

## *Sharing Christ's Compassion for Ukraine*

*When Simeon held the baby Jesus in the Temple,  
"he blessed God and said, 'my eyes have seen Your salvation...  
a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles  
and the glory of Your people Israel.'"*

Luke 2:25-32

December 31, 2013

Dear Prayer Partners:

December has disappeared in a whirlwind of clinics, meetings, extra patient consultations, church presentations, and completion of the 10-week Bible study "Forgiven and Set Free". Though Ukraine celebrates Christmas on January 7, our missionary family did gather for a meal on December 25. I had vertigo for 3 days Dec 22-24, so was very grateful that I felt well enough to join the party 12/25. Pastor Lonya's family came over to put up my Christmas tree this past Saturday evening—yes, that was December 28! Since I am still celebrating and you are still recovering, I will wish each of you "**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year**"!

Lonya's church in Krasnosyolka is praying in the New Year tonight with a service and fellowship from 10pm to 2am. Alyona and Roma and their children, who take care of our prayer house in Kubanka, are planning to be there. **Please pray for Roma's salvation!** He has been much more open to Lonya recently to listen to spiritual things. January 2-4 Lonya is directing a day camp for children from Krasnosyolka and Kubanka, which will close with a program for their parents Sunday, Jan. 5. We will have Christmas services Jan. 6-7 in Krasnosyolka, Jan. 8 in Kubanka and Shamanovka, then Jan. 9 in New Kubanka. **Please pray for the Holy Spirit to touch hearts to recognize Jesus Christ as the only way to salvation and eternal life.**

God answered your prayer for an office to rent for our pregnancy care center. It is a very nice, reasonably priced 4-room facility that housed a private medical clinic before. It is not as close to public transportation as we had hoped, therefore pray that the **directions in flyers and other ads will be clear and the words enticing.** Our first event there was the closing service for the "Forgiven and Set Free" groups December 21. Eleven women completed the course and came together in a Memorial Service for their 58 aborted children in heaven. It was a time not only for tears, but also for joyful acceptance of God's complete forgiveness and restoration. **Pray for God to help other women who have gone through abortions to see their need for this course. Continue to pray for volunteers for the PCC.** We have presented the ministry of "Choose Life" in 20 churches in the past four months. Many have agreed to pray for the ministry and to help as they can.

Last Thursday our clinic team did the usual circuit to Shamanovka, Vasilivka and New Kubanka. This is an exhausting day with traveling on rough roads and doing set-up and tear-down three times. One of my last patients was 18-year-old Margarita. During my evaluation, I discovered she was pregnant. This was quite a shock to this unmarried young woman, and her first reaction was that she should do an abortion. We had an excellent conversation about pregnancy and the fact that this tiny baby was conceived as a living human being, created by God. She did agree to keep her baby and to read the Bible about God's gift of forgiveness and salvation. Pastor Lonya also talked to her. **Please pray for Margarita to hold fast to her decision to "choose life!" and to come to know Jesus as her Savior.** I plan to follow up with her after Christmas next week.

Continue to pray for guidance for **purchasing prayer houses in Berdinovo and Valentinovka**, and for Pastor Volodya in Makarovo who has responsibility for these outreaches. Pray for these villages, as well as Styopa in Sahanskoye, and Anatoliy in Limaniy as they exalt Jesus Christ and share the gift of eternal life at Christmas.

*Rejoicing to share the Light of Jesus Christ with those in Darkness in Ukraine,  
Miriam*