

## BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES

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## **July-August 2012**

"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the Lord our God." Psalm 20:7 **Dear Praying Friends,** 

Once again we greet you in the precious name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! We are always grateful for your prayers and support, but this time we are especially grateful for a great and mighty answer to prayer concerning our grandson, Noah. We are overwhelmed with God's goodness and are deeply grateful to God and to all of you who prayed. On July 24<sup>th</sup> Noah received a heart transplant and has made such great progress that he was able to go home on August 24<sup>th</sup>. God so graciously and mercifully worked out many details that made this great blessing possible. Praise God!

Our summer camping programs are winding down for the year. Though we don't have all the reports in yet, once again we are rejoicing in hundreds saved in around 20 different camps BIEM workers have conducted this summer. Once again we had folks from the United States help out in several of these camps which make an excellent mission trip adventure for churches, youth groups or Bible Colleges. If you are interested in receiving a report concerning these summer camps, which will soon be sent out, please let us know and we will be glad to add you to the list of folks that will be receiving them. This report includes pictures and testimonies from campers, leaders and BIEM workers.

As you may know, we publish a monthly prayer and praise sheet entitled "BIEM's of Light". Each issue contains four or five prayer requests and four or five praises which are often answers to prayers. One of the great blessings of seeing these answers to prayer is that it makes us aware that many of God's people are upholding our ministry in prayer. One request that we have mentioned several times over the last two years concerns one of our Ukrainian national couples that are working in a Muslim land. They have been in great need of obtaining permanent residency. As you can imagine, this is an incredibly difficult task. Recently, they finally obtained these greatly needed documents, which are so vital to their long-term ministry goals. Along the way, there were instances where God's hand in answer to the prayer of God's people was clearly evident, which was a huge blessing to this dedicated couple. They are regularly seeing people saved, have had several baptisms, and now will have the opportunity to launch ministry efforts not possible without the recently acquired legal status. Praise God!

During the month of August we have had two of our Ukrainian nationals visiting in the United States. Eugene Buyko who is our Ukrainian director has been to the United States before, but for Vitaly Bilyak who is planting a church in Western Ukraine visiting friends and supporters in America has been a first-time experience. It has been a blessing for Sam to travel and translate for them in churches which are supporting BIEM efforts. The church that brother Vitaly is planting is only 17 miles from where Peter Slobodian, Sam's dad and our mission's founder, was born! Praise God for the joy of seeing souls saved and churches established. Thank you for your prayers on our behalf. May God bless each of you in your work for Him.

In His glad service,

Sam & Amy Slobodian