



## Bear Valley Bible Institute - Ukraine (BVBIU)

### August 2019

Greetings to you all!

We hope you had a very good summer. The news regarding BVBIU is very encouraging, as a new school year is about to begin on Monday, September 2nd. After the graduation in May (above), several current and former BVBIU

students were busy in many places this summer. The Director of BVBIU, Dennis Sopelnik reports the following; *“There were several VBSs last month - those in Poltava, Slovyansk, Kramatorsk, Vorokhta, Dnipro, Brovary, and in the middle of this month [August], our congregation in Bila Tserkva will have a VBS as well. The preparation is under way in full force. It's always an exciting time for our congregation.”*

Dennis also has given good news for

this new school year and writes, *“As for the upcoming school year, we have recruited 5 new students.”* This is excellent and we are excited about each one. Something unusual regarding two of the students, is that they are sons of two of our instructors at BVBIU. Nazar Semikoz (his father is Victor Semikoz, a long-time preacher and teacher at BVBIU) and Ilya Zhuralev (his father is Andrei Zhuralev, also a long-time preacher and teacher at BVBIU), will be a part of the new enrollment class. Victor actually had another son, Ilyusha, who finished BVBIU in 2018. Isn't it wonderful to see these second generation preachers emerge?

Some other wonderful news also included some new Christians. Of the ones I am aware of (often there are more) Brother Vitally Rodichev (another preacher and instructor at BVBIU) taught and baptized a young man, Anton Sanzhura (in the picture, Vitally is taking his confession). A woman was studied with and baptized in Liman (home town of my wife and mother-in-law), and it was so special to hear that both Dennis Sopelnik's mother and sister were baptized at the camp where BVBIU instructors and students teach and help in many ways.

Finally, I plan to travel to BVBIU to teach in October, and Lord willing,



will be leaving on October 10th, returning to the States on October 21st. It will be great to see the student body in person and am really looking forward to being with them all. While I plan to continue to teach classes on the internet each Wednesday, there is nothing like personally being with the brethren and working with them. I am grateful to the elders at the Rapid City church of Christ, who allow me to be involved in this work and also to make trips like this.

That's the news for now. Lord willing, I will send out another newsletter at the end of October. I will include some pictures of the events listed in the newsletter today on the next page.

God bless you all! Terry



