

## Update from Holly July 2021

You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on You, because he trusts in You.  
Isaiah 26:3

This verse has been an anchor for my heart and mind over the last weeks as we have been dealing with some major changes. I have often fallen into the trap of worry and trying to figure things out in my own strength, but God faithfully and gently reminds me of His truth. It has been evident that He is at work providing all that we need. I am grateful for the way God uses the situations in our lives to call us to seek out greater intimacy with Him!

In August, our Women's Center director, Luba and her family will be traveling to the states to help their kids who live there. I will be temporarily taking over the responsibilities of center director in addition to my responsibilities as president of Choose Life which includes overseeing the post abortion and abstinence teaching ministries. Our board voted to hire an assistant director to help me at the center and I am grateful that Tanya has agreed to join our ministry team. She has been a volunteer at the center for a little over two years and I believe that God has uniquely prepared her to step in and assist us in leadership at this time. Pray for wisdom for Tanya as she steps into this role and for all of us as we adjust to functioning without Luba. This month Valya, our accountant for Choose Life, is also getting married and moving away. She not only serves as our accountant, but also as a volunteer, and has been a dear friend to me. While I am rejoicing in the way God has blessed her life, she will be greatly missed! We have been able to hire another accountant who also loves the Lord and has a desire to serve our ministry. We are grateful for the way God quickly provided the right person for this job. Keeping us compliant with all the non-profit laws in Ukraine is not an easy task. Pray for Masha as she takes over this responsibility and



helps us navigate all the documentation that these changes entail. Pray also for my heart in all of this. In addition to making sure that we have things in place so that the ministry can continue to run smoothly, I am also dealing with the emotions of soon not having two close friends physically present in my day to day life.

Thank you for praying for our volunteer appreciation picnic. We have had an unusual amount of rain this past month and there was rain in the forecast for the day of our picnic, but God chose to bless us with a beautifully sunny day. The thunderstorm came that night after

we were all safely home! We are so grateful for each of the volunteers and board members who make this ministry possible.

Our abstinence teaching team spoke at a youth club two times this month and will be speaking to a group of girls at a camp this Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup>. The team will be teaching without my help for the first time this Saturday. I am confident that they are ready, but I know they would appreciate your prayers for them. I would like to hand off the leadership of this part of our ministry and have begun working with one of our teachers with that goal in mind. Your prayers for that process are also appreciated!

Thank you for your encouragement and for continuing to uphold this ministry in prayer.

Grateful for God's peace,  
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