

## News from Holly October 2013

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

I Thess. 5:16-18

How often do we fail to rejoice and give God thanks for the blessings in our lives? An even harder question - How often do I rejoice and give God thanks for the hardships He allows in my life? This past month has included some incredible blessings, as well as some hardship. God is teaching me to rejoice & give thanks always and reminding me of the importance of unceasing prayer!



One incredible answer to prayer was the approval of Luba as the Ukrainian director of the pregnancy care center we plan to open in Feb/March of 2014. Luba has worked as a translator in the medical ministry for a number of years & has been a part of the pro-life ministry steering committee since its inception. We have observed in her a growing passion for the pro-life ministry & she received unanimous approval from our committee for this position. I will be mentoring her during this first year, and am excited to have such a gifted & godly partner in this ministry!

We have presented the ministry of Choose Life & our plans to open a pregnancy care center next year in 9 Odessa churches and will continue to present throughout October and November. We have been encouraged by the response so far. We had a well attended meeting on Oct 5th for people interested in learning more about the ministry. We have started receiving volunteer applications! Pray that God will continue to burden people to be involved.

Our search for a building for the center has been more difficult than we anticipated. Would you pray that God would help us to locate a building to rent that is the right size, location, and price?

As we get closer to our target date for opening the center, we have increasing financial needs for the ministry. We will have initial set up costs to get the office functional & ongoing costs for rent, directors salary, advertising, etc. If you would like to contribute to this ministry, you can give online at [www.abwe.org](http://www.abwe.org) or mail gifts to ABWE and designate them for the Ukraine Pro-Life ministry Account # 0757353. Thank you for praying for God's provision!

Thank you for your prayers for the dental/medical team. They saw around 300 patients in 5 days of village ministry. I enjoyed working with the team for two of those days, one of which was filled with home visits. The gospel was presented many times & there was evidence that God is at work in hearts. Pray for the salvation of those who are considering what they heard. Praise the Lord Dr. Miriam has been free of vertigo this past month!

On a personal note, we found out this month that my sister Kristina has a cancerous tumor in her lung. The doctors believe that it is treatable, but they will be doing tests to make sure it has not spread to any other part of her body. She will have surgery to remove the tumor, but they do not know yet what other treatment may be required. I would appreciate your prayers for her & for our family. May we learn through this to rejoice & thank the Lord in all things!

Thank you for taking time to rejoice, pray, and give thanks with me.

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