

Update from Holly July/August 2015

“But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.” 2 Cor.4:7

Praise the Lord for the way He has chosen to work through weak earthly vessels. It is a privilege to be a part of the work He is doing in Ukraine. Your prayers do make a difference and I am excited to be able to share some answers to your prayers!

You prayed for our June medical trip to minister to refugees in eastern Ukraine and we saw God work. Many have fled their homes and lost almost everything. The medical help we can give seems so little in comparison to their great needs, but they expressed gratitude for a listening ear and this expression of care and concern. Pastor Lonya travelled with us again and spent his days counseling and sharing the gospel. There were 10 people who prayed with him to receive Christ as their Savior! Local pastors & church members have been faithful to minister to the needy who have fled to their towns and God is using that to soften hearts to the gospel. Please pray that these people will grow in their faith and that God will continue to draw people to Himself. We had to change our plans because of fighting too close to one of the towns we had planned to visit. We ended up going to a town further north, and that day was a highlight of the trip for me. We came alongside a young church planter who has been holding evangelistic outreaches and Bible studies in this town. He has also been very active in ministering to refugees and travelling into the areas closer to the conflict to help those who are unable to leave. A few weeks before we were there, they were able to start renting a building and holding Sunday services. We held our clinic in their new building, which helped spread the word in the community that a church is now meeting there and gave a number of new contacts to this pastor. How exciting to not only be able to minister to needy refugees but to provide this boost for a young church. You can see pictures from this trip on our God @ Work in Ukraine facebook page. Thank you for ministering with us in prayer! Pray that God will give wisdom as we consider making future trips to this area.



In July I had the joy of welcoming my parents to Ukraine for the first time. I loved being able to introduce them to my friends and to give them the chance to see first hand some of the ministries I am involved in. They jumped right into ministry with me, taking part in an appreciation picnic for our pro-life ministry volunteers their first weekend here. We also spent time in a village where we have a monthly medical ministry. They were an encouragement to that pastor & his family and we were blessed by the fellowship with them & the believers there. We spent a week at my church's family camp and Dad taught the adult Bible lesson each morning. They enjoyed the chance to interact with the kids & adults at the camp and to get to know some of my church family here better. Dad also preached in a different church each of the 3 Sundays they were here. Their visit was a huge blessing to me and I hope that someday they will be able to come again. I am very grateful for those who gave to make the trip possible!

In the month of August, we have two medical students visiting to help in the medical ministry. Pray for God's blessing on their time here & that God will give them direction regarding ministry in the future. Continue to keep the clients & volunteers at the Women's Center in your prayers. Pray especially for the salvation of the mom's we are working with.

Praising God for His faithfulness!

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