

News From Holly May 2012

“I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify Him with thanksgiving.” Psalm 69:30

This has been a month of challenges as well as great blessings. I am grateful for the strength God gives when it seems like there is just too much on my plate, and I am grateful for the way that He continues to reveal Himself to me personally. What an amazing God we have the privilege of serving!

Thank you for praying about my **visa/registration issues**. Things have not turned out quite as we had hoped, but it continues to be evident that God is caring for my needs. I was not able to get my registration started within the allotted 45 days because of a hold up on some apartment documents so I lost my visa. I can have another 90 days without a visa if I leave the country & come back. I was able to make a day trip into Moldova this week with a group from a church here that were going for a funeral. It was a blessing to have good travel companions and to not be on my own in making the trip. Pray that we can get the apartment documents in order so that I can re-apply for a visa before the 90 days are up.



Aleona & Ira with Carolyn Rice

Two of the ladies who took training for leading the **post abortion Bible study “Forgiven & Set Free”** have started weekly groups that will last for 10-11 weeks. There are three ladies in each group. Pray for God to work mightily in their hearts during these weeks. Pray also for the leaders Ira, Aleona, and Nadya as they work with these ladies and for Miriam & I as we coach and encourage the leaders. It is such a blessing to see the heart God has given them for this ministry! On May 19th we will be meeting with women’s ministry leaders and the remainder of the ladies who took the group leader training to present our plans for future ministry and to seek their help in referring women to us. Pray for God’s blessing on continued leader development & that He will direct us to women who are in need of healing.

On May 16th I will begin teaching the **“Self-Confrontation Course”** for counselor training. I will teach weekly through the first 6 lessons and then break for the summer with plans to start again in the fall. We are still in the process of translating this material. Teaching it now will help us in that process, but will also help us to provide a broader base of knowledge for those involved in the post-abortion ministry, as well as begin preparing counselors for our future pregnancy care center. I would appreciate your prayers for me as I prepare & teach and for the ongoing translation process.

We have had to push back our projected center opening date several times due to Miriam’s illness & extended furlough & our current visa issues. It is also becoming clear that we need more time for some of the steps in the process. We have prayed about this with our committee and consulted with our team & regional leaders & determined that it would be best for me to take an earlier **furlough** (after 3 years instead of 4) & open the center when I return. We will continue to work on getting things in place for the opening during that time. Lord willing I will be in the U.S. from late Dec 2012 to late Sept 2013. I appreciate your prayers as I begin planning that time & look forward to seeing many of you!

Thank you for upholding the ministry here in your prayers!

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