

Update from Holly May 2017

“For You, Lord, have made me glad through Your work; I will triumph in the works of Your hands. O Lord, how great are Your works! Your thoughts are very deep.” Ps. 92:4-5

Yesterday was an unusually busy day at the Women’s Center. However, days like that are becoming more frequent. I thought this would be a good chance to give you a closer look at the ministry. We started the day off with a woman who came in to do a pregnancy test. She was not pleased when the results were positive because she is not sure about her relationship with the father of the baby. We spoke briefly about when life begins and I offered her a free sonogram. She wanted some time to think about it and to talk to the father of the baby, but left her phone number so that we could contact her again in a few days. Pray that she will choose life for her baby!

We also had three of our clients come in for their regular meetings with their counselor. The first client is nearing the end of her study of the Story of Hope. Pray that “Masha” will clearly understand the truths she is hearing and will be willing to accept Christ as her personal Savior. The second client is one of our very first clients, whose baby is now almost 3 years old. Yesterday she had her last official meeting with her counselor. This is a first for us! Pray that we will have wisdom to know when and how to “graduate” clients from our program. This single mom completed a course on parenting as well as Bible study courses; and during her time with us was able to re-establish her relationship with the local church she was a part of before she became pregnant. The third client has already completed our parenting course and has started the Story of Hope. Pray that her counselor will have wisdom as she shares these important truths with her, and that the Holy Spirit will give her understanding. We would not be able to do all of this without our faithful volunteers. Praise the Lord for those who give of their time to work with these women!

While our counseling rooms were busy with these clients, our classroom was full of new mom’s participating in our 5 week prenatal class. We are grateful for the Christian gynecologist and midwife who are helping these mom’s prepare for the birth of their babies. Pray that God would bless the relationships that are formed in these classes, allowing us to impact more women & families in our community. We ended our day at the center by spending a couple hours working with 3 of our new volunteers, teaching them how to work in reception. We are grateful for the group of 15 new volunteers who completed our training seminar in April. Pray that we will have wisdom as we continue to teach, train, and integrate them into the ministry of the center.

The celebration of Christ’s resurrection provides many opportunities for outreach here in Ukraine. I enjoyed singing with our church choir to a full house on Easter Sunday, including a number of unsaved family members and guests. On the Saturday before Easter I participated in a special service at a nursing home not far from where I live. Ukraine continues to celebrate Easter on the following Monday and Tuesday. I had hoped to participate in village outreaches on those days, but a cold kept me home. Praise the Lord for reports of good turnouts to the services in some of the villages where we have clinic ministry. Pray for God to work in the hearts of those who heard the gospel during these outreaches.

I am beginning to make plans for a time of ministry in the states from September 2017-August 2018. I hope to see many of you while I am there & to be able to share with you more about what God is doing here. I will share more about my plans as my schedule develops. Thank you for upholding the ministry in Ukraine in your prayers.

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