

Update from Holly October 2016

“Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly!” Psalm 149:1

I was greatly blessed and refreshed by our recent regional conference, and by my time of vacation in Italy with the Suko family. The conference is always a wonderful time of fellowship and encouragement from God’s Word and music. This year I was recognized for 10 years of service in our region. It is amazing to look back and reflect on all that God has done since I committed to come to Ukraine 10 years ago. To God be the glory! Thank you for faithfully standing with me in prayer and support. I could not do it without the amazing support team God has blessed me with.



It is traditional here for the churches to plan a harvest celebration each year; taking time to thank God for His goodness throughout the year. Our church recently had its harvest celebration and we were encouraged to have a full house with a number of unsaved visitors. You can see the creative decorations that are a part of the celebration in the picture of me with my roommate Lilya. I am thankful for my church and for the ways that they bless me through their love and friendship. Pray that God will use me to encourage and bless them as well as I sing in the choir, lead our monthly ladies meetings, and take part in other opportunities to serve that come my way.

I am excited to be able to share an answer to prayer with you. I had asked you to pray for Masha who started studying the Story of Hope with a counselor at the Women’s Center and then for various reasons stopped coming for several months. This past week she came in again to resume her study. Please pray that she will continue to come and that she will see her need to accept Christ as her personal Savior. We recently had a fourth woman agree to start this study with her counselor. Please pray that each of these women would continue to be open to studying God’s Word, and that their hearts would be prepared to accept the wonderful truth of this great story of hope!

Our group leaders for the post abortion healing Bible study, Forgiven & Set Free, have also started their fall groups. Pray for God to give wisdom to the leaders as they minister to these women and for God to do a mighty work in the heart of each participant. Several of the women participating this fall are women who desire to be involved in the ministry of Choose Life. Pray that God will use this to prepare them to effectively minister to others.

Continue to pray for God’s blessing on the medical ministry. One pastor started inviting clinic patients to a special meeting at the church just for them. Some patients, who have shown interest in spiritual things but have not responded to the invitations to come to regular church services, have come to these meetings. Pray that the interest will continue and that God will give pastor Lonya wisdom as he leads these meetings.

Thank you for reading and for praying. Please let me know how I can be praying for you as well.

Praising God for His goodness,
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