



# Ministry Update

May 2017

*Our mission: Help people learn to value life from conception to death and receive God's love, forgiveness and gift of eternal life.*

## Highlights

Praise the Lord for 2 clients who have made salvation decisions!

## 2016 statistics

- 55 new Women's Center clients
- 20 babies born
- over 300 individual meetings with clients
- 5 prenatal class groups
- 10 Mom's club meetings
- 16 women completed Forgiven & Set Free Bible study

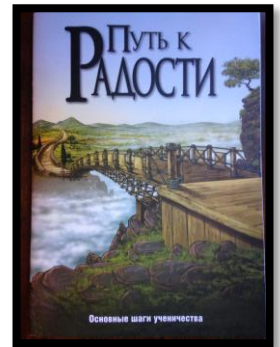
## Currently

- 2 Women's Center clients in Bible study for new believers
- 5 unsaved center clients in a Bible study with a volunteer
- 13 additional center clients participating in other courses with a volunteer (total of 20 clients in courses)
- 6 women recently completed Forgiven & Set Free Bible study

We are grateful for those who faithfully support the ministry of Choose Life in Ukraine financially and in prayer. We are excited to be able to share with you some wonderful answers to prayer.

## Women's Center

We are praising the Lord for the salvation of two of our Women's Center clients. Pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to work in their hearts and will increase their understanding of the truth. They are now going through the Way to Joy Bible study for new believers with a counselor, and both have been attending local churches.



We have been serving one of our clients over the phone. She contacted us from another city through our website. Due to family and financial problems, she was planning to have an abortion, but reached out for some advice. After visiting with a counselor over the phone, she decided not to have an abortion. We sent some groceries to her through a local church to help with her immediate needs, as well as the book on parenting that we use with our clients. She later miscarried, but continued to have regular phone meetings to discuss the book with her counselor. She and her children began attending the church that delivered our help. By the time they finished the book on parenting, she and her counselor had several discussions about her beliefs and she was very open to spiritual things. We then sent her a Bible and the book Stranger on the Road to Emmaus, which explains God's plan of salvation. Pray as she reads the book, visits by phone with her counselor, and attends church services, that God will open her eyes to the truth and bring her to salvation!



Another answer to prayer is the group of 15 new volunteers that God brought to our April volunteer training. It is exciting to hear their testimonies of salvation and of how God has burdened them to be a part of this ministry. They have completed the training seminar and we are now working on their on-the-job training. Pray that we will have wisdom as we train them, and that God will use them mightily in this ministry. It has been exciting to see our initial volunteers grow in their ability to serve our clients as well. We appreciate your prayers for spiritual strength and wisdom for them as they minister to our clients.

### Post-Abortion Ministry

Several of our leaders of “Forgiven and Set Free” have experienced personal struggles this year—job loss, health issues, taking care of elderly relatives. Only two leaders were able to lead a group of ladies through the weekly Bible study in Odessa this spring. But God gave us a wonderful new challenge! In our travels to eastern Ukraine to do clinics for refugees from the war zone, Holly and Miriam have gotten acquainted with Pastor Fyodor Bespalov in Druzhkovka. He was very interested to hear about the pro-life ministry in Odessa, and asked Miriam to come to Druzhkovka to lead some ladies through FSF. As she discussed this with Ira Lupanova, the director of FSF in Odessa, we began to pray about hosting an intensive FSF course—going through the entire study in 5 days. God brought this to fruition May 15 as four ladies came from Druzhkovka to Odessa, delved wholeheartedly into this study and experienced the fullness of God’s healing and forgiveness through FSF. They are eager to begin this program in eastern Ukraine! We are praying about doing leadership training in Odessa this fall. Miriam is planning to invite some of her contacts from Central Asia.

### Specific Prayer Needs

**Post-Abortion Ministry:** Pray for our small group leaders who are struggling with personal issues and taking some time out. Pray for director Ira Lupanova as she hones her vision for the ministry. Pray for God’s direction in training new leaders this fall and starting new ministries in eastern Ukraine and Central Asia.

**Women’s Center:** Pray for the salvation of the five clients studying the Bible with us. Pray for God to bring new clients in need to us. Pray for spiritual growth & effectiveness in ministry for each of our volunteers.

**Choose Life Board:** We are planning a training for our board in August to develop their understanding of their roles and to clarify their responsibilities. Pray that this will strengthen the leadership of this ministry.



Prenatal class

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