



## News from Holly December 2013

“Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men.” Luke 2:14

The recent **protests in Ukraine** have highlighted our world’s desperate need for “peace & goodwill”. We do not have the ability to fix the world’s political & economic problems, but we do have the ability to introduce people to the King of Kings and Prince of Peace. Pray that Ukraine’s current political unrest will provide us with more opportunities to do just that, and that the decisions that are made by the government and protesters in the coming days will not affect our ability to live & minister here. For more information on the protests you can check out [www.kyivpost.com](http://www.kyivpost.com).



Luba signing the lease.

**God has provided an office** for us to rent for the pregnancy care center! We signed the lease agreement on the 9<sup>th</sup> and will take possession on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Pray for wisdom as we work on getting it ready for use. The first event that we will hold in the new center is the special memorial service for the babies of those completing the “**Forgiven & Set Free**” **post abortion Bible study**. This service is an important part of their healing as they are given the opportunity to mourn the life that was lost through their abortion. This service will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Pray for the 11 women who will be completing this study and participating in this service. Pray that they will experience complete healing as they grasp the fullness of God’s forgiveness.

This Sunday will be the last church presentation we have scheduled. Over the last several months the ministry of Choose Life has been presented in 20 churches. We are encouraged by the interest & support we have received. **Pray that God will continue to burden people to commit to serving with us as volunteers.** As a result of these church presentations Luba & I were able to connect with a young couple who have recently begun reading the Bible and searching for truth. Pray that we will be able to get them involved in a regular Bible study and that they will come to salvation.

Thank you for your prayers for **my sister Kristina**. Praise the Lord the surgeon was able to remove all the cancer from her lung. This meant they had to remove the bottom two lobes of her lung on the right side, so her hospital stay was a bit longer than initially anticipated. However, we are thankful that she is now home and doing well. Thank you for praying for her continued recovery.

I continue to help with the **village clinic ministry**, usually one day a week. Pray that winter weather will not prevent us from making it to the scheduled clinics. Pray also for the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of those who have heard the gospel many times but have not yet accepted God’s free gift of salvation.

Pray for God’s blessing on the special services and outreaches here in Odessa and in the village churches during the **Christmas season**. Ukraine celebrates Christmas on January 7<sup>th</sup> according the orthodox calendar. As a member of our church choir I will be participating in a Christmas Eve (Jan 6<sup>th</sup>) program at our church and Christmas caroling in the neighborhood around our church. On Christmas day (Jan 7<sup>th</sup>) our church is planning a children’s outreach. Pray that God will use these ministries to reach more people in our community.

Thank your for your partnership in prayer. May you also be filled with joy as you celebrate the birth of our Savior!

Joyfully serving the King of Kings & Prince of Peace!  
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