

Merry Christmas from Holly December 2017

Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." Luke 1:38

As I read the Christmas story, I am always blessed by Mary's faith and willingness to be used by God even if it meant great sacrifice. I want to have a heart more like Mary's when God asks me to step out in faith. God continues to bring circumstances into my life to stretch my faith, and even though it is sometimes uncomfortable, I am thankful for His continued working. Most recently, my faith has been stretched by the news that Dr. Miriam will be transitioning into the position of Medical Director of International Missionary Healthcare for ABWE. This means that she will be moving back to the states in the spring of 2019. While I believe that this is God's will for her, she will be greatly missed in Ukraine! This also means more responsibility for me in the medical and prolife ministries. Would you pray with me that God would call another doctor to join us in the ministry in Ukraine? There are still many needy villages where the medical ministry could come alongside church planters, as well as opportunities to mentor young Ukrainian healthcare professionals, but without a partner in the medical ministry I will be limited in what I can do.



Thanksgiving was a special time for our family as we were all able to be together for several days. I am thankful for each one of my siblings and for my parents who are a constant source of encouragement and support for me!

I continue to be blessed by my meetings with churches and supporters. It is a joy to reconnect with friends and to make new ones. We have had a recent small increase in the cost of our health insurance, but God has also added a couple of new supporters to my team for which I am thankful. I still need around \$1000 a month in additional support.

Our medical team in Ukraine recently spent a week in Eastern Ukraine ministering to refugees and those who live closer to the areas of conflict. There were a number of patients who made salvation decisions and others who visited services for the first time following the clinics. Pray for God to continue to work in hearts!

With faith in Our Great God!
Holly Friesen

Travel Schedule

December 15-16 Hot Springs, SD
Calvary Baptist Youth Retreat

December 17 Rapid City, SD
Rapid Valley Faith Baptist Church

January 14 Oshoto, WY
Oshoto Community Bible Church

January 21 McPherson, KS
New Hope Evangelical Church

Jan 23-Feb 7 Lima, Peru
Latin American ProLife Conference

February 11 Hillsdale, OK
Hillsdale Bible Church

Feb 18-21 Whitewater, KS
Grace Baptist Church
Missions Conference

February 25 Bucyrus, KS
Grace Bible Church

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- Choose Life Ukraine building project, account #0757363