

News From Holly October 2011



“In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” I Thess. 5:18

It is easy to be thankful for the good things God brings into our lives. I am very thankful that He allowed me to fly home for 3 weeks this month to attend the celebration of my sister Bethany's marriage to Brandon. The time spent with family and away from the pressures of ministry here was refreshing. I also enjoyed the opportunity to participate in the missions conference at Cornerstone Bible Institute while I was home. Interacting with the students and hearing from the other missionaries was a huge encouragement to me.

It is harder to be thankful for the hardships that come our way. While I was home my brother-in-law Bobby, who married my sister Rachel last year, was diagnosed with esophageal cancer. They have appointments this week to find out exactly what the plan of care will be. Please pray for his healing, but also that the Lord will help our family to rest in His will and be thankful even through this trial.

The month of November will be very busy. I appreciate your prayers for stamina and good management of my time. Nov 1-3 I will be participating in the Missions Round Table that our region is hosting in Kiev, the capital of Ukraine. Missionaries and their national partners from around central & eastern Europe will be participating. We desire to see these leaders grow in their vision to be involved in world missions and to be able as ABWE missionaries to more effectively partner with them in this endeavor. Pray for God's blessing on this time. Nov 10-13 we will be having an all Ukraine missionary retreat. Pray that this will be a good time of fellowship as well as vision casting for the future ministry of our ABWE team here in Ukraine. The week of Nov 14th Tom Lothamer and Ray Paget from Baptists for Life will be here to provide board training for our future pro-life ministry board. Pray for a good foundation to be laid as we prepare to launch this ministry. Lord willing Dr. Miriam will arrive back in Ukraine Nov 11th & will be able to participate in this training.

I am thankful for those who have given gifts for the set up of a facility for the pregnancy care center. Since the 5000 matching gift challenge was issued, 2440 has been given toward the ministry. Pray for the remaining 2560 needed to meet the matching gift challenge by Dec 10th. Gifts can be sent to ABWE and designated for the Ukraine Pro-Life Ministry account # 0129523-025. Let me know if you would like more information about our pro-life ministry plans or this challenge.

I am thankful for those who faithfully pray for me and for the ministry here.

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