

Update from Holly July 2020

But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance. Romans 8:25

Regardless of how hopeless the situation in our world may seem at times, we have the sure hope that one day we will be with our Lord and Savior and He will make all things new and right. May that hope continue to fill us with joy and peace and help us to persevere in the midst of the uncertainty and chaos in our world! Our God is still in control!

I have been enjoying getting more involved in my new church and getting to know people there. We plan to continue meeting outside throughout the summer and are praying that by the time the weather gets colder, the Lord might provide us with a larger place to meet. I have started helping with the praise team and have been enjoying singing and picking out songs with our group. I have also started meeting with a woman who was recently saved and desires to be baptized. We are studying the Bible together to help her prepare for this expression of her faith. Pray for Zhanna to be grounded in the truth and to be ready to take the step of baptism.



We have not yet resumed any group classes at the Women's Center due to current restrictions, but continue to have one on one meetings with clients. We have a number of unsaved clients currently studying the Story of Hope with their counselors. Pray for God to work in hearts. Thank you for your continued prayers for my client "A". She still has her ups and downs but she continues to study the Story of Hope with me.

God has opened up the opportunity for our abstinence teaching team to teach at a Saturday kids club in the village of Sahanskoye where we hold monthly clinics. We will be there August 1st and 8th and will speak to the preteen-teen group. Pray for us as we prepare. We worked on editing and fine tuning our lessons during quarantine and are thankful to have this opportunity to teach again. Pray also for God to work in the hearts of the kids we will be sharing with.

One of our center volunteers who works as a nurse is in the hospital with COVID. Thankfully it had been long enough since she was at the center when she became sick that it was not an issue for us. She is improving, but her mother also contracted it and is having a harder time. Pray for healing for Natasha and her mother. Ukraine has extended adapted quarantine measures through the end of August, so we will continue taking precautions at the Women's Center and when we resume our village clinic ministry after our July break. Pray for continued wisdom as we make decisions about the best ways to conduct various ministries during these days and make needed adjustments to fall ministry plans.

Thank you for your continued prayers and notes of encouragement. Please let me know if there are ways that I can be praying for you as well.

Persevering in Hope!
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