

Update from Holly January 2014



Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16

It is exciting to be able to share with you some of the ways God has been answering prayer since my last update. I asked prayer for the salvation of a young couple whom I became acquainted with because of her interest in helping us with pro-life ministry. The Sunday following my last update, they went forward at the end of the church service and made a public profession of their faith in Christ. They have been faithfully attending my church. This past Sunday evening we started The Story of Hope Bible study with them and with a couple other people who have recently started attending our church. One of our church leaders is leading the study and I am there to assist. Pray for growth in their understanding of God and His plan as revealed in His Word.



Thank you for praying for holiday outreach opportunities. I had friends in my home to welcome the New Year. We enjoyed good food, games, and the amazing midnight fireworks display. My church's Christmas Eve (Jan 6th) service was a special time of celebrating Christ's birth. After the service, we went caroling in our neighborhood and invited people to our church and to the Christmas day children's outreach. Ukraine celebrates Christmas on January 7 according to the Orthodox calendar. Praise the Lord for a good turnout for the children's outreach. Pray that the new kids who came would continue to attend our Sunday school.

We already have nearly 30 people signed up for our February 13-15 volunteer training for workers in the pregnancy care center. Continue to pray that God would bring us exactly the people we need for the initiation of this ministry. Pray for wisdom as we plan for this training

seminar and for the ongoing training of our volunteers. Pray for Carolyn & Beverly, directors of centers in the Grand Rapids, MI area, who will be coming to lead this training seminar for us.

There are still many things that we need to accomplish before the center opening. We are working on furnishing the center and our plan for how we will structure our work with clients and record keeping. We have a group of talented individuals working on an advertising plan and website. Pray that God will give us wisdom in developing a plan that will be effective in our community. Praise the Lord for a wonderful meeting with a Christian gynecologist in our area who sees the great need for this ministry and wants to support us in any way she can. She told us that the most common abortion method in our area is the "medical" method. In the first seven weeks of pregnancy, the gynecologists simply send the patient home with medications to take that induce the abortion. Coming up with an advertising plan that will catch the attention of these women before they make their decision will be difficult. We hope that by offering free pregnancy tests, we will have the opportunity to talk to them before they go see the gynecologist. Pray that we will find the right words to use in our advertising.

May you be encouraged by these answers to prayer and may we continue to come boldly before the throne of grace.

Grateful for God's mercy, grace, & help,
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