

# News From Holly April 2012

*“And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.” John 17:3*



This Sunday we will be celebrating the Resurrection here in Ukraine. (Ukraine celebrates according to the Orthodox calendar.) Praise the Lord for the life that we have because of the death, burial and resurrection of our Savior! This verse caught my attention as I was reading not long ago. Eternal life is not just “living forever”. True life, whether here on this earth or in heaven, is having our sins forgiven & a restored relationship with the only true God. I am so grateful for the LIFE that I have in Christ & the VICTORY & HOPE I have because of His resurrection!

So much has happened since I last wrote! Here are a few of the **blessings** of this past month. I enjoyed hosting some of the young ladies from my church for a March 8—Women’s Day celebration. My team-mate Jacky Taylor shared a great challenge with us about true beauty. I had the joy of seeing one of the boys from the orphanage ministry be adopted into a wonderful Christian family & go home with them to the U.S.! The Lord blessed us with a great group of ladies for the post abortion ministry leader training. I enjoyed hosting 3 ladies in my home for 2 nights who came from out of town for the training. The week following the seminar Carolyn Rice took another group of ladies through the Bible study with 2 of our future leaders as co-leader & observer. It was a blessing to see God work in the hearts of the ladies who went through the study, as well as to see our future leaders grow in their passion for this ministry! The day Carolyn left Odessa, Miriam & I also left for Budapest to apply for our visas. Praise the Lord we were able to obtain them!

**Prayer Requests** We still have to go through the complicated process of obtaining a temporary residence permit within 45 days of obtaining the visa. Please pray that we will be able to obtain all the necessary documents in the allotted time! Miriam’s father passed away on the 10th & she flew home to be at the funeral & with her family for 3 weeks. While the family rejoices that he is with the Lord he loved & served, I know they would appreciate your prayers for them during this time. Pray also that I will have the strength & wisdom I need for carrying out my ministry responsibilities while she is gone. Continue to pray for the development of the ministry to women post abortion. The two ladies who worked with Carolyn each plan to start the Bible study with a group of ladies within the next month. I would also appreciate your prayers for my family. Several of my siblings are going through some difficult trials right now. Thank you for your faithfulness in praying for me & for the work God is doing in Ukraine!

Praising God for eternal LIFE!

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