

Update from Holly June 2014

“Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.” I Tim. 2:1-2



This weekend a new president was inaugurated in Ukraine. People are hopeful that he will be able to bring peace and economic stability. This kind of change will not come quickly or easily and he faces many challenges. **Would you commit to praying for the new leadership in Ukraine?**

We are thankful that there has been no further evidence of rebel activity in Odessa. We were concerned there might be more violence leading up to the presidential elections, but things have remained calm. For now, the violence is contained mostly in two regions of Ukraine close to the Russian border. There are daily clashes between the Ukrainian military and Russian backed rebels resulting in daily casualties. Thousands of citizens are fleeing the area. Evangelical churches in these regions have come under persecution because they are suspected of having connections with the west. **Would you pray for the persecuted believers in eastern Ukraine?**

To keep up to date on how you can be praying and to see stories and pictures about how God is using his people to minister during this time of crisis, like our team's facebook page God at Work in Ukraine. If you would like to give a gift to help with crisis related ministry needs, you can send your gift to ABWE and designate it for the "Ukraine Crisis" account # 717401.

Because of the situation in Ukraine and various health and family reasons, my teammates the Phillips and Dr. Miriam returned to the states in May. This has added to my responsibilities as I have been covering more village clinics and helping to take care of team finances. Lord willing the Phillips will return the first part of July and Miriam will return the end of July. **Would you pray for daily strength and wisdom to know which tasks are most important?**

Although we have not yet begun advertising the "Women's Center" God sent us our first client. This lady was referred to us by a pro-life doctor who heard about our center from one of her patients who volunteers with us. The lady she sent to us had come to her for an abortion because she was pregnant with twins and abandoned by the father of the babies. Praise the Lord, she has decided to give birth to her babies, but she is concerned about how she will care for them. We need wisdom as we seek to minister to her. **Would you pray that she will come to understand how much God loves her and her babies?**

We have a group of volunteers who have been working to keep the center looking good inside and out and who have been helping to organize donations. Our receptionists have nearly finished their training and are now keeping regular hours at the center. We continue to work with our counselors in small groups doing role play and training. We will move forward with our advertising when we feel like enough of them are ready. We need wisdom as we continue to work with them and prepare them, but most importantly... **Would you pray that God would prepare their hearts and minds for this vital ministry?**

Your prayers do make a difference! Thank you for being a part of God's work in Ukraine through your prayers.

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