

Update from Holly May 2015

“Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ.” Col.4:2-3

God has opened the door for a special ministry opportunity this coming week, and we are in need of your earnest and vigilant prayers! Dr. Miriam and I are heading to northeast Ukraine to provide medical care in areas where there are large numbers of refugees from the conflict zone. We will be accompanied by Miriam’s pastor Lonya, and my nurse friend Lena. We will be working with local pastors who have been ministering to refugees in these areas. We head north on the overnight train on May 9th and will be seeing patients in several different cities May 11-16. We will arrive back in Odessa on the 17th. Pray that God would give open doors for sharing the hope of the gospel with these people who have suffered so much and that people would be saved. Pray for wisdom & safety as our travels will take us closer to the conflict zone.



Thank you for your prayers for the Easter outreaches here in Ukraine. I had the blessing of being able to participate in special services in two of the villages we have clinics in as well as in my home church in Odessa on Easter Sunday. There were people in each service who came for the first time and are not yet believers. Pray that the messages they heard will continue to work in their hearts.

We have had several new clients come to the Women’s Center this past month. One woman is expecting her fourth child and was considering abortion. Her believing mother-in-law convinced her to have the baby and brought her to our center for help and encouragement. Pray that we will have wisdom as we continue to develop a relationship with her, and that she and her husband will come to salvation. We have a group of moms who finished up our prenatal class last month.

In a couple weeks we will be starting up again with a new group of moms. In addition to our clients who are facing “crisis pregnancies”, these groups include a few women from local churches, as well as women from the community. Pray that God would bless the relationships that are formed through these classes and that it would be an effective outreach.

I continue to be involved in the youth ministry at my church. We have several teens who have been attending periodically who are not yet believers. Pray for God to work in their hearts and pray that we will have wisdom as we seek to connect with them on a personal level and visit with them about spiritual things. As leaders, we have each taken personal responsibility for certain teens and are trying to meet with them and encourage them outside of youth group. I have asked one of the young ladies in the church who is interested in helping with the youth to help me with my girls. My desire is to mentor her in how to mentor these girls. Her name is Alya and our girls are Marina and Anya. Please pray for God to bless these relationships.

My housemate Lilya’s mom, who has been living with us since January is hoping to go back to her home in east Ukraine next week. There is still fighting in this area, but she wants to get back to her husband and her work. Pray for her safety and for her spiritual need. We have had a number of good conversations during her time here. Pray for the Holy Spirit to draw her & her husband to Himself.

Thank you for your prayers for open doors & open hearts here in Ukraine. Your support through prayer is essential!
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