



HOPE TO PEOPLE

Christian Mission

**For as many as are the
promises of God,
in Him they are “yes”!
And in Him “amen”: to the
glory of God through us!**

(2 Corinthians 1:20)





Pray to the Lord of the Harvest

From October 19 to 26, the Bible Mission Church Community of the Good Shepherd in Rivne hosted an annual missionary conference on the theme “Pray to the Lord of the Harvest...” (Matthew 9:38). This was the thirtieth annual conference. This time, the organizers set themselves the goal of teaching and encouraging the church to pray for the fulfillment of the Great Commission through the personal testimony of missionaries and evangelists, the example of their ministry, and the preaching of the Word of God, as well as sharing with the church the prayer needs of missionary service.



The conference participants learned about how the Word of God is spreading in the countries of the Middle East and Central Asia, in Armenia, Africa, South America, as well as in Ukraine, and in the Rivne region in particular.





Saving a Christian Family

As you know, a regime has taken hold in Afghanistan that is forcing some of our brothers and sisters to flee to neighboring Iran, where their chances of survival are at least a little higher, and others to remain in cold weather and starve. Please keep praying and — if the Lord lays it on your heart, consider giving to support for Christians in Afghanistan, who are going through difficult trials for their faith and the humanitarian crisis.

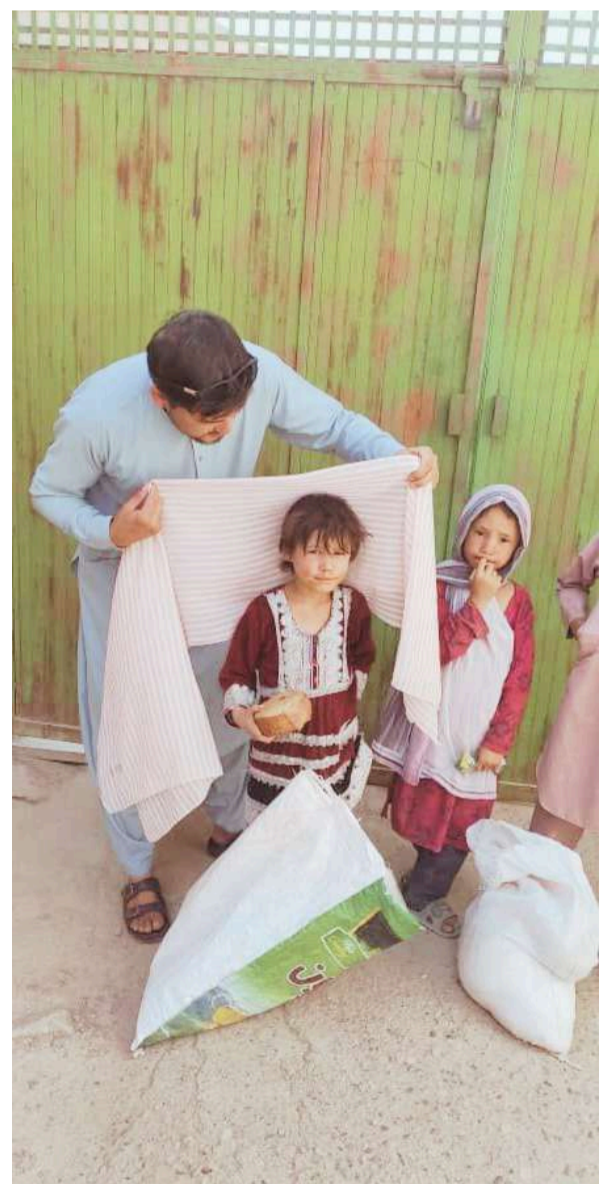
Our brother Ali I. was forced to flee from Afghanistan to Iran in 2021 due to Taliban attacks. In 2023, he joined our Face-to-Face ministry, spreading the Gospel among Afghans in Iran. During the recent crackdown on refugees, Iranian authorities deported many Afghans, including Ali's family. He and his wife, and two children hid in a shelter for several months. However, the Taliban later captured Ali, beat him up, and accused him of Christian activities. He is now free only thanks to a bail bond posted by a fellow believer, but remains under constant threat of being arrested again. The safest way for the family to escape is to officially leave for Pakistan. To do that, they need \$2,000 for visas and travel expenses.





Heat and Food for Widows and Orphans

In the mountain town of B. in Afghanistan, Ali's brother D. and his wife Mariam run three orphanages, each of which is home to more than two hundred children. Many of them are orphans or children whose fathers died in the war and whose mothers are unable to feed them. Since 2021, the Taliban have banned women from studying and working in government institutions, making it extremely difficult for single-parent families to survive. Brother Ali and his wife have been serving in the region for many years, teaching children to read and write, and women to learn handicrafts to support themselves.



With the onset of winter, the temperature in the mountains often drops to minus 10–15 °C. Ali asks for help in providing insulated jackets and shoes for the 30 children who attend their home school.

\$15 will provide one child with a jacket and boots.

\$3 is the cost of one hot meal for an orphan or child in need of care.

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Open Doors

Bobur and Tamila are people with a servant's heart, and the doors of their home are always open to others. In recent years, they have served in Turkey and have zealously preached the Gospel while living in a Muslim environment. But the Lord called them to move on, or rather, to return to where they were before. From 2016 to 2019, they had already worked in one of the regions of China, but then the door was closed, and their residence permit in the country was not extended. Now, the pressure and restrictions on Christians from the state have eased, and citizens of Uzbekistan have received the right to enter China without a visa, and the family with two younger children is ready to set off.



In the region of China where our ministers are going, there are Uyghurs who believed in Jesus Christ and were baptized by our missionary in 2016–2020, as well as by other missionaries, and have remained faithful to Christ. They have a great thirst for the Word of God and a need for discipling, especially in the formation of a biblical understanding of the local church.

Some Uyghur believers have been through Chinese concentration camps. The Chinese Communist government has established so-called re-education camps in Xinjiang and is committing genocide against the Uyghur people, banning their language, faith, and culture. The situation has improved somewhat, but they are afraid and distrustful of strangers, so it is important to send a missionary to them with whom they have long-standing friendships and who will be a strong and wise leader to help the believers unite into a strong community.

We ask you to keep brother Bobur and his family in your prayers, that the Lord may protect and give wisdom in continuing this difficult ministry.



Evangelizing through Exhibition of Paintings



With the beginning of the school year, mission employees Ruslana Kovalchuk, Arkady Sloza, and Mykola Nikitin continued their evangelistic ministry with an exhibition of reproductions of paintings by famous artists, "The Life of Jesus Christ in Works of Art." In September-October, the Gospel was preached to almost two thousand students and more than a hundred teachers in eight lyceums in Rivne and in the Roman Catholic church in Sarny. A lot of Christian literature was distributed, which the students happily took home. Thus, the Word of God spread among the families of the exhibition attendees.





Beginning of Works in the Field «NADIA PARK»

For over 7 years, we have been planning the construction of a new sports complex, but constantly encountered difficulties. This month, the work finally began – and this is truly a great mercy of God! The first stage is the construction of a large field. This will greatly help us in our training: we will be able to accept more children and not pay for the rental of fields in our city, but, on the contrary, invite other teams to us. As a result, even more people will hear the Gospel!





Session in Rivne Bible College

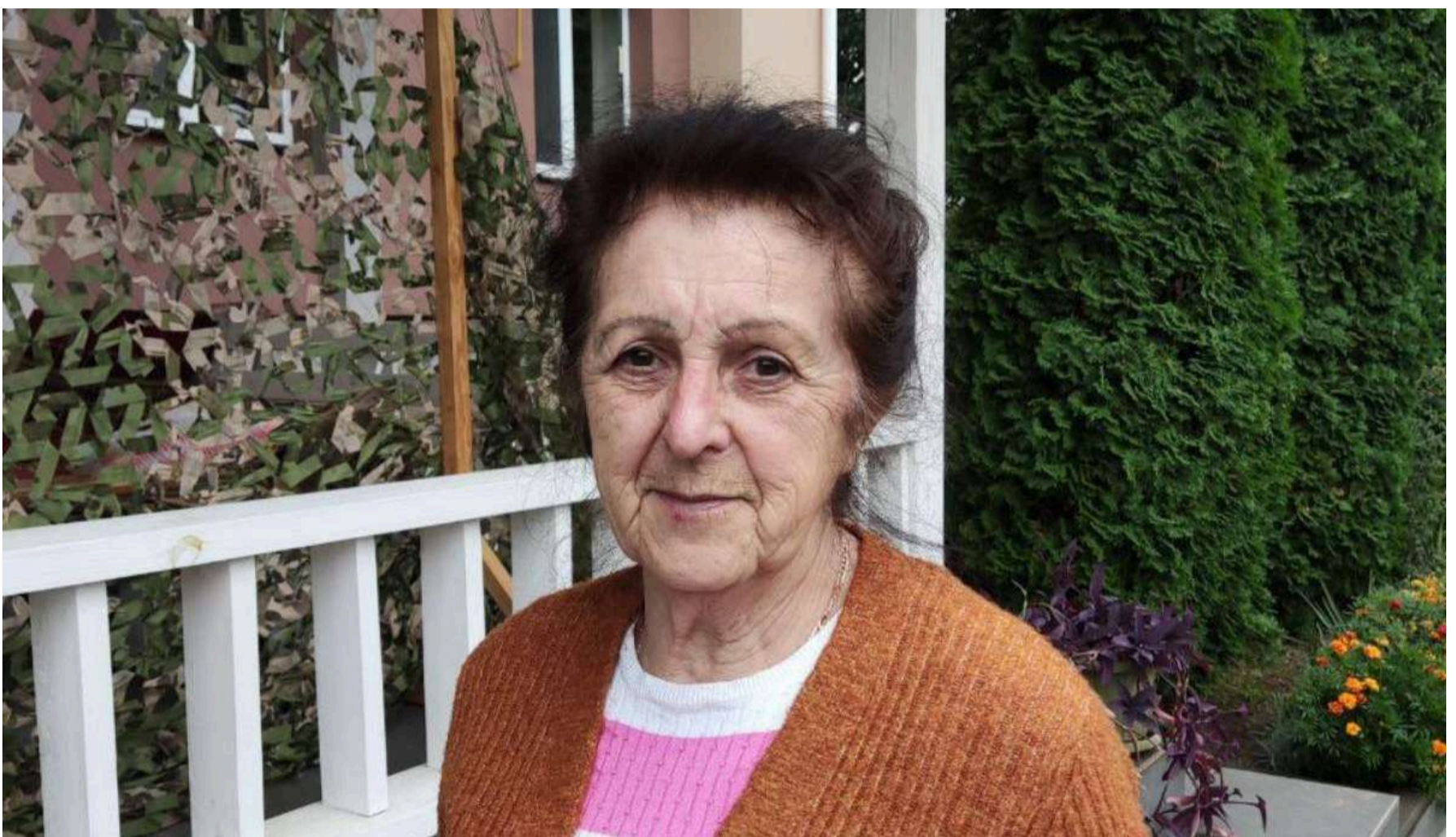
This fall, the fourth session of the new Rivne Bible College was held, and it was dedicated to an overview of the Old Testament. 24 students had the opportunity to have a valuable and in-depth study to better understand God's character, His plan of salvation, and unwavering faithfulness throughout biblical history. The teacher, Andriy Bortnichuk, presented the material in an understandable and, at the same time, theologically rich form with a deep understanding of Scripture.

The entire course was permeated with the idea that the Old Testament reveals to us Jesus Christ, the promised Messiah, through whom God fulfills His plan of salvation. Using examples from the history of Israel, prophetic books, and poetic texts, students saw how God's promises always depend solely on His faithfulness, not on human consistency. Despite the unfaithfulness of the people, God remained faithful to His word, showing His kindness and mercy.



Serving the Victims of War

At our suburban base in Zalissyia, we continue to provide housing and food to 55 displaced people from the war zone. The vast majority of these people are elderly and infirm residents of the Donetsk region, whose homes have been completely destroyed.



For example, 74-year-old Valentina Anatoliivna from the city of Hirnyk, Donetsk region, worked as a welder for 10 years, and later as a coal laboratory assistant in hot production for 40 years. At 53, she was left a widow. Her son is currently at the front, and her daughter and her fifteen-year-old son are also in Zalissyia.

In January 2022, Valentyna began attending a Baptist church in the city of Hirnyk. And in 2023, she repented before God and was baptized. Being with God, she felt peace in her heart for a while. In the church, people helped each other: they cleaned up and cooked food. But in the summer, the shelling became so intense that it became impossible to get out of the basement; it was really dangerous. The pastor helped them leave, and in August 2024, the women ended up in Zalissyia. Valentyna does not know what will happen tomorrow and where she will live, because now her hometown has been totally wiped out, and buying or renting housing with her pension in the Rivne region sounds unrealistic for her. Therefore, she is grateful to God for temporary housing in Zalissyia.



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