

## Update from Holly August 2016

**“Through the Lord’s mercies we are not consumed, because His compassions fail not. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. Lam 3:22-23**

God continues to bless the ministry of the Women’s Center and we see evidence of His faithfulness in the lives of our clients. In my last letter, I asked prayer for Masha who is nearing the end of her study of The Story of Hope. She has had a change in her work hours and has been unable to come to the center for several weeks. Pray that we would be able to find a time that works for her and that she would not be prevented from finishing this study. Pray for God’s continued work in her heart to bring her to salvation. Another client, who I will call Tanya, is halfway through The Story of Hope study. She said that before when she tried to read the Bible it did not make sense to her and she quickly set it aside. Now she loves reading the Bible and is always learning something new. She is so thankful that God brought her to our center. She has started reading a children’s Bible with her older children and praying with them each night. They have started attending Sunday School at a nearby church. Pray that God will continue to open her eyes to the truth and bring her to salvation.

I am so grateful for the Lord’s compassion and faithfulness that gives us cause to rejoice, and sustains us through times of sorrow. A little over a week ago, one of our volunteers at the Women’s Center lost her 10 year old son in a drowning accident. Our hearts break for her and her family and it is hard to imagine their life without little Andrew. Would you please join us in praying for Olya, her husband Oleg, and their older son Dima and his wife Natasha as they grieve this tragic loss? Pray that as her friends, we would know how best to encourage and support Olya and her family.



In July we had our second annual volunteer appreciation picnic for all the volunteers and their families who serve with Choose Life. This includes those who work at the center, those who lead the post abortion healing Bible study groups, and our Board of Directors. We enjoyed a good time of rest and fellowship, including testimonies from the post abortion groups and stories of God at work in the lives of clients at the center. One of the pastors who is a board member gave a short message of encouragement to our volunteers and their families. We are so grateful for our volunteers who give time out of their busy schedules to serve the Lord in this ministry. We could not do it without them!

We have been working towards the goal of developing an abstinence program that we could share with youth in schools, churches, or other settings. We were invited to speak to youth at a family camp for foster care families on Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>. We will be speaking to a group of 12-16 year olds, then to a group of 17-22 year olds, and then sharing with their parents. Pray for us as we prepare for this important opportunity and work on developing a team of volunteers to continue this type of ministry.

Thank you for reading and praying. Your prayers and support are a blessing to me.

Praising God for His Faithfulness,  
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