

Update from Holly June 2021

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever;
With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations. Psalm 89:1

Thank you for your prayers for my trip back to the states. God blessed me with relatively smooth travels for which I am grateful, and I had a wonderfully refreshing time with my family. I was able to spend some time with my mom who was recovering from knee surgery. I am grateful that the timing was such that I could be there to help in the early weeks after surgery. She has continued to do well with her recovery. Thank you for your prayers for her! All of my siblings gathered for my niece Cassidy's high school graduation and my nephew Owan's 8th grade graduation. It was a special time of being together



as a family and celebrating Cassidy's

accomplishments. I also enjoyed spending a couple weeks with my brother and his family and getting to know my new niece and nephew as well as love on their 3 year old. I am so thankful for my family and the blessing they are to me. Spending time with them is my favorite way to spend a vacation! I was also able to share a ministry update at my sending church, Cumberland Bible Church in Douglass KS and at Calvary Baptist Church in Hot Springs, SD. I am always blessed by the opportunity to be with these church families and am encouraged by their interest in what God is doing in Ukraine.



The day before I left for my trip, our team was able to teach about abstinence at a local church youth group. It is encouraging to see youth leaders who understand the importance of talking with their youth about this topic. Pray that God will continue to develop the team and our effectiveness in teaching and will continue to give teaching opportunities.

While I was gone, Luba (our center director) and our more experienced volunteers continued to work with our new volunteers in their on the job training. Several of them are nearing the end of their checklist and will soon be able to work independently. Please continue to pray for them to grow in their walk with the Lord as they serve. We are grateful for all of our volunteers and are looking forward to being able to gather with them and their families for our volunteer appreciation picnic on June 19th. We were unable to gather last year due to COVID, so we are especially excited to be planning this special time together.

After another wave of COVID illness this spring that was worse than the first one, the situation in Ukraine seems to be improving and most restrictions have been lifted. We are looking forward to a more normal summer of ministry. Pray that the Lord will bless as summer camps and other outreaches are planned. Our team has plans to host a couple of summer interns and I am making plans to host a fall medical team. If you would like to know more about possibly serving in Ukraine long or short term, let me know! We are grateful to be planning for visitors again!

Praising God for His faithfulness,
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