

Update from Holly June 2017

“The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.” Isaiah 40:8

As we travel to our village clinics we are enjoying the beauty of the green fields and wildflowers. While the beauty of these flowers will quickly fade, we are encouraged by the knowledge that the power of the Word that we are sharing with our patients will never fade! Last week a medical team comprised of a nurse practitioner and her husband and two nurses joined us to assist with clinics in the Odessa area. We are grateful for their help in covering our regular clinics, which allowed Miriam and me to work on a project for the pro-life ministry (more information about that coming soon!). This week Dr. Miriam and the team are in Eastern Ukraine serving the refugees there. Pray for hearts to be open to the gospel as they serve and share in this needy area.



A couple of months ago, we were able to open a clinic ministry in a new village. I had the joy of visiting the village of Shurino for the first time this past month and serving the patients there. It is encouraging to see the dedication of the local pastor and other believers who serve with him in this small village. Pray that as we share God’s love with these villagers through compassionate medical care, that their hearts will be softened to the gospel. I was encouraged to observe how the pastor and deacon interacted with people who were waiting for medical care. Pray that the Lord will bless these conversations and connections, and that He will grow His church in this village.

Last month we had disappointments as well as wonderful answers to prayer at the Women’s Center. In my last update, I asked for prayer for a woman who found out that she was pregnant at our center and was contemplating abortion. Unfortunately, she chose to go through with the abortion. When our counseling is not “successful”, it is easy to get discouraged, but we have to believe that God brought her to our center for a reason, and that He can still use the seeds of truth that were planted in her life. Pray for the emotional and spiritual stamina needed for our volunteers as we deal with the hard stories and difficult days that come with this type of ministry.

One of the wonderful answers to prayer was the salvation of “Masha”, who I mentioned in my last letter. This past week she finished her study of the Story of Hope and was ready to pray a prayer of repentance. Pray that she will continue to be open to the work of the Holy Spirit as she begins the discipleship course with her counselor. Continue to pray for the other two clients who have accepted Christ and are being discipled and for the other 4 unsaved clients who are studying the Bible with us.

Thank you for standing with us in prayer. Please let me know how I can pray for you as well.

With faith in the Word,
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