did His work and answered prayer. The amazing thing was that God used a church meeting that Sam tried hard to persuade the parties to cancel. That was because it was shaping up to be a horrible mess with accusations along with witnesses, etc. being planned. In fact, Sam declined attending on the grounds that it was a local church matter choosing rather to spend the evening of the meeting praying and thinking of more and new things to say to the parties involved. Then God used the very thing we wanted to avoid to do His work! Despite a rocky start to this meeting with a lot of yelling, accusations and some people being asked to leave, God did something special and the meeting broke out in tears, embraces, forgiveness, and reconciliation. The two leaders publicly reconciled. We are so grateful for this development and are looking forward to fruitful days ahead as a result. No way to explain such a turnaround except that God answered the prayers of His people and did what no one else could do. Though you may not have known of this situation, this is just one example of how your prayers for us are heard and answered by our heavenly father. Oh, how we need and value the faithful prayers of God's people.

In May we were in Ukraine conducting the Spring session of the seminary in Kiev. In the beginning all of the classes were taught by American pastors and professors we recruited to go on a missions teaching trip. Now, half of the classes are taught by the Ukrainians themselves. God has certainly blessed this effort and this school over the years has produced over 300 graduates that are serving in over 70 towns and cities in Ukraine as well as in other countries. Beginning in June much of the efforts of all at BIEM focus on summer camps that are in process throughout the summer. Over 20 different camps have been planned in Russia and Ukraine. Please pray that many would come to Christ during the time these youth have away from normal influences and under the preaching of God's word.

Pray as well for a Bible distribution effort underway in a restricted country where our national church planters and workers are strategically distributing 1,000 Bibles. Along with these Bibles they are distributing BIEM produced MP3 players containing the New Testament, a message, songs and testimonies all in the native language along with some other items designed to aid Muslims in understanding the Gospel message. Pray for wisdom and safety in this distribution and for God to open the hearts of the recipients so many will be saved.

Praise God for a fifth grandchild! Granddaughter Abrie Adele was born to Stephanie and Aaron Anger on June 28th (21 inches, 7lbs 12 oz).

Thank you for being partners with us in God's harvest fields!

The Slobodians

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