

# KYIV CONNECTIONS



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*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

- God's powerful working through the "Healing the Wounds of Ethnic Conflict" workshop in January
- 9 church leaders from Ukraine, Hungary and Romania were able to attend this January's Worship Symposium at Calvin College

### Points for Prayer

- Pastors' retreat led by Rev. Jim Dekker on "Theologies of Suffering and Risk" March 7-9
- "Healing the Wounds of Ethnic Conflict" workshop March 21-23
- "International School of Reconciliation" from May 22 to June 1



## Wounds Being Healed!

Thank you for your prayers for the "Healing the Wounds of Ethnic Conflict" workshop! It was an amazing time with 45 participants from several different churches and communities right along the front lines of the Russian-Ukrainian conflict. God's Spirit was present in powerful ways! Healing began through many tears, confessions, repentances and blessings. One participant said, "I felt a physical easing, like I was being set free inside. How I view others changed. Now I see how spiritually sick many in our churches are, and I want to work to help them to open the wounds of their childhoods and to see God not as a Judge, but as a loving Father." Another participant said, "I harbored unforgiveness toward an other nationality, and because of that I had no peace. During the workshop I gave that pain to Christ on the cross. I was prideful and saw myself as a martyr, but during the workshop I gave that all to God and it was as if a weight was lifted from me." There is a great desire by many to have this workshop come to their communities. Our next one is planned in that same region for March 21 to 23. **Your prayers** are vital to the process as the enemy is hard at work trying to stop this. Sadly, opposition is sometimes coming from the leaders of churches and other Christian organizations. Please pray for the schemes of the evil one to be overcome, for fear to be driven out by love and peace, and for God's Kingdom to come in this place!



## International School of Reconciliation

Please keep in prayer the upcoming **International School of Reconciliation** that George is organizing and co-leading with Dr. Rhiannon Lloyd, the founder of this ministry, and Pastor Joseph Nyamutera, the key leader of this ministry from Rwanda. Pray that all the details would be covered and that the right people would come - those who will be powerful agents of peace and reconciliation in their nations.

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### Thank you for your faithful support!

Thank you again for your generous support and your partnership in ministry. As of the end of January we are at 72.73% of our fundraising goal for this fiscal year (July-June).

Our Timothy Leadership Training project is fully funded for this year!

We do still need funding for the "Healing the Wounds of Ethnic Conflict" workshops and trainings. You can give online at <https://crwm.org/donate>, or you can send a check to CRWM (address below) with the project fund code (806029) in the memo line.

Part of the healing and reconciliation process is celebrating our citizenship in God's Holy Nation with a feast at the King's table. During the feast each ethnic group hears what is unique and special about their people and receive a blessing from all the other ethnic groups present. It was an amazing evening of celebrating our common nationality as children of the King (note the crowns)!

### Teachers Needed at Kyiv Christian Academy

Consider serving the missionary community in Kyiv by filling one of these positions or share with others who could. See [www.crwm.org/go](http://www.crwm.org/go) and [www.kca.org.ua](http://www.kca.org.ua) for more information.

- ◆ Professionals in teaching English Language Learners
- ◆ Secondary Science/Math teacher
- ◆ Secondary English teacher
- ◆ Secondary Social Studies teacher
- ◆ Elementary School teacher
- ◆ IT/Computer Science specialist
- ◆ Curriculum Specialist

We would love to have you serve with us at KCA!