

Update from Holly June 2020

...But David strengthened himself in the LORD his God. 1 Samuel 30:6

In 1 Samuel 30, David was a fugitive from Saul and his camp had been raided by another enemy. The families of David and his men were taken captive along with their possessions, and David's men were upset with him. From an earthly perspective David was all alone and things could not get much worse. David's response was to turn to the Lord to be strengthened as He remembered who His God was and listened for His guidance. This is a good reminder for us in these days when our world seems to be spinning out of control. Our God has not changed, He is still in control, and He is still at work in our lives & world.

Thank you for your prayers for wisdom as we have begun doing more face to face ministry during this time of "adapted quarantine". We have been able to do several village medical clinics already with extra precautions in place. People have expressed gratitude that we sent medications to them even when we were not able to travel. We continue to pray for God to use these circumstances to soften hearts to the gospel.



The Women's Center has been functioning with the additional safety measures in place required by the government. Some of our counseling is still being done online or by phone, but we are grateful to again be able to receive clients at our center. Thank you for your prayers for my client "A". After more than a month of not being able to get in touch with her, she finally called me. She still struggles to acknowledge the part her choices play in the chaos of her life, but she has agreed to

continue studying the Story of Hope with me. Pray that God will open her eyes to her desperate need for a Savior!

For some time, I have been praying about the possibility of moving to a different church here in Odessa. Since my second year in Ukraine I have been helping with a young church in the heart of the downtown. God blessed me with many wonderful relationships and opportunities to serve there. However, it takes me about an hour to get there by public transportation. In working with people who live in my area it became clear to me that I needed to attend a church closer to my home so that it would be easier to invite people to my church. While trying to get some Women's Center clients connected to a local church, I became more acquainted with a new church plant not far from where I live



and have decided to move to this church. This church "Crossroads" is only a few years old and has many new believers. I am excited to see what God will do as I seek to serve Him with this group of believers and am praying that some of the clients I have worked with at the center will agree to visit this church with me. Thank you for praying!

Looking to the Lord for strength,
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