

## Update from Holly April 2021

Only fear the LORD and serve Him in truth with all your heart; for consider what great things He has done for you. I Samuel 12:24

God truly has done great things for me personally and it is a privilege to serve Him and to see Him at work around me. I am grateful for the ways that He continues to bless the ministry here in Ukraine through your prayers. The all-Ukraine missions conference (MMK) the end of March was a challenge to me personally and it was a joy to see how God is burdening the hearts of Ukrainians to be more involved in cross cultural missions. Several from my church indicated a desire to be more involved in going and giving towards missions. Pray that I will have wisdom as I seek to follow up and encourage them in that desire.



We were able to conduct our volunteer training for Choose Life April 16-17. We had 10 new volunteers who completed the training. One of them is a young man who is interested in helping us with our abstinence teaching for youth. This is an answer to our prayers for male involvement in this aspect of the ministry. Another one is the young lady Liza from my church who was baptized last summer and who I have continued to disciple. It has been wonderful to watch her grow and to see her enthusiasm for serving the Lord. We are excited to see what God will

do through this new group of volunteers. They will now begin their on-the-job training. Pray that God will bless as they continue to learn and that He will use them for His glory! We will be teaching our abstinence program to a local youth group this Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup>. Pray for God to bring out a good group and that their hearts will be open to the message we will be sharing.

Karina & Polina (pictured with me) have also been joining our Bible study time with Liza. They come from unsaved families but have been involved in the children & youth outreaches at our church for several years. In recent weeks they have been less consistent in coming to our study and it is evident that the pull of ungodly influences is strong in their lives. Pray with us for their salvation and for protection from these unhealthy influences.



Lord willing I will be making a trip to the states April 26-June 5<sup>th</sup>. This trip will be mainly focused on family, helping my mom with recovery from knee surgery, visiting my brother's family and meeting my new niece & nephew, and attending my niece Cassidy's high school graduation. Pray with me for no complications with flights & required COVID testing.

The situation in eastern Ukraine is once again unstable with Russian troops building up at the Russia-Ukraine border. Pray that the violence will not escalate and for the believers who continue to live & serve in these difficult areas near the border.

With gratitude for God's goodness,  
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