July 17, 2018

Dear Praying Friends,

As we head into the second half of summer we are preparing for a very busy six weeks. During this time, we’ll be traveling throughout Ukraine to minister in camps and outreaches. Students from Slavic Baptist Institute are giving of their time to serve in these camps and we look forward to reporting back to you of the Lord’s blessings. We are also anticipating our upcoming Summer Session at SBI in August. Classes will center around the Bible and subjects will include “Bible Study Methods,” and Hermeneutics. We are excited to see our students and ask for your prayers for God’s blessing.

***We have a new ministry at SBI that we are beginning in October called SBI Advanced.*** The focus of this ministry is to offer a graduate degree for pastors who desire a greater training and teaching in the Word of God. The first session of SBI Advanced will include a doctrinal look at the office of pastor/teacher. We’ll cover such areas as: the pastor and his study; the pastor and his pulpit; the pastor and his family; the pastor and prayer; the pastor and administration. The other subject will be a doctrinal and practical look into progressive sanctification. Pray for the Lord to assemble the right men for this training and for them to be impacted that their congregations might be more greatly influenced through their ministries of the Word for the glory of Christ.

***Would you prayerfully consider a request?*** There is a church that we helped begin in Ukmerge, Lithuania that is in need of a building. Ukmerge Baptist Church is the only gospel preaching church not only in this city but in the entire county. The church has been renting a building located in the center of town, but the owner has decided to sell. The sales price is $44,000, which is a good price for a building that is located in an EU member country, while offering street frontage, an adequate auditorium, fellowship hall and nursery. With your help we can encourage this faithful group of believers to continue to proclaim the Word of life in a city and county shrouded in religious darkness. Any special gifts may be designated to the ***Ukmerge Baptist Church Building fund*** through CMC.

As our focus turns from summer to fall, we give praise for each open door the Lord presents, including the door we mentioned in our last letter concerning a church plant in Kiev. We are planning our move there in September. There is another exciting door the Lord may be opening that we anticipate sharing with you soon. We thank you for your faithful prayers and support that aids us in sharing His glory here in Ukraine and Eastern Europe.

For the glory of Christ in Ukraine,

Derek and Julie