

## Update from Holly January 2019

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Matt. 6:33

The words of this familiar verse were a good reminder to me this morning as I prepared to work on my annual report to the mission. As I evaluate the past year and set goals for this new year, I must ask myself, "Am I seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness?". Even though I am in full time ministry, I can fall prey to the desire for more visible results or for the approval of men instead of seeking God first. As I look forward to a year that promises to be busy and full of changes and challenges, I want my first priority to be my relationship with God. In all the business I want to be accomplishing His will for me. Pray with me that I will consistently seek Him first and discern His will throughout this new year of ministry.



Thank you for your prayers for the holiday outreaches in my church and in the churches where we have clinic ministry. I enjoyed singing with our church choir for our Christmas Eve service. We had around 130 people in our small building for this special service, including a number of unsaved friends and family members. It was standing room only, and even standing room was hard to find. Our building is usually full for regular services, so special services are even more challenging. The church has begun praying for a larger space. You can pray with us that God will provide!

In December we met with a young pastor who has recently taken over a struggling work in a small village about 30 minutes outside of Odessa. He invited us to assist him in making contacts and reaching out to those in this small community by bringing the clinic ministry to this village. We were encouraged by his heart for this work and agreed to begin a monthly clinic there starting in January. You can pray for God's blessing on this new outreach in the village of Zarya.

In January we will be joined for two weeks by a medical student (Ben) in his final year of medical school. He will be working with Dr. Miriam to gain international clinical experience and his wife (Holly) who is a nurse will also assist us. Pray that God will bless this experience and use it in their lives, as well as in the lives of the patients they will serve. If you or someone you know would like to know more about opportunities to serve with us in the medical ministry, please contact me. We are praying for a doctor who could join us full time, but we also have some short-term opportunities. We have an ophthalmologist coming the end of September for two weeks and we could use another eye doctor and general practitioner (MD, NP, or PA) to help round out that team. Pray with us for God to supply this need and let me know if you would like more information.

We are planning to conduct a training seminar for new volunteers for the prolife ministry in February. We will be visiting a few more churches this month to continue to recruit volunteers. Pray for God to provide us with a good group for this training. Pray also for wisdom as we determine goals for this ministry in 2019.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support.  
Trusting God to do great things for His glory in 2019 as we seek Him first!

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Special times with friends  
over the holidays!

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