## **Update from Holly August 2014**

## "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105



This was one of the memory verses during our recent week of church camp. I enjoyed working with a group of 9 kids ages 12-14. Four of them were from a children's home, some came from difficult home situations, and some came from great Christian homes. It was a joy to see how the group blended and become friends in spite of their different backgrounds. We enjoyed swimming in the sea each day as well as games, crafts, and activities. The most important part of our day was our morning Bible lesson and evening service. One young man in my group made a profession of faith in Christ. Pray that he would grow in his understanding and would get good follow up in the village where he lives. All the kids in my group listened attentively to the lessons, asked

good questions, and memorized the daily Bible verses. Pray that the seeds that were planted will continue to bear fruit, and that we will have wisdom as we follow up with these kids in the months ahead.

Our free pregnancy test sign at the Women's Center attracted a couple of ladies this past month. The test results were negative, but we hope that through opportunities like these word will spread about our center. One of the ladies had abortions in her past and is interested in participating in a post abortion healing group. Another young lady who is already 7 months along in her pregnancy was referred to our center. She is unmarried and grew up in a children's home. We are taking her through the prenatal class material we have been preparing and seeking to minister to her spiritual and emotional needs. Pray that we will have wisdom in working with her.



This past month we held a two day training for teaching prenatal classes. We were blessed to have a Ukrainian OB/GYN from Kiev who is also involved in pro-life ministry lead the training for us. We have a talented group of volunteers who are excited about developing these classes. We hope to be ready to start a group class soon.

I am excited to have my co-workers the Phillips and Miriam back in Odessa. The Suko family should also be arriving

next week. Pray that we will be sensitive to how God wants to use our team here during this time of crisis. Many refugees from the east have ended up in Odessa and Odessa hospitals are receiving those wounded in the conflict. We are grateful for the gifts that we have received for the Ukraine crisis fund. The gifts have already helped to facilitate ministry to those impacted by the conflict. If you would like to give to this fund you can designate your gift for the Ukraine Crisis fund #0717401. For updates you can look up our teams facebook page "God at Work in Ukraine".

I will be attending a conference put on by Life International near Budapest Hungary Aug 18-22. Pray that it will be a time of refreshing, encouragement, and good networking.

Thank you for your continued prayers for me, for the ministry here, and for the country of Ukraine. Holly Friesen

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