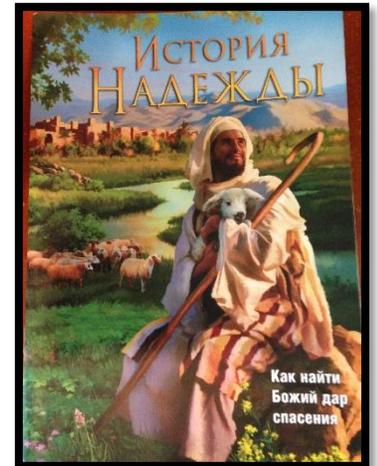


Update from Holly July 2016

“I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.” John 10:10

It is our desire that the women who come to the Women’s Center for help would not only choose life for their babies, but that they would also come to understand the hope of abundant, eternal life that God offers to them. After working with our very first client (we will call her Masha) for over a year, she was finally ready to begin studying the Bible with us last fall. She is now nearing the end of her study of “The Story of Hope”. Ira, the volunteer who is doing the study with her, told me that Masha seems to be growing in her understanding of the truth and has begun reading the Bible and praying on her own. Will you pray that as she comes to the end of this study she will understand and be willing to accept God’s gift of eternal, abundant life for her? Pray that God will give Ira wisdom as she shares God’s truth with her.



In my June update, I shared about a woman from another town who contacted our center through our website and after visiting with a counselor by phone decided not to abort her baby. We were able to send some help to her through a local church in her area. She was very grateful and has attended the church with her family several times since then. She started our parenting course with a counselor over the phone. Pray for God to continue to work in her heart and pray that she would continue to be interested in spiritual things.

The month of July we take a break from the village clinics, since people are so busy in their gardens and fields. I am hoping to use the extra time in my schedule to work on some projects at the Women’s Center. On the top of my list is working on a plan for training volunteers to teach an abstinence program to youth. Pray for God’s blessing on these plans and that He will bring together an excellent team for this ministry.

Although life in Odessa is peaceful and safe, the war in eastern Ukraine continues to claim lives. I recently visited with a chaplain who within the last week returned from a location along the front lines. He said the day before he left he stood and prayed with a group of soldiers. The day after he returned home he received a call telling him that the place where they had been standing had been shelled and one of the soldiers who prayed with them was killed and 3 badly injured. Would you pray for the chaplains who risk their lives to minister to these soldiers, whom they say are very open to spiritual things? Pray also for pastors and other believers who risk their lives to make trips to the towns along the front lines to provide aid and encouragement to the people who still live there. Please continue to pray for peace in Ukraine. Humanly speaking it seems like it would take a miracle to bring about peace in the near future, but we serve a God of miracles! If you would like to be a part of helping to provide aid and encouragement to those who are suffering because of this war, you can contribute to the Ukraine Crisis Fund (donation information below). All funds are channeled through believers who seek to minister to spiritual as well as physical needs, and they are seeing spiritual fruit.

Thank you for your faithful prayers for me and for the ministry here in Ukraine. I am grateful for each one who partners with me and always enjoy hearing from you as well.

Serving the Giver of Life,
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