

## Update from Holly April 2017

“Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.”  
John 11:25

Praise God for the life and hope that we have thanks to the death and resurrection of our Savior! Here in Ukraine because of the strong Orthodox tradition, on Easter Sunday and for several days afterwards everyone greets each other with the words “Christ is risen!” and the correct response is “He is risen indeed!”. So many people speak these greetings without truly understanding what the implications of those words are. My church, as well as many other churches are preparing for evangelistic Easter Sunday services & expecting many guests. Pray that God will use this special time of celebration to draw more hearts to Himself!



Thank you for your prayers for our trip to eastern Ukraine in March. The situation there continues to be difficult, but it is always a joy to see how God is using our brothers & sisters there to spread His love & message of salvation. I was able to be a part of a conference, financed by our Ukraine Crisis Fund, designed to help Christian workers minister to those dealing with post traumatic stress. In attendance were army chaplains, pastors, and others who are involved in ministry to refugees or in war torn areas. The two ladies to the right of this picture live in an area where they hear artillery fire every day. They came to the conference looking for help in dealing with the needs of their own children as well as to learn how to better help the children

who attend the Sunday School at their church. It is heartbreaking to hear how this war has affected especially the children. Pray for God to bless the efforts of these sisters in Christ and other servants as they minister in a very difficult places!

Following the conference, we were able to conduct 4 days of free medical clinics in area churches. Many of the refugees who fled from their homes expected the situation to be resolved quickly, allowing them to return home. After nearly three years with no major change and no hope of returning home, many of them are struggling with depression, anxiety and other health problems exacerbated by the stress of their situation. As we cared for their physical needs, we were also able to point them to the only true source of hope & peace for the heart. Praise the Lord one patient prayed to receive Christ during one of the clinics and another went forward in church to receive Christ the following day. Pray for God to strengthen the faith of these new believers and to continue to work in the hearts of those who heard the truth during those days of ministry.

We conducted a new volunteer training seminar for the ministry of Choose Life April 7-8. Praise the Lord for 15 new volunteers! This is a wonderful answer to prayer as we have become busier at the Women’s Center and have felt the need for more help. Pray that we will have wisdom as we begin their on the job training and get them integrated into the ministry. Thank you for continuing to keep our Women’s Center clients in your prayers. Pray for spiritual growth for our two clients who have accepted Christ and for the salvation of others who are studying the Bible with us. One of our moms, who was initially planning to have an abortion, recently gave birth. Praise God for these victories! Pray that God will continue to direct women in need to us. Thank you for upholding this ministry in prayer!

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