

## Update from Holly April 2015

**“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” I Pt. 1:3**

Praise God for the hope & victory we have because of the resurrection! I trust that you were blessed by your celebration of this momentous event. Ukraine will celebrate the resurrection of Christ on Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> according to the Orthodox calendar. I am looking forward to celebrating with my church family. Churches will be holding special services and evangelistic outreaches during the next several days. I will be participating in services at my church as well as in a couple of villages. Pray that hearts would be open to the life changing message of the death & resurrection of our Savior.

God brought a number of new clients to the Women’s Center this past month and several of our returning clients agreed to begin studying the Story of Hope Bible study with us. Pray that God would continue to bring women in need to our center and that we would see souls saved through this ministry. The husband of our first client, who admits that he is an alcoholic, recently visited one of the churches we work with and repented publicly. Pray for the church leaders there as they follow up with him. He continues to struggle with his addiction to alcohol. Pray that his repentance will be sincere, and that he will have victory over this sin. Pray that his wife would be willing to study the Story of Hope with us and that she would come to salvation.

Thank you for your prayers for me as I began teaching the discipleship/ Biblical counseling course. There are 24 women regularly attending these classes. The lessons have sparked some good conversations with our volunteers and it is a joy to see them eager to learn and to put the lessons into practice in their own lives. I will continue teaching this course every 2 weeks through the end of June. We will then take a summer break and pick up again in the fall. Please continue to pray for me to be able to clearly communicate the Biblical truths presented in the course and that it will be instrumental in encouraging spiritual growth in our volunteers and greater effectiveness in ministry.



Thank you for your prayers for our recent team meetings. We had a good time of fellowship, prayer, and planning. Keeping up with current ministries as well as with the added opportunities brought on by the crisis in Ukraine has stretched our team. Would you pray for physical strength for us as well as for wisdom in knowing where to focus our energies each day? Would you also pray for more laborers for the harvest field in Ukraine?

While in Kiev I had the opportunity to visit Independence Square where the protests took place a year and a half ago. The memorials to those who died there as well as the photographs of those who are now fighting on the front lines of the war sparked by those events were a sobering reminder of the struggle this country is going through and of the many lives that have been lost. Please continue to pray for an end to the bloodshed. Pray that believers would be faithful in sharing the hope we have in Christ and the lasting peace that He can bring.

Thank you for continuing to remember Ukraine in your prayers. Let me know how I can be praying for you as well.  
Rejoicing in the Resurrection of our Savior!  
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