

Update from Holly October 2015

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” 2 Tim. 3:16-17

These are key verses in the counseling/discipleship material that I have been teaching the volunteers at the Women's Center. We have been reminded that God has given us everything we need for life and godliness, and that His Word through the guidance of the Holy Spirit does contain the hope and help we need to deal with life's problems and struggles. I have seen my own love for God's Word grow as I study and teach these lessons and it has been exciting to see our volunteers really grasping some of the key concepts. Last week one of the counselors came to me bubbling over with joy at the way she had experienced God at work in the counseling room. She said the young lady she was counseling was asking some great questions and our counselor felt like God was putting the words in her mouth to answer. She said, I know God was helping me because I never could have responded like that on my own. What a joy to see our counselors grow in their confidence in God's ability to work through them! Thank you for keeping them in your prayers.

The fighting in eastern Ukraine seems to have quieted down in recent weeks, but the needs among those who had to flee their homes are still great. We have been able to expand our regular clinic ministry to include providing medical care to



some of the more needy refugees in the Odessa region, including a group of invalids. The medical ministry has been able to come alongside local believers who are already ministering to them through regular outreaches and Bible studies. Some of them have shown a real openness to spiritual things. Pray for God to bring many to salvation. Visit the God @ Work in Ukraine facebook page to see more stories and pictures. In September, Miriam was able to lead another medical team to minister to refugees in eastern Ukraine and there were several who prayed to receive Christ as their personal Savior during the clinic ministry. October 25-30 Dr. Tim & I will again be making that trip to minister to the refugees in cities

closer to the areas of conflict. God has provided us with a wonderful team to assist with the running of the clinics and with ministering to the spiritual needs of those who come. Please pray for safety as we travel, for unity for our team, and for God to work in the hearts of those we will be serving.

Nov 2-4 I will be participating in our region's bi-annual Missions Roundtable in Tbilisi, Georgia. Teammates from around our region will be coming with their national partners. The goal is to encourage our national partners to move towards more global outreach and to enable them to network with each other. We have several partners attending from Ukraine, and I will be there to help translate and encourage interaction between the participants. My main focus will be to assist two young ladies from Ukraine who will be attending. Pray that God will use this conference to encourage the growth of a mission movement out of Central & Eastern Europe and the Mediterranean.

Sunday the 25th is election day in Ukraine for each region's local officials. Pray for a peaceful and honest election process and that God will provide wise leaders. Thank you for your continued prayers for Ukraine and for the ministries here.

Praising God for His faithfulness,
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