



## BAPTIST INTERNATIONAL EVANGELISTIC MINISTRIES

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*"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights..." James 1:17*

### Dear Pastors and Friends,

Greetings again from the Slobodians! We count it a privilege to be workers together with you in the harvest fields of Russia, Eastern Europe and bordering countries. It is always a blessing to share God's blessings in our reports, presentations, and prayer letters.

This spring our seminary experienced some encouraging blessings. The church building in Bilorodka completed the attic which now brings the capacity for housing students up to 50. Each of the four levels has bathroom and shower facilities so the students are thrilled with the accommodations the Lord has provided. Furthermore, we are praising God that the number of students coming from the war zone in the East has risen to 10. When they share the needs as well as how God is saving souls in this needy area, this inspires the other students and through them, many others throughout Ukraine are informed. Finally, we graduated 7 students who have completed their studies and are now using their training in serving the Lord.

During May and June we had Sergei Debelinsky who is the president of the Brotherhood of Independent Baptist Churches of Ukraine, with us along with Igor Fomichov, our church planter in the military city of Desna. Since both of these men were saved out of backgrounds most would consider extremely challenging, their testimonies were a blessing and encouragement to many.

Right now we are well into our summer camping season. Once again our church planters and workers will operate over 20 camps with thousands of young campers. Daily we are hearing reports of good attendance, great enthusiasm and many souls being saved! It is a special blessing to hear that God is saving many in the camps which are being held in restricted countries. Thank you to each of you who support and pray for this vital outreach. Just a few weeks ago we were far short of the \$40,000 needed for summer camps this year. Praise God that as we write the letter we are now within \$2000 of the amount needed this summer. Praise God!

In a recent video update we highlighted the need of at least \$5,000 to replace the roof at the Philadelphia drug and alcohol rehab center in Fastiv. This is the ministry of a daughter church of one of our first church plants in Ukraine. Praise God for a gift of \$2,500 in matching funds for this project. Please pray for this need.

Our headquarters in Indiana has recently been blessed by some gifts that will greatly help our container shipments of humanitarian aid and church planting equipment. First, we were thrilled to receive a gift of a forklift. This makes a huge difference when it comes to unloading and loading some of the heavier donations we receive. For example, we already have three pianos ready for our next shipment. Since loading them on a container involves lifting them more than 4 feet off the ground up to the bed of the container the forklift makes easy a job several men would otherwise have to struggle with. God also provided the gift of a 40 foot storage container that is now parked on our property. Now when items are processed we can move them into this container nearby freeing up our warehouse space for volunteers who help us process and box incoming donations. If that wasn't enough, we were once again given hundreds of boxes by a local company who has often helped us with these efforts. Praise God for providing boxes to pack donations in!

Thank-you for taking the time to read this and rejoice with us in God's wonderful saving grace and enabling hand. We are sincerely grateful for your prayers since the prayers of God's people are of utmost importance to us. Therefore, we appreciate each of you who partner with us in this work for Him.

***The Slobodians***

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