

## *Sharing Christ's Compassion for Ukraine*

*But I am like an olive tree flourishing in the house of God;  
I trust in God's unfailing love for ever and ever.  
For what you have done I will always praise you  
in the presence of your faithful people.  
And I will hope in your name, for your name is good.*

Psalm 52:8-9

September 22, 2018

Dear Prayer Partners:

What an incredible blessing our **"Day of Thanksgiving"** was September 8! Thank you for praying! God gave me Psalm 52:8-9 the morning of that event, so perfectly stating my goal. I want to ever be a learner, growing like a flourishing tree in God's presence, trusting and hoping in Him forever. That day I had the privilege to "praise You in the presence of Your faithful people", as many of **my Ukrainian ministry partners** gathered along with **Dr. Tom Wheeler** and **Pastors John King and Jim Simmons**. We laughed and rejoiced together as we reflected on God's work in the 20 years He has allowed me to serve in Ukraine. Check out the PowerPoint presentation I shared and photos of the event on our website.

### **Highlights of 20 years of ministry in Ukraine:**

- Our village clinic team has had over **51,700 patient contacts!** That includes medical teams, eyeglass distributions, Ukrainian dentists, medicine refills by clinic assistants, home visits, many are returns.
- Estimate **25,000 individuals have been served and heard the Gospel.**
- **Hundreds have come to Christ**, only in Heaven will we fully know!
- **21 medical teams**, including MD's of various specialties, dentists, optometrists, NP's, PA's, medical students, nurses, pharmacists and other helpers.
- Served in **7 oblasts** (provinces) of Ukraine, including **war-ravaged Donetsk and Lugansk.**
- **Holly Friesen, FNP**, joined me in 2010 as a career medical missionary partner.
- Establishment in 2011 of **Choose Life: pro-life ministry in Odessa.** Training of Ukrainian leaders and volunteers.
  - Chairman of the Board of Directors
  - Director of Forgiven and Set Free: 120 post-abortion women have completed Bible study.
  - Helped start FSF in Central Asia.
  - Holly founded and directed the Women's Center—a crisis pregnancy center.
- Mentor/seminar speaker with the **Christian Youth Medical Association** of Ukraine since 2013.
- Administrator of ABWE-Ukraine **Crisis Fund**: August 2014—April 2018.
- Church planting assistant at **Fair Haven Church in Krasnosyolka**, pastor Leonid German
  - Sister church liaison with Emmanuel Baptist in Canada and Johnston Chapel Baptist in Princeton WV.
  - Organized several teams from both sister churches for summer camps.
  - Started evangelistic team going from Krasnosyolka to neighboring villages on Sunday afternoons.
  - Pastor Lonya and I test taught the new Russian translation of ABWE Good Soil Bible studies: "The Story of Hope" and "The Way to Joy" in several villages. Several people accepted Christ!
- ***To God be the glory, great things He has done!!***

**And it's not over yet!** Pray for God to give me wisdom each day to **accomplish His goals** in Ukraine for the last 8 months I will be serving here before moving to Harrisburg PA to become ABWE's Medical Director June 1, 2019. Several patients have shown spiritual interest recently in Krasnosyolka and Kubanka, and I would love to go through "The Story of Hope" with them. *Pray for the salvation of village patients!* Pray for Holly and me as we **transition** the leadership of ministries here. Pray for God to send **more career medical missionaries** to continue the great work He has begun! Many more villages need the Gospel of Jesus Christ and compassionate healthcare! Thank you for your ongoing support!

*Clinging to The Rock,  
Miriam Wheeler, MD*