## BIEM's of Light Monthly praises and prayer requests from:

BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL Evangelistic Ministries

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## Praises - Rejoice with us!

- ❖ The 40-ft. container of humanitarian aid that we shipped for the church in Fastiv, Ukraine, is expected to arrive this week! Hallelujah! But now the believers must navigate a daunting amount of paperwork to verify this is, indeed, humanitarian aid and not business.
- Last month we requested your prayers as Sam Slobodian traveled to meet up with our national Russian missionaries. Due to security concerns, they decided to gather in a neutral country. Now we are happy to report that those travels and meetings went smoothly. Thanks for prayers!
- ❖ In January, our Kyiv Theological Seminary held its first session for 2025. Despite the ongoing war, over 40 students attended. Of those, 14 were newly enrolled student! Praise God for sending us more workers for the harvest of souls.
- The Lord gave an unexpected opportunity to missionary Sergiy Koop when the owner of their apartment building invited him to administer the building. Sergiy writes, "This role is interesting because every week I talk with various new people who request help with their apartment issues. I like it because I can be an example of a Christian who does his job well. They ask if it's true that I'm the pastor of a Baptist church. Because of this, I have opportunities to share the Gospel with them. It always inspires me!"

## Prayer - Pray with us!

- ❖ Concerning the Warm Clothing project, BIEM has received applications representing 1,076 soldiers, whom Christian loved ones wish to bless. The total cost of supplying that number with warm clothes and Scriptures is \$107,600. However, \$75,000 has already been received, which drops the amount needed to just over \$32,000. Yet, because a generous donor has been matching these donations, only \$16,000 would fill that need. Please help us to pray in that last \$16,000.
- One of BIEM's church planters in a Muslim country hopes to come to the U.S. for 4 weeks at the end of February to speak in supporting churches and bring updates. Please pray for those plans.
- Later this week, Vitaly Bilyak and Sergiy Koop plan to make another missionary trip to Kherson and Donbas. As usual, the plan is to distribute food aid while also sharing the Gospel. But as Russian forces grind their way westward, such trips are becoming more dangerous. Please pray for God's blessings.
- The church in Lviv, Ukraine, requests prayer. Thanks to a generous donation by a friend of BIEM, they can now install venting in the ceiling, which is high above the auditorium floor and requires scaffolding to reach. Please pray for safety for the members doing this work and a job well done to pass inspection.

Dear friends, the invasion of Ukraine compels BIEM to take extraordinary measures. Please log onto our website, <u>BaptistInternational.org</u>, 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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