

News From Holly March 2012

“Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God.” II Corinthians 3:5



As we continue to move forward with plans for establishing a **pro-life ministry** here in Odessa, the task at times seems very overwhelming. I needed the reminder from this passage that the work is the Lord's, & He is the One who will provide all that we need for the tasks He calls us to. I have been working on the organizational documents needed in order to register with the government & provide direction for our ministry. Pray for wisdom & perseverance through this sometimes tedious, but necessary part of laying a good foundation. Pray also for the Lord to guide us in identifying a Ukrainian director that we can begin mentoring. **March 15-17** We are hosting a leadership training seminar for post abortion ministry with Carolyn Rice. We have a number of women signed up, including all the ladies who went through the Bible study "Forgiven & Set Free" in December. These ladies have all expressed their desire to use the material to help other women who suffer after an abortion. Pray for the seminar & for the development of this aspect of the ministry. **March 20-24** Carolyn will be taking another group of ladies through the "Forgiven & Set Free" study. Please keep this group in your prayers as well.

VISA Praise the Lord for answered prayers! The Baptist Union has agreed to issue a letter of invitation for Dr. Miriam & me. They also will help us get the letter we need from the Ukrainian Ministry of Culture. In faith that these letters will arrive within 2-3 weeks as promised, Miriam & I purchased tickets to fly to Budapest the last week in March to apply for our new visas. Pray that the letters will be issued in time & that we will not have any difficulties obtaining our visas. After we obtain our visas, we have to apply for a one year temporary residency permit back in Ukraine. So keep praying!

Skeenia "Tabernacle" Church I continue to enjoy opportunities to be involved in the ministries of my church. The young people have started meeting for Bible study on Monday evenings in different homes. I had the joy of hosting them one evening this past month. The group has been well attended by our church young people & we have had some visitors. We hope to also use that time to plan more evangelistic youth outreaches at the church & to plan for orphanage outreach. Pray for individual spiritual growth in our young people & for more effective outreach in our community.

I would also appreciate your continued prayers for my brother-in-law Bobby. He has completed chemotherapy & radiation for esophageal cancer & they will be setting a date for surgery soon. Pray for healing & for encouragement for him & for my sister Rachel during this time.

Resting in God's Sufficiency!

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