

# BIEM's of Light

Monthly praises and prayer requests from:

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## Praises – Rejoice with us!

- ❖ We had requested prayer that Igor Fomichov be permitted to exit Ukraine temporarily to assist BIEM with its next container and to speak in churches! Praise God; he's now here!
- ❖ Connected to the praise item above is another cause for praise. Thanks to the generosity of all you friends, BIEM now has enough donations of clothing, shoes, and medical items to ship another 40-ft container of war relief to Ukraine. This is our 3<sup>rd</sup> for 2024. May God bless it with swift passage!
- ❖ In November, our newer church planter Sergiy Koop had the joy of baptizing 2 new believers!
- ❖ BIEM church planter Anatoly Kirilko declares, "Greetings from Nizhylovychi! We celebrated the Harvest Festival in our church and thanked God for all the blessings He sends even though such a brutal war continues in the country.... We had wonderful fellowship, sermons, much inspiring singing, and lastly a festive dinner. Thank God that He takes care of us in every way."

## Prayer – Pray with us!

- ❖ From our Director for Central Asia: "Our 5 Iranian believers were beaten severely. As they were enduring beatings, the others sang hymns and praises to God to encourage the ones being beaten. As they were being beaten and singing, the Iranian police looked at each other and said, "What are we doing? These men aren't violent. They're even praying for our country as we beat them." The police stole the men's money and documents, then dumped them on the street, telling them to keep their religion to themselves. Their faces are so swollen they could barely speak, but they rejoice to suffer for their Savior who suffered so much more for them. Please pray as they plan Christmas evangelism.
- ❖ As Russia's war against Ukraine continues, church members are among those being taken into the military. Please for their safety but also for their Christian witness to fellow soldiers.
- ❖ Our church planters the Kellers have relocated to Armenia, where they face multiple challenges in the cultures, language, and religion. Vitaly says, "Pray also that we can clearly see the area where God wants us to serve. We don't want to spread ourselves too thin by trying to do everything, but instead focus on what will be most effective."
- ❖ Concerning Belarus, news outlets report fresh repression in advance of elections. If reports are accurate, there has been a wave of searches and arrests, with a sharp increase in citizens arrested on accusations of treason. Please pray that churches are not targeted, especially our Belarusian church planters.

Dear friends, the invasion of Ukraine compels BIEM to take extraordinary measures. Please log onto our website, [BaptistInternational.org](https://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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