

# News From Holly December 2011



*“ You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; You have put off my sackcloth & clothed me with gladness, to the end that my glory may sing praise to You and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to You forever.” Psalm 30:11-12*



When I think about the ladies that attended the “Forgiven & Set Free” retreat for healing post abortion, the verses above come to mind. 80+ people prayed daily for the seven ladies that completed this course the 1st week in December. It was beautiful to see the transformation on their faces as they spent time soaking in God’s Word & His promised forgiveness. The Saturday after the retreat, Carolyn Rice (missionary to the country of Georgia) also provided a 3 hour seminar on the sanctity of life & the impact of abortion on women & their families. We had around 40 in attendance, including some pastors who would like us to provide similar talks in their churches. We shared more about our future plans for pro-life ministry & many expressed interest

in being involved. We have a growing list of women who would like to go through the post abortion healing Bible study. Pray that we would have wisdom in following up with these ladies & organizing future studies & leadership training.

Praise the Lord for sufficient donations to the pro-life ministry fund to meet the \$5000 challenge! There will be many needs in the coming months & we are grateful for each one who gave. Pray for God’s continued provision.

**Praise the Lord for His goodness in 2011!** I will soon complete my second year here in Ukraine! This year has had many challenges, but also many blessings. I am thankful for progress in my Russian study, for growing relationships, for God’s strength & enabling through the difficult days, for His faithful provision of all my needs, for growing interest in our plans for pro-life ministry, & so much more. I am constantly reminded of the wonderful privilege & power of prayer. Thank you for being my faithful partners in prayer this past year!

**Looking forward to 2012!** Our goal is to open a pregnancy care center in the fall. There is much work to be done in order to accomplish that! Pray that we will have wisdom as we set priorities & make decisions. I hope to continue studying Russian, but will not be devoting as much time to that. With Miriam’s return & the need to focus more energy on the development of the pro-life ministry I will not be as involved in the clinic ministry, but will continue to assist with that as well. I would appreciate your prayers for me personally in determining my priorities as my ministry focus shifts.

May you be filled with **joy** as you reflect on the wonder of **God becoming man** in order to redeem us!

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