

## Update from Holly October 2014

**“And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.” II Cor. 9:8**

God truly has abundantly blessed me and I have many reasons to give thanks. I have recently been challenged in the area of gratitude through a study I am doing with some friends. I want you who read my updates and pray for the ministry here to know that I am grateful for you. Thank you for your faithfulness! God is at work answering your prayers.

Thank you for praying for the country of Ukraine and for those directly impacted by the conflict. In spite of the “ceasefire”, fighting continues in eastern Ukraine and soldiers and civilians are still being injured and killed. Please pray for believers within the conflict zone who are doing the best they can to help those in need around them. After months of not receiving pensions or paychecks and with skyrocketing prices, many people lack the most basic necessities. Pray for the refugees and those who minister to them as their needs become more acute heading in to the winter months. Pray also for those who minister to the soldiers in their camps and those who visit the wounded in the hospitals. Praise God for gifts to the Ukraine Crisis Fund. These gifts have allowed us to send help to those ministering in the conflict zone as well as to assist with the refugee crisis and ministry to soldiers. Let me know if you would like more information about giving to this fund.

I am thankful for the faithfulness of the volunteers at the Women’s Center. Recently some of them have been struggling with illness, family difficulties, and for one the death of her mother. Would you pray that God would encourage and strengthen them through these trials? Three of our clients have now delivered their babies. Each of them has a very difficult situation. Pray that through our ministry to them they will understand God’s care for them and would desire a personal relationship with Him. Recently a woman came in to our center and discovered she was pregnant. She believes abortion is the only answer to her difficult situation. Would you pray that she would think about the things we shared with her and reconsider? Pray that she would believe that God cares about her personally. We have started prenatal classes with our first group of women. Pray that through these classes we will be an encouragement to these expectant moms, and will be able to build relationships with women in our community that will open the door for sharing the message of eternal life with them.



I am thankful for the opportunity to be involved in youth ministry at my church. This past month we rejoiced in the baptism of one of our girls who was saved this past year. We have another girl from an unbelieving family who started attending church and youth group after summer camp. Pray for God to continue working in the hearts of these girls and in the hearts of the others who participate in our youth ministry.

Please continue to keep the medical ministry in your prayers. One patient recently accepted Christ as her Savior after visiting with Miriam and Pastor Lonya! Praise God for this and other answers to prayer for our patients.

Oct. 18-25 I will be in Budapest attending a conference for ABWE missionaries serving in Central & Eastern Europe. Pray that this will be a time of refreshment and encouragement, and pray for Luba as she directs the center in my absence.

With gratitude for God’s abundant blessing,

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