

*Sharing Christ's Compassion for Ukraine*

*And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;  
and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying,  
neither shall there be any more pain.*

Revelation 21:4

October 12, 2016

Dear Prayer Partners:

Thank you so much for praying for me and my family. It was such a blessing and encouragement to receive replies to my last prayer letter. The Lord took my brother Tom's wife Becky home to heaven Monday night (Oct. 10), EST. Tom is grieving, but not without hope. We rejoice in the promise we have of being eternally with the Lord, never again suffering sorrow or pain! Tom and Becky have three adult children and 5 grandchildren. The funeral will be Saturday, October 15, at 10am at Hampton Park Baptist Church in Greenville SC. Visitation is Friday night at Hampton Park from 5-7pm. I am flying out of Odessa Thursday afternoon and will arrive in Greenville Friday evening, Lord willing. I plan to return to Odessa Nov. 4. Please continue to hold up our family in prayer the next few days.

The good news is that I did receive my visa in Moldova last week without any problems. It is good for only 45 days, so I must turn in the documents for my one-year residency permit by November 7. That visa is technically only a single-entry visa, which I used in entering Ukraine from Moldova last week. So please pray that I will not have any problems coming back in November 4! Americans can be in Ukraine for 90 days without a visa, so I trust the border guards will let me re-enter under that policy.

We postponed the meeting of the Crisis Fund council meeting to November 16. We have gotten so many letters of thanks for our ministry into the lives of refugees and to churches in the rebel-occupied zone. Many refugees have come to know Jesus as Savior as a result of our clinics, humanitarian aid, financing meals and groceries through local churches, summer camps, and other ministries! Praise the Lord for partnering pastors and churches who are burdened to show Jesus' love to desperate people in this country still torn by war. Pray for wisdom for us as we disburse the funds God has given us. Holly and I are also trying to figure out a time to return to eastern Ukraine to do a week of clinics for refugees before the holidays. Still so many needs!

Pastor Lonya and I met with two Ukrainian dentists, with whom I got acquainted through the local Christian Medical Association. They are eager to help our village clinic patients! We showed them our dental instruments and equipment which has been donated through the years by visiting American dentists, and they were thrilled. We had planned for them to do their first clinic in Kubanka Oct. 28, but we have postponed that until Nov. 11. Pray for us in this new venture of partnering with Ukrainian Christian health care professionals.

I will write more later, but wanted to let you know of these answers to prayer and plans. Trusting our loving Heavenly Father to orchestrate His plans and fulfill His purpose.

*Leaning on The Rock,  
Miriam Wheeler, MD*