

Update from Holly February 2016

“I will praise You, O Lord, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works.” Ps. 9:1

It is wonderful to see God at work in people's lives and to have the privilege of being a small part of it. Last week I was especially blessed to see how God is at work in the village of Limaniy where we have monthly medical ministry. The pastor's



wife was sharing with me how she has a group of young teens who have grown out of Sunday School but want to keep coming, so she has started a youth group with them and they are bringing new friends. Towards the end of the day I saw two young ladies who said they had recently attended the church service there for the first time and planned to continue attending regularly. One of the young ladies was struggling with anxiety. We talked about how the Lord could help her if she would be willing to take her anxieties to Him. She was very open to talking about spiritual things and said she had already received help in dealing with some of her problems through visiting

with the pastor. Pray that she would find lasting help through a relationship with Jesus Christ!

God has provided a new ministry opportunity for me at my church. I have stepped out of youth ministry in an official capacity although I do hope to continue building relationships with some of the girls. Our church has been without a regular women's ministry for some time. I have agreed to lead a ladies Bible study once a month, with organizational help from several other young ladies in our church. I am using some of the discipleship/counseling material that I have already taught at the Women's Center. I was blown away when nearly 20 women showed up for our first study! This was a confirmation to me that this is something that our ladies need. Pray that God will use these meetings to challenge each of us in our walk with the Lord & that we will grow in our ability to bless and encourage each other.

God has brought some new challenges to us in our ministry at the Women's Center. We have a 14 year old who is pregnant and came to our center with her mother looking for help. Praise the Lord she does not have plans to abort and her mother is willing to help her. Pray for us as we help them work through some of the unique challenges of pregnancy at this age here in Ukraine such as schooling and legal ramifications. God has already provided us with some good contacts to help her and other teen mothers in the future. Pray that God will continue to lead us to the right resources and give us wisdom in showing her and her mom God's love and helping them prepare for this major change in their lives. Another client came to us for advice and support after doctors told her that the baby she is expecting has severe birth defects that may not be compatible with life. She is a believer and she and her husband have been firm in their decision not to abort, in spite of the intense pressure they received from doctors to do so. We are praying for the delivery of a healthy baby in spite of the doctors predictions, but are also trying to help her deal with the reality that there will likely be problems. Pray that we will have the wisdom we need to help and encourage her and her husband; pray that God will give them compassionate doctors if there truly are problems when it comes time to deliver; and because we know our God is able - pray for the delivery of a healthy baby. We are confident that God is at work and will be glorified through this family regardless of the final outcome and appreciate you joining us in prayer for them.

Trusting Our Almighty God!

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