

# KYIV CONNECTIONS



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**WORLD MISSIONS**  
*For God. With You. Among the Nations.*

## Prayer Letter of George & Sarah de Vuyst

Serving in Ukraine with Christian Reformed World Missions

### Mission & Vision

We envision healthy congregations emerging to bring healing and transformation to lives and communities throughout Ukraine and Eastern Europe's post-communist countries.

Together with our partners in Ukraine, we are training church leaders in Ukraine's post-Soviet, post-Christian, and post-atheist society in order to develop healthy churches with a biblical understanding of Christianity so that the Kingdom of God may transform all spheres of life and society.

### Points for Praise

- For successful school of reconciliation
- For a wonderful vacation in Zandvoort, the Netherlands.

### Points for Prayer

- Upcoming HWEC workshop in September
- Pray for the craziness of the move and that the new place will serve us for the coming years as our kids grow.
- Christian Reformed World Missions will go out of existence and "Resonate Global Mission" is the name of our new agency. Pray for all the transitions that will take place over the summer.

## Healing and Reconciliation

Thank you for your prayers for the regional school of reconciliation that we conducted from May 22 to June 1. It was intense. The enemy tried to sow dissension and division. But Christ carried out his amazing work of healing. 21 participants experienced the healing and reconciliation workshop. Participants identified the losses of their ethnic group and also their own personal losses. They were given the opportunity to bring their pain and losses to the cross and give it Christ, our Pain Bearer. It was a time of incredible healing. Then we spoke about forgiveness and repentance. People were given the opportunity to ask forgiveness for the wrongs that their group had committed against other groups present. One participant had lost a son due to the negligence of a nurse. There was a doctor and nurse present who asked his forgiveness in the name of medical professionals for the loss of his son. Three ethnic Russian women also "stood in the gap" for Russia asking forgiveness for what Russia has been doing to Ukraine. Both were powerful moments of healing and reconciliation. Many tears flowed. 16 participants remained for a second week of training to learn how to lead these seminars in their own contexts.





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Thank you for your faithful support!

At the end of May we raised 89% of our total costs for the 2016-17 fiscal year. We are confident that with June's support we will again have exceeded the minimum 90% level. Thank you for continuing to partner with us in these crucial ministries in Ukraine and Eastern Europe.

Our kids were interviewed for an article in *Christian Courier* about their lives as missionary kids. Check it out at <http://www.christiancourier.ca/news/entry/getting-to-know-a-few-mks>

# TLT grows and reproduces

The fundamental principle that we try to pass along in the TLT training process is found in 2 Timothy 2:2 (it's also where the name "Timothy" comes from): "And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others." This spring we have been excited to see this principle come to life in eastern Ukraine as our trainees began leading their own groups in their home churches. The 8 trainees who finished the basic training level of the Timothy Institute are now leading three groups and training 25 others. Kingdom multiplication at work!



## Home Missions & World Missions are now Resonate Global Mission

In just a couple of days we will no longer be working for Christian Reformed World Missions. From July 1 World missions merges with Christian Reformed Home Missions to create a new agency: Resonate Global Mission. Please keep this transition in prayer. Change usually does not come easily, and a great deal of change is happening right now both in the offices in Grand Rapids, MI and Burlington, ON, and also globally.

At the end of June our lease for our house also ends, so we are moving to a different village just a little bit further outside of Kyiv. We are grateful for the amazing way in which God provided for us a house with a large yard, four bedrooms (2 for girls and 1 for a boy), and an office - all for the same price we've been paying for a much smaller place.

**Pray that the transitions all go smoothly!**