

## Update from Holly November 2020

How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Your wings. Psalm 36:7



As we focus on thanksgiving this week, I am reminded of how greatly I have been blessed. Despite the unique challenges of this year, God has given me many reasons to give thanks and to give Him praise.

I am deeply grateful for our medical ministry team. They have gone above and beyond to continue ministering to our patients with love and courageous trust in God regarding their own health. They have done anything I have asked of them to insure continued care for our patients during these challenging days. The end of October we enjoyed a day of good food and fellowship by the sea with most of our clinic staff, our driver, and our pastor and their spouses. Each one is a joy to work with!

This year has brought a church change for me and while I loved my previous church family, my new church family has been one of the greatest blessings of 2020. Their heart for the lost and love for each other constantly challenge me. Recently our church was able to put together food packets for elderly and others struggling financially due to COVID and we were each encouraged to give them to people that we could share the hope of salvation with. I took one for my elderly neighbor who I have been trying to reach out to, but who until recently had seemed very cold towards me. When I gave her the packet she invited me in for tea and peppered me with questions about my church. She said that she really wants to visit our church, but due to the current situation with rapidly growing numbers of COVID cases has decided to wait. Pray that I will have wisdom as I continue to reach out to my neighbor Valentina. I am also grateful for the discipleship opportunities God has given me through Crossroads church. I am enjoying working with new believers and helping some more mature believers learn how to disciple.



I am incredibly grateful for our Women's Center volunteers and the leadership team for this ministry. They have been quick to adapt and to go above and beyond in this year of constant changes. You can read more about what God has been doing during recent months in our fall Choose Life newsletter. This past Saturday we were able to provide training for a group from the neighboring town of Yuzhni, who are preparing to start a prolife ministry. Their initial desire is to start a hotline for those dealing with a crisis pregnancy. The idea was birthed when a couple of ladies who have physical handicaps that limit their mobility expressed the desire to be more involved in ministry. They already serve their church by encouraging and praying for people over the phone, and they felt God leading them to expand their phone outreach. Others in the church joined in and a small group was formed. Pray that God will give them wisdom as they are in the early stages of forming plans for how they will operate this ministry. Pray that we will also have wisdom as we continue to encourage and be a resource for them.

None of this would be possible without my faithful prayer and financial supporters. This year has not been without its times of discouragement & spiritual battles. Thank you for upholding me with your prayers. I am deeply grateful for each one of you!

Praising God for His goodness,  
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