



## BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES

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*"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11*

#### Dear Pastors and Friends,

Warm greeting from the Slobodians! As we approach Thanksgiving and Christmas we certainly have much to thank God for at this special and joyous time of year. Among God's many blessings we are grateful for our good health, continued open doors in Eastern Europe, and amazing opportunities in some of the restricted fields we have been able to proclaim the Gospel in. We especially thank God for each of you that make up a wonderful group of supporters and prayer partners who faithfully pray and invest in this work of reaching souls and planting churches.

In October and November Sam was in Russia with Pastor Larry DeBruyn holding seminars in both Moscow and St. Petersburg designed to strengthen and encourage pastors and church planters. In between those meetings we spent some time in Ukraine acquiring property that will be used in the building project we mentioned in our last prayer letter. Thank you for your prayers which were answered in this important step. With this property purchased this project is on track to have a construction group who will frame and roof a building probably in late April or early May. We will need some other volunteer building groups to come after that to do other phases of construction.

A really special blessing during our time in Ukraine was the 20-year anniversary of one of the first churches we planted. The Revival Baptist church of Kiev, Ukraine, is thriving and dedicated their new building in this same anniversary celebration service on November 3rd. The best part of this special service was that 15 souls were saved at this meeting! Praise God for such a wonderful event and for His hand of blessing on this exciting ministry. There is more information about this event including some pictures in the next issue of our newsletter, *The Challenger*, which you should soon receive.

We have a special prayer request that is really exciting. Though we cannot share all the details, it looks like we will have an amazing opportunity to ship our next overseas container of humanitarian aid to one of our missionaries serving in a restricted Islamic country. Please pray for all the details to work out in this remarkable opportunity and that God would use this to open many hearts to the Gospel.

On a family note this has been a great year as Amy and I have enjoyed being grandparents. The children along with all five grandchildren are doing well including Noah for whom so many of you prayed. Since all 5 are under a year and a half our family gatherings are quite lively and interesting events. Recently, some visiting relatives who joined in said that they had been to "Babyland!"

May God bless each of you with a wonderful Thanksgiving and blessed Christmas!

*Sam & Amy Slobodian*

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