

Update from Holly November 2018

Indeed these are the mere edges of His ways, and how small a whisper we hear of Him! But the thunder of His power who can understand? Job 26:14

I love the imagery in the words of Job in these verses. When we stand in awe of the beauty of God's creation or stand amazed at His work in the hearts and lives of people, we are only seeing the edges of all that He is and but a whisper of His power. What a mighty God we serve! We have much to be thankful for!

I want to share with you some recent glimpses of the edges of His ways here in Ukraine. It has been a joy to settle back into the life of the Women's Center and to see how God is at work in hearts. One of our mothers who was initially receiving lots of pressure to abort gave birth to a healthy baby boy a few days ago. Pray that we will have wisdom as we continue to support her. We had a small group at our most recent monthly Moms Club, but one of the moms was one that had not been to the center for almost a year for various reasons and decided to come back. Her counselor was just beginning to talk to her more about spiritual things when she stopped coming. Pray that she will be open to renewing her studies with us and perhaps doing a Bible study. Another one of the moms is struggling to care for her baby without much support, but is hesitant to accept help from us. She seemed to really enjoy the time with the other moms and with our volunteers who led the group. Pray that we will be able to gain her trust and continue to minister to her.

Dr. Miriam is in the states for the month of November, so I will be doing more village clinics than usual. Pray for strength to keep up with a busy schedule and for opportunities to share Christ with patients. Last week I visited with one of my patients who said he attends church sometimes and visits with the pastor. He understands that the Bible says He needs to repent of his sins, but also didn't seem to feel like he was that sinful. Pray that God will open his eyes to his own sinfulness and need of a Savior!

In October we enjoyed the biannual regional conference for all the ABWE missionaries working in Central & Eastern Europe as well as some other creative access countries. It was a blessed time of fellowship and encouragement on the beautiful island of Malta. I especially enjoyed meeting and spending time with our new teammate Kristin. She will be working in the capitol, Kiev for the next couple of years and is considering joining us long term. You can pray for her as she juggles learning Russian and getting involved in various ministries. I was also able to spend quality time with a dear friend who is working in a restricted access country. I am thankful for God's provision of times of refreshment and challenge from the Word.



On Monday the 12th I will be turning in my application for a new visa at the Ukrainian embassy in Moldova. Once I receive that I will be able to apply for a temporary residency permit. Thank you for praying for the paperwork to go smoothly. I am looking forward to the chance to visit with teammates in Moldova while I am there. I will be hosting our teammates from Kiev in my home over Thanksgiving & am looking forward to celebrating with my missionary family here in Odessa. We have much to be thankful for! Thank you for upholding me in prayer!

Marveling at the edges of God's glory & the whispers of His greatness!

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