



## Bear Valley Bible Institute - Ukraine (BVBIU)

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Hello brethren,

We are entering into spring and life to continues to roll on. We would like to begin by stating that our thoughts and prayers go out to everyone in the Cookeville / Nashville, TN area, regarding the recent tornadoes. I saw that President Trump visited that area and we are thankful for a political leader who cares. Of course, we are most thankful for our Heavenly Father who loves and cares for all of us, especially by sending His Son to die for us. It is due to this Hope, that we all work together in the Kingdom of the Lord, **which we again thank you so much for your participation!**

In the past two months, there have been many activities at BVBIU and among the graduates around Ukraine (several pictures on page two). There were a number of Ukrainian teachers who came to instruct at BVBIU, as well as three preachers from the States. Dennis Sopelnik, Director at BVBIU wrote the following; *When finished teaching their courses, brothers Chris and Walter (and Mike) took part in the winter lectureship in the Carpathian Mountains. It was the second annual lectureship that's organized and hosted by American and Ukrainian brethren. The main goal of the event is to unite and encourage the congregations in western Ukraine. A few days in the mountains, wonderful lessons and Christian fellow-*

*ship, produce good results, and, as one of the attendees commented to me, this year the hugs were genuine and welcomed, more family like. At the same time there was another lectureship in eastern Ukraine. Thus Christians from both sides of Ukraine didn't miss the joy of visiting a lectureship. Brethren from Kramatorsk, along with Jeff Abrams, annually come to Svyatogorsk, have lectures and spend the night. Some of our students went to this one. The Bible Institute is working well, currently with 10 students. And one more student Tamara, occasionally takes courses she has missed. This year we anticipate 5 students finishing the program. They'll graduate and receive their diplomas.*

Please remember to pray for everyone who travels at this time and the coronavirus. I usually keep a calm head about such things, but the news about all of this is pretty alarming. The world is very interactive these days, with people traveling all over, and the risk of infection is much higher than normal. Our family is waiting to see how things turn out, prior to making a decision to travel to Ukraine this summer. We ask that you pray for wisdom regarding all Christians who would like to travel to Ukraine, as well as anywhere else in the world. The Lord is in control and we all need to make wise decisions.

The Lord bless and keep you! Terry

