

Sharing Christ's Compassion for Ukraine

"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, for wisdom and might are His. And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding.

Daniel 2:20-21

August 8, 2016

RETURN TO UKRAINE August 23

PRAYER REQUESTS AND TIMETABLE

- ✠ **Peace in Ukraine.** Pastors and churches functioning in great difficulties in pro-Russian rebel-occupied zone in eastern Ukraine. Soldiers and civilians are still being killed and injured in battles.
- ✠ Praise the Lord for safety in travel during this furlough. I traveled a total of 16,000 miles--drove 13,300 miles and flew 2500 miles to Atlanta, Michigan and Ontario, Canada.
- ✠ God's strength and direction for these last two weeks in West Virginia. Many projects to complete!
- ✠ Setting priorities for next term of service
- ✠ Go back to Odessa spiritual refreshed and physically recharged to face the challenges and stress of the ongoing refugee crisis.
- ✠ August 14: last Sunday at my sending church, Johnston Chapel Baptist, Princeton WV
- ✠ Saturday, 8/20: Fly from Charlotte NC to JFK airport, New York.
- ✠ Sunday, 8/21: Speak IN RUSSIAN at emigrant church for Russian-speakers in New York City with missionary pastor Dan Hydens. Both Ukraine ministry presentation and "Sanctity of Life" in both morning and evening services. Great opportunity! Pray that my Russian comes back well.
- ✠ Monday night to JFK for midnight flight to Kiev. Arrive Odessa Tuesday evening, 8/23. Pray for safety on trip, for quick recuperation from jet lag, and for re-adaptation to Ukraine. As much as I love that place, it still takes some adjustments to get back in sync with that culture and language!
- ✠ 8/26: clinic in Limaniy. **Pray that patients will receive Christ as Savior in all our village clinics.**
- ✠ 8/30: clinic in Sahanskoye
- ✠ Sept. 1: meeting via Skype with ABWE-Ukraine team. Meeting with colleague Holly Friesen to catch up and plan ahead.
- ✠ Sept. 3: meeting with village clinic staff. Pray for us as we consider how to best serve refugees, when to do a trip to eastern Ukraine for refugee clinics, whether to add a clinic day each month to better serve refugees in the Odessa area, how to incorporate Ukrainian physicians and students into our ministry. How greatly we need God's wisdom!
- ✠ September 9-17 Central & Eastern Europe—ABWE regional conference in Slovenia.

I do praise the Lord especially for my sending church, but also for all my supporting churches who have been so receptive and generous this furlough. It has been wonderful to see all of you during this furlough! I did not get to see all my individual supporters, but I appreciate your loving giving as well. It is a privilege to be your ambassador and servant of the King of Kings in Odessa. The ABWE-Ukraine Medical Ministry would not be possible without all of you!

You can still donate to the **Ukraine Crisis Fund** through ABWE, either online (www.abwe.org) or by check to ABWE in the mail. Address: PO Box 8585, Harrisburg PA 17105-8585. Please note that the donation is for account # 0717401. While you are blessing the needy and hurting, you will be blessed!

*Holding fast to The Rock,
Miriam Wheeler, MD*