

# BIEM's of Light

Monthly praises and prayer requests from:

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## Praises – Rejoice with us!

- ❖ We have requested prayer for Oleg Petrenko, the brother of BIEM missionary Sasha Petrenko. Recently, Russia returned Oleg to Ukraine as part of a prisoner-of-war swap. Oleg is weak and was taken straight to a hospital, but he and his family thank you for all prayers!
- ❖ On July 18 we received word from Central Asia of a family of 6 Afghans who put their trust in Jesus Christ as Savior. Praise the Lord!
- ❖ The Christians who print our *Challenger* newsletter do a wonderful job, for which we receive many compliments. The current issue featuring last winter's distribution of warm clothing and New Testaments may be their most attractive effort ever. We had so many photos and thank you's that it was a tall order to fit a sampling even into 6 pages. Somehow, they formatted a beautiful and informative issue featuring a creative, bulletin-board layout. We thank and praise God for the outstanding work on this newsletter. May it warm the hearts of all who gave and prayed for this project.
- ❖ Various Ukrainian pastors whose churches helped to distribute winter clothing to soldiers have established ongoing connections with some of the recipients. In one case, a soldier asked the pastor if the church could post videos of church services online to watch them from the war front! May God work and bless through these new connections.

## Prayer – Pray with us!

- ❖ The Christian camps for children and teens are continuing overseas. Through quick updates, we are hearing of salvation decisions and fun times. Please pray for God to give energy to the camp leaders and to work in the hearts of the campers.
- ❖ We have occasionally shared news about Misha, a young Ukrainian believer who is the nephew of a BIEM couple. He has been serving in the army since the early days of the war. His uncle writes, "Please pray for Misha. He is still on the front line, in the heat of battles. Hot, tired, filthy."
- ❖ In mid-July, our missionary Eugene Buyko and his family plan to be in the U.S. for a month to visit supporting churches and bring updates. Please pray for smooth travels with no glitches.
- ❖ In the Republic of Georgia, the Pro-Russian parliament has passed a new law, which will severely restrict our missionaries. This is despite massive protests and warnings from the US government and many other nations that this law will end democracy and religious freedom. Please pray that elections in October will bring in a new government that will overturn this law and that God will direct missionaries there how to respond.

Dear friends, the invasion of Ukraine compels BIEM to take extraordinary measures. Please log onto our website, [BaptistInternational.org](http://BaptistInternational.org), for information on BIEM's War Relief Efforts. Thank you!

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



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