

Update from Holly March 2015

“That you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.” Col. 1:10

I love this prayer of Paul for the Colossians and have often prayed it for myself as well as for others. It is also my prayer for the volunteers at the Women’s Center. I want to ask you to join me in praying for them to continue to grow in their walk with the Lord and in their ability to minister to the clients the Lord brings to us. In an effort to encourage them in this process, we continue to provide training opportunities for them. In February, we offered the Good Soil evangelism and discipleship training. You can find out more about this material at www.goodsoil.com. This material has been translated into Russian and we have already started using it with some of our clients who were willing to begin studying the Bible with us. Since the training, I have also heard reports of volunteers using the study with their children and other family members. Pray that God will use the sharing of these gospel truths to change lives!

In March I begin teaching a discipleship/ Biblical counseling course to our volunteers. I am using the Self Confrontation course that first helps you apply Biblical principles in practical ways in your own life and then teaches you to use those principles to help others. I am teaching in Russian so that adds another level of difficulty to my preparation. Pray that God will continue to work in my heart and life through the course and that I will be able to communicate clearly the truths from His Word. Pray that through this course our volunteers will increase in their knowledge of God and His Word, and will be able to share it with others more effectively.



Recent days have brought more peace on the frontlines in eastern Ukraine, but it is still a shaky peace and a long-term solution to the problem is still needed. Recent wild fluctuations in the value of the Ukrainian currency have cause prices to soar and people to panic. When the value of the currency reached its lowest point last week, people were emptying the shelves at the stores in order to stock up on essentials before prices began to rise even more. Please continue to pray for peace in Ukraine. Pray for political peace and for people to find the true peace of heart that can only come through a relationship with Jesus Christ. The current issue of the ABWE Message magazine has an excellent article about the situation here in Ukraine that I would encourage you to read.

Due to the difficult economic situation, we continue to have increasing numbers of patients in the village clinics. I help with these clinics a couple days a month, but Dr. Miriam bears the bulk of the load in dealing with this increase. Pray especially for physical strength and wisdom for her and for our clinic staff. Many patients are dealing with fear and anxiety, which provides wonderful opportunities for sharing the hope that we have in Christ. Pray that the seeds of the gospel that are being sown will bear fruit to salvation in the hearts of our patients.

March 25-28 our Ukraine team will be meeting in Kiev for a time of planning and fellowship. Pray that these meetings will be profitable as well as encouraging.

Thank you for your faithfulness in praying for me and for the ministries here.

May you walk worthy of the Lord fully pleasing Him!

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