

## Update from Holly July 2017

Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, and whose hope is the Lord. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes... nor will cease from yielding fruit. Jer. 17:7-8

Such word pictures become even more meaningful during the heat of summer! There are times when the pressures of ministry feel like the heat of summer, but how wonderful to be able to put our roots down into the river of God's truth and to find the refreshing and help that we need to continue to flourish and bear fruit. I was reminded of this again after a particularly difficult day at the Women's Center. One of our clients, who was recently saved, is struggling through some very difficult life situations. My heart was heavy after visiting with her and praying with her. Humanly speaking, I do not have the answers or the ability to "fix" her problems. But, I know that God is at work in her life and my job is to continue pointing her to God and His Word. He will be her source of strength in her trials as she learns to trust Him more. Pray for our newly saved clients as they grow in their faith and in their ability to apply God's truth to their lives. Pray for God to give each of the counselors wisdom as they work with them and disciple them.

In June we had our annual Choose Life volunteer appreciation picnic. It was a great time of encouragement and fellowship for volunteers, board members, and their families. We enjoy the chance to get to know some of our volunteer's families better and to thank them for allowing their family member to give time to this ministry. In spite of threats of rain, the Lord blessed us with perfect weather for the day.



During the month of July we take a break from the village clinic ministry, and are able to be involved in other summer ministries. July 23-29, I will be assisting with an evangelistic children's camp put on by the Krasnosyolka church, one of the churches we partner with in the clinic ministry. Children from Krasnosyolka and two other villages where we have clinics, as well as children of refugees from eastern Ukraine have been invited. We have a youth group from their sister church in states coming to assist with the camp, so my main job will be helping to translate for them. I will also be the "camp nurse". Pray for the Lord's blessing on this important outreach. Pray that he will work in the hearts of the children who will be attending, as well as in the hearts of the teens who will be coming from the states to help us.

I will be heading back to the states for a year of home ministry on August 30<sup>th</sup>. Pray for wisdom as I work on handing over responsibilities at the Women's Center and at my church in preparation for being away. Pray also for general practitioners (doctor, PA, or nurse practitioner) who would be willing to come for a week or two during that year to assist Dr. Miriam in the medical ministry. Contact me if you or someone you know might be interested in doing that. I look forward to seeing many of you when I am in the states, and will include more information about my travel schedule in my next updates. Thank you for praying!

Trusting in the Lord,  
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