



BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES

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"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

Dear Pastors and Friends,

We send you warm Christmas greetings from the Slobodians! We hope that the joy of this special time of year fills your hearts with thanksgiving and praise. For us this Thanksgiving was extra special. Our grandson Noah is doing so well with his new heart that the doctors for the first time since the transplant allowed him to come into contact with the extended family on Thanksgiving. It was a joyous time since none of Noah's aunts, uncles and cousins had seen him since the surgery. Thank you very much for praying!

As we celebrate the wonderful birth of our Savior and look forward to another year our family has much to be thankful for. With one wedding and 4 new grandchildren our family has grown much this year. First, Sophia Grace Crouch was born to our daughter Sarah and husband Nate, then Ella Louise Anger was born to our daughter Stephanie and husband Aaron. After that the twins, Noah Matthew Harvey and Madison Marie Harvey were born to daughter Susan and husband Mat. On July 21st our daughter Sharon became Mrs. Ashton Brandyberry. Ashton's parents, who are missionaries in Pakistan, were in the US for this joyous occasion. Steven is busy adding a degree in auto mechanics in addition to his diploma in Business Management & Human Resources. We are thankful and proud of all of our children and grandchildren.

Our board of directors did something very special for Amy and I in recognition of our completing 30 years as BIEM missionaries by making possible a trip to the Holy Land! We praise God and thank all of you for these 30 years. All of our supporters and prayer partners share in the fruit of the many souls saved through more than 100 churches established and over 40 church buildings built over these last 30 years. Truly we could accomplish very little apart from God's people who pray for us, support us and help in many ways. We would like to invite you to join us in Israel this February 5-16. You can obtain information about this opportunity to visit the Holy Land with us at the following site: http://www.pilgrimtours.com/groups/slobodian_israel.htm Of course not all will be able to go but you can rejoice with us by viewing the new DVD highlighting these 30 years of ministry. You can view this online at our website at www.BaptistInternational.org, or contact us if you would like us to send you one of these DVD's. We would be glad to do so.

Finally, please pray for Sam as he will be in Ukraine as well as one of the restricted nations this December. In Ukraine plans are being laid for the start of a new church in the town of Belogorodka in the Kiev region. God has brought about an amazing opportunity for this strategic location where donated land will enable us to launch an exciting building program. Please read about this thrilling story in our forthcoming newsletter *The Challenger*. There is a great need for prayer concerning the facilities housing the ministry in a restricted country. Some serious legal issues have arisen which threaten the property. Please pray much for wisdom in dealing with the situation and that God would provide a solution. Thank you for your part in this ministry and may God grant you and yours a blessed Christmas and wonderful New Year!

The Slobodians

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