



## Bear Valley Bible Institute - Ukraine (BVBIU)

### December 2019

Greetings Dear Church Family!

Can you believe in a short time, if Jesus doesn't come first, that it will be 2020?!!! Where did the time go? It shows us how important it is for us to use every minute with urgency for the Lord.

Here are some highlights of what took place at BVBIU this past year, as reported by Dennis Sopolnik, Director of BVBIU (annual report of the Bear Valley Bible Institute in Ukraine for 2019).

1. Right now there are a total of ten students.
2. We are planning to have four graduates this coming May.
3. Nine evangelistic campaigns and two lectureships connected with BVBIU took place in 2019.
4. Glory to God, thirty-four souls became Christians, being baptized by our graduates and teachers.
5. We have nine Ukrainian brothers who serve as teachers

at BVBIU.

6. Currently, we have six American teachers come on a regular basis.
7. One church was restored.
8. There were a total of ten summer camps for children.

Dennis reports that beginning of June next year, the Masters' Program will resume. The students will be the first in the last few years, with about five looking forward to the program resuming. This is good news because the graduates of the program will be able to join our permanent Instructors' pool.

More positive news came when another congregation contacted Dennis looking for a full-time preacher. There's a high probability that one of our coming graduates will be ministering at that congregation, which demonstrates that the Bible Institute provides a very valuable work training new ministers who are qualified to preach the Lord's truth. Looking at the map of Ukraine, we can see that the area in Ukraine is becoming wider

in which graduates from BVBIU are preaching.

Finally, some more good news, in that the Department of Education of Ukraine gave official permission to work with orphans at Childrens' Homes. This will open the door for congregations to actively work with teen orphans who reside there.

I would like to end this particular newsletter by reporting on the passing of Brother Dick Case, who was the Director of Bear Valley Bible Institute during the time I was a student from 1991-94. Brother Case was one of the most influential Christians in my life, and it was he who helped me to make contact with a team that was planning on working in Moscow, Russia. The Lord was already involved in directing my steps regarding mission work, as I had done some Stateside mission work, spent a summer in Austria, and also went to Poland for a two-week period, but Dick Case helped me to make the transition to full-time mission work complete regarding the work in Russia. After I spent three years there, gained invaluable experi-

Valley to serve as the Director of Bear Valley Bible Institute-Ukraine (BVBIU). I was honored to work in this capacity from 2002-2010.

Dick Case was one of the kindest and classiest brothers I have ever known. His example to me and many others will be with us all until the day of our departure from this world. As time rolls on, may we all use it to the glory of God, never wasting a moment. Below is a picture of our dear friend and brother, Dick Case, as we remem-

ber him at Bear Valley. I am also including one where I am teaching online each Wednesday morning with the students at BVBIU. Dick never knew that his impact would be influential on my portion of the work in Ukraine, but by serving the Lord in such a great way, one can have an impact on others in many ways. This should be a goal that we all should learn in our Christian service to God and others.

May the Lord bless the end of 2019 for you all and help your

2020 to be an even more blessed one. Thank you for participating in the greatest work on earth and Heaven. There is nothing like helping souls to reach our Heavenly home.

Love in Christ,  
Terry

