

## Update from Holly March 2021

Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!  
Psalm 46:10

I don't know about you, but sometimes I find it hard to be still if there is work to be done or a problem to be solved. There are times when God calls us to just be still and to let Him work. Even when He calls us to work hard, He desires that we have a heart that rests in Him and trusts the results to Him. I am thankful that I can trust God to accomplish His purposes in my life and in the world around me especially when circumstances are beyond my ability to control. COVID 19 continues to impact our lives and ministry here. After a brief reprieve, the numbers of cases are again on the rise and record numbers of deaths have been reported in the last week. Today our part of the country has been moved back up to the highest level of restrictions. With these restrictions the Women's Center is still allowed to be open we just have to limit the number of visitors and be strict about masks and cleaning procedures. We also plan to continue conducting our village clinics since warmer weather makes it possible for people to wait outside and follow social distancing. We did have to miss one clinic this past month because the pastor and his wife were both in the hospital with pneumonia from COVID and most of their church members were also sick with it. Praise the



Lord, they have both since been discharged from the hospital and are improving. Pray that we will have wisdom and protection as we serve during these days.

Luba, our center director, and I have been able to visit several churches this past month to share about the ministry of Choose Life and to recruit volunteers. We have been encouraged by the warm receptions and the interest in what God is doing through this ministry. We have a number of people interested in becoming volunteers and hope to conduct a volunteer training seminar April 16-17. We are praying that by then numbers of COVID cases will be on the decline again and that we can safely gather for training.



We were able to visit a village youth group with our abstinence program March 20<sup>th</sup>. Our team is anxious to begin teaching regularly again and to begin training other teachers. Pray that we will have wisdom as we continue to develop this aspect of the ministry and that the COVID situation will not prevent us from continuing to accept invitations to teach.

This week Friday & Saturday the annual all Ukraine missions conference is planned. Instead of one large conference, they plan to have the main speakers live streamed to different locations all over Ukraine and each location will have someone to facilitate small group discussions, prayer times, ect. The pastor of my church is the coordinator of the Odessa location and our church is involved in helping to organize it. Pray that despite the different format and restrictions on gatherings, God will use this conference to continue to motivate Ukrainians for cross-cultural missions.

Thank you for your continued prayers for the ministry here in Ukraine. Thank you as well for your financial gifts and notes of encouragement. I always enjoy hearing from you and knowing how I can be praying for you as well.

Resting in the Almighty,  
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