



Ministry Update

January 2018

Our mission: Help people learn to value life from conception to death and receive God's love, forgiveness and gift of eternal life.

Highlights

** 3 Women's Center clients have made salvations decisions and are being disciplined!

**In May Ukrainian leaders conducted their 1st Forgiven & Set Free week long intensive course for women from eastern Ukraine.

2017 statistics (through Nov.)

- 32 new Women's Center clients
- 25 clients participating in individual courses including 5 unbelievers in an evangelistic Bible study
- 25 babies born – 2 of them to mothers who were initially planning to abort.
- nearly 300 individual meetings with clients
- 4 prenatal class groups
- 9 Mom's club meetings
- 12 women completed Forgiven & Set Free Bible study
- 15 new volunteers trained
- over 40 volunteers active in the ministry in 2017

It is exciting to share with you some of the ways God continues to bless the ministry of Choose Life. In 2017 we had the joy of seeing God save babies' lives from abortion and give some mothers eternal life. The Lord has opened new opportunities for the post abortion ministry to reach into eastern Ukraine. We have also had the joy of seeing our volunteers grow in their walk with the Lord as we serve Him together. Thank you for being a part of this ministry through giving and praying!

Leadership Development & Transitions

In September Luba Abramova, who has served as the assistant director of the Women's Center since its opening, stepped into the role of director. Luba has been preparing for this role for the last 3 years, and is doing a wonderful job of leading this aspect of the ministry. The timing of this transition coincided with Holly Friesen's return to the States for a one-year furlough. Holly has assumed the role of Executive Director of the Women's Center in preparation for transitioning into the role of President of Choose Life. Dr. Miriam Wheeler has been asked to become the new Medical Director of International Missionary Healthcare for ABWE. This means that she will be moving to the mission headquarters in Harrisburg, PA in 2019. She plans to stay involved in the ministry of Choose Life as a board member, but will not be able to continue as president. Please pray for us as we work through this leadership transition over the next year and continue to develop Ukrainian leadership. We have been working on a Choose Life administration policy manual and are praying for God to bring us more Ukrainian board members. Pray that we will be able to get the policy manual completed and approved in early 2018 and for God to provide additional board members who are passionate about this ministry and qualified to help us expand and grow!



Story of God at Work

Anna (name changed) was one of our first clients who was initially planning to abort. After visiting with one of our volunteers and seeing her baby on the ultrasound, she chose life for her little boy. She came to the center regularly to meet with her counselor and receive humanitarian aid. She completed the parenting course and was excited about how it helped her in parenting her 3 older children. She then completed the Story of Hope and in Dec. 2016 accepted Christ as her Savior. She has started attending a local church and continues to be discipled by her counselor. This fall she started the Forgiven & Set Free Bible study to help her deal with past abortions. Pray for God's continued working in her life!

Building Project

We have been renting an office for the ministry of Choose Life since the Women's Center opened in 2014. As the ministry grows, we see the need for more space for additional counseling rooms, offices, and a larger conference/training room. Owning our own property would provide stability, whereas a rental agreement can be rescinded by the owner at any time. Our current landlords have put our office on the market to sell. We have researched the cost to purchase and renovate a facility with the space needed for expansion and easy access to public transportation. We estimate \$482,000. ABWE has approved this project and opened an account for donations to this project. Pray with us for God's provision of finances and the right location! Pray also that God would provide for our immediate needs for a new rental for the Women's Center. If you would like to give towards this project, you can send gifts to ABWE and designate them for "Choose Life Ukraine Building Project" #0757363.

Specific Prayer Needs

Post-Abortion Ministry: Ministry Director Ira Luponova. Pray for plans to train leaders for this ministry in eastern Ukraine and Central Asia. Pray for current Bible study leaders who are struggling with health and family issues.

Women's Center: Ministry Director Luba Abramova. Pray for the salvation of clients currently studying the Bible. Pray for God to direct women who are considering abortion to our center. Pray for spiritual strength and growth for our volunteers.

Choose Life Board: Pray for new board members and for the completion of our administrative policy manual.

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