

Update from Holly September 2014

“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” John 14:27

War is such an ugly thing! Daily we read the reports of young men dying and being maimed by the fighting, and of civilians caught in the cross fire. We pray for the family members of dear friends who are living daily in fear and are not able to leave their homes because of fighting going on around them. We hear first hand the stories of those who have fled their homes leaving behind most of their possessions. I pray for peace in a way I have never prayed for peace before. I long to see an end to the bloodshed and hatred that has gripped Ukraine. But, even more I long to see God’s peace envelop the hearts and lives of Ukrainians. I have seen evidence of this as friends have shared with me. One friend shared that she took her fears about the war spreading to our city to the Lord, and God filled her heart with peace and confidence that He would care for her and her family regardless of what happens. I currently have a friend from eastern Ukraine living with me. She came to Odessa to help with summer camps and was unable to return home because of the fighting in her city. She shared with me how losing most of her earthly possessions has helped her to see what is really valuable in life. She is joyful and thankful for the way God has cared for her. Pray that God would continue to fill the hearts and minds of believers with His peace and would give many opportunities to share God’s hope with those around us.



The Life International leadership Summit that I attended last month in Hungary was a blessing. I was refreshed by the fellowship, encouraged to hear what God is doing in Eastern Europe through pro-life ministry, and challenged by the speakers. I came home with new vision for what we can do to keep our ministry moving forward. Thank you for praying!

Clients continue to trickle in to the Women’s Center. In a couple of weeks, we plan to start a prenatal class for those who have expressed interest. One of our clients delivered her baby in

August just over 6 weeks early. He is still in the hospital, but has been steadily improving. We have volunteers who have visited, taken meals to her, and assisted in other ways. Pray for her son to continue to improve, for the salvation of the baby’s father, and for God to continue to work in the life of this young mother.

Please continue to pray for peace in Ukraine. Pray that our team of missionaries will have wisdom to know how best to help the church here demonstrate God’s love in the face of so much hurt and tragedy. With gifts from the Ukraine Crisis fund we have been able to help with evangelistic outreach to soldiers, help finance housing for refugees and provide for some of their basic needs, and have sent funds to believers ministering to those struggling to survive in the areas of fighting in the east. The needs are far greater than the funds available to us. If you would like to be a part of showing God’s love to those impacted by this conflict you can send gifts to ABWE and designate them for the Ukraine Crisis fund #0717401. More information and stories are available on our “God at Work in Ukraine” facebook page.

Thank you for your continued prayers for me, for the ministry here, and for the country of Ukraine.

May the God of hope fill you with joy & peace,

Holly Friesen

UKRAINE MAILING ADDRESS

**Holly Friesen
a/ya 117**

Odessa, Ukraine 65069

Internet phone: 316-243-0602 (dial like U.S. number but rings in Ukraine)

e-mail: esperanza@abwe.cc

website: www.ukrainemedical.abwe.org