

Merry Christmas!

December 2015

Dear Prayer Partners:



What a wonderful season to rejoice in God's plan of redemption—sending His only Son to Earth to become a helpless human baby, live in our world to understand our temptations and pain, then suffer Himself as the perfect sacrificial Lamb to give us forgiveness and eternal life. Hallelujah! As the angels said in Luke 2:14:

“Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”

How we long for peace in Ukraine—please keep praying for physical peace from war and spiritual peace in the hearts of those suffering from the trauma of war. Wednesday I was in a meeting via Skype with our advisory council for the Ukraine Crisis Fund. We reviewed many requests for help and were so thankful for the donations that have been given to help refugees and those caught in the rebel-occupied zone. Life there is particularly hard as there is now an economic blockade making prices terribly high, and simple things hard to obtain. The pastors who have stayed in that zone to care for their own flock and many needy in their community are my heroes! Some have been harassed by the rebels, others have had cars, property, even church buildings confiscated. Some travel the difficult road through many military roadblocks to pick up supplies and funds and return with these precious things into the zone. We read letter after letter of thanksgiving for these gifts that kept people from hunger and life-threatening cold. Churches are cutting wood and buying coal to heat village homes that have no access to even these necessities. They are buying medicines for many suffering from chronic diseases and no means to obtain treatment. ***Your gifts are making this possible!*** People are coming to Christ because of the stress and seeing our churches responding in love to their needs. One woman even wrote that she was grateful for the war because it brought her to Jesus! I will write more about their stories in January, but I wanted to give you an opportunity before the end of the year to know God's blessing by helping others through support of our ministries in Ukraine. I am so grateful for Dr. Tim Murphy who has covered the village clinics for me in Sept-Dec and made a trip to the East to do refugee clinics with Holly in October. ***ABWE is making a difference for the King of Kings in war-torn Ukraine!*** Would you like to join us in bringing some joy to people living in despair? Enable us to buy a loaf of bread for the hungry, a toy for a child who lost all of his possessions, a Bible for someone who has never before read the story of redemption, wood or coal for a widow who is shivering from cold, warm blankets for invalid refugees in government-controlled sanitariums, medicines for the sick.

Giving them hope will give you joy!

*Rejoicing to serve the King of Kings,
Helping Ukraine even during furlough,
Holding Fast to The Rock,
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