

News From Holly October 2012

“It is good to give thanks to the LORD, And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High.” Ps. 92:1

This time of year, the churches in Ukraine plan a special Thanksgiving service to give thanks for the harvest and God's blessings over the past year. I have had the joy of being a part of this service in two of our village churches in the last couple of weeks. It has reminded me of how much I have to be thankful for. I want to share with you some of the blessings of this past month.



Praise the Lord for His blessing on the **Medical Team**. We saw 675 patients in 9 1/2 days of clinics in villages near Cherkassy, Kharkov, and Odessa. In Cherkassy & Kharkov we worked with church planters that we have not previously worked with, so all of these patients were experiencing the medical ministry for the first time. This gave us many opportunities to share the gospel as people questioned why we were doing this. Having ophthalmologist James Oakman here also drew in many new patients in the Odessa area. Pray that the seeds of the gospel that were planted will continue to bear fruit.

Another huge blessing this past month was **receiving my temporary residence permit!** With this permit I can live & minister in Ukraine for another year. Thank you for praying with me through the long process of obtaining a visa and applying for the permit. Lord willing next September I will be able to renew it for another year.

We are thankful for the **post-abortion ministry leaders** God has raised up. This week 3 more 10 week Bible study groups will be starting. Pray for wisdom for each of the ladies involved in leading the groups & for God to bring complete healing & restoration to the ladies participating in the groups.

On Wed (17th) I will be starting another 6 week block of **counseling classes**, using material from the Biblical Counseling Foundation. Pray for me as I prepare & teach this class on Wednesdays for 6 weeks. Pray that the translators will be able have the material prepared in a timely manner for each class. Most importantly pray that God will work in the hearts of these ladies as they study & that it will effectively prepare them for future ministry.

Please also keep in mind my upcoming furlough, Dec 17th—Aug 2013. I am working on scheduling meetings with friends & in churches and look forward to seeing many of you.

Praise the Lord with me for His goodness & answers to our prayers!

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