

Update from Holly August 2017

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace. Eph. 1:7

God's plan of redemption truly is amazing and the story never gets old! The lessons for the children's camp I helped with in July were from the book The Lamb by John Cross. The lessons began with Creation and shared the story of the gospel chronologically with excellent illustrations the kids could relate to. It was a joy to work with the leaders and young people from Dr. Miriam's sending church in West Virginia who came to help us with the camp. We pray that perhaps out of this group God will call more full time missionaries! We also had a great group of Ukrainian leaders from one of the churches that we partner with in the medical ministry. At camp I helped with the oldest group (11-14 year olds) translating as needed and assisting as a group leader with the small group times. It was exciting to see the kids grasping the truths presented and asking good questions. One of the girls in our group told us at the beginning of the week that she was not sure God existed. By the end of the week she had softened and was willing to pray with us. Another one of our girls prayed a prayer of repentance with a counselor. There were 60+ kids at the camp and the majority came from unsaved families in the villages we work in or from refugee families in eastern Ukraine. Each child went home with a copy of The Lamb book. We have already heard feedback from parents who are reading the book. Pray that the message of the gospel shared at camp and through the book will continue to bear fruit!



My departure date, August 30, for my year of home ministry is fast approaching. Pray for wisdom in these last weeks as I work to hand over responsibilities, especially at the Women's Center. I am thankful for Luba who has worked with me since we opened the center and will be taking over the responsibilities of director in my absence. Pray that God will give her the wisdom and strength that she needs. Pray for me as I juggle planning for this time in the states and also try to give my all to the ministry here over the next few weeks. My first month back in the states I will be settling in and preparing to share about my ministry. I will begin traveling in October & look forward to seeing many of you. Due to the loss of a few supporters, changes in support requirements, and the need for more ministry funds I will need to raise an additional \$1160 in monthly support while I am home. Please pray with me about this need and let me know if you would like information about joining my regular support team.

Aug 17-21, Tom Lothamer, president of Life Matters Worldwide will be visiting Odessa. Life Matters has supported us from the very beginning as we began to plan for a pro-life ministry in Odessa and we are looking forward to his visit. On the 18th-19th he will be providing training for our pro-life ministry leaders and board members. Pray that God would bless this time and use it to grow the leadership of Choose Life.

Thank you for your prayers and interest in God's work here in Ukraine!

Praising our Redeemer,
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