



Prayer letter of George & Sarah de Vuyst
 Serving with Christian Reformed World Missions in Ukraine

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Our Vision

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

Our Mission

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

- Opportunity to spend Christmas with extended family
- Christian school for our children to attend in Kyiv
- Joint ministry opportunities with the Association for Spiritual Renewal

Points for prayer

- Preparations for George to return to Ukraine on May 7 and Sarah and kids at the end of June
- Unanswered questions about car registration, car insurance, and visas
- Wisdom and guidance in developing Ukrainian ministry partnerships
- Teachers for Kiev Christian Academy

Developing Partnerships

Christian Reformed World Missions sends missionaries to work alongside national churches and organizations. The two form a partnership with specific goals for ministry together.

A partnership between CRWM and the Association for Spiritual Renewal (ASR) is developing. We are excited about the possibility of working with ASR because we share common goals, strategies, and values.

ASR is the Ukrainian branch of Peter Deyneka's organization, Russian Ministries. Working alongside ASR, we plan to:

- train the leaders of ASR's School Without Walls (a youth leadership initiative) in the Timothy Leadership Training
- help professional leaders bring the Christian worldview into a higher level of society. This would be accomplished primarily by holding worldview conferences for lawyers, doctors, businessmen, teachers, etc.



Ukraine's future leaders receive training at ASR's School Without Walls



DON'T MISS US

We only have a few church visits left:

- Feb 17 Baldwin Street CRC
- March 3 Highland CRC
- March 17 Cadillac CRC
- March 24 Anchor of Hope CRC
- April 7 Bradenton CRC
- April 14 South Kendall Community Church

But if you did...

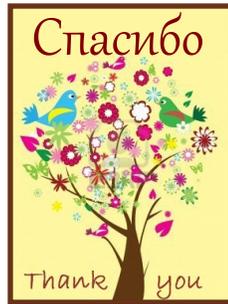
you can still hear George's sermon online on our [website!](#)

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Support Update



We are so grateful to everyone who helps us meet our financial support goal so that we can continue serving in Ukraine. Seven months into our fiscal year, we

have 66% of our minimum financial goal of \$76,200. Online support and gifts toward two special projects can be made at www.crwmm.org/devuyst.

Thank you for joining us in bringing the transforming power of God to Ukraine!

America Through the Eyes of a Missionary Kid

We have rounded the corner and are in the home stretch of home service. Before we know it, we'll be back in Ukraine and adjusting to a new city, school, work, and everything that comes along with a big move.



To keep some perspective on everything, we remember that Abigail, Matthew and Elizabeth have spent their lives in Ukraine and although they have now adjusted to American culture, there are some things in the USA that struck them as different.

Things about the USA

- Everyone speaks English
 - School busses
- Drinking fountains & "tap water"
 - Corn dogs
 - Free drink refills
- Smell of freshly mowed grass in summer
 - Buffet restaurants
 - Free public restrooms
 - Napkin dispensers
- Sleeping between two sheets
 - Customer service
- Weird American desserts like "worms and dirt"

New School for Sarah and Kids

When we are back in Ukraine, Sarah and the kids will be involved with a new school—Kiev Christian Academy (KCA). Sarah has been preparing to teach 5th grade. Her class of 11 students are of 6 different nationalities. KCA is a K-12 Christian school for missionary kids so the instruction is in English but the children will study Russian as a foreign language. We are excited about having a Chris-

tian school for our children and to become a part of the KCA community. The school is in need of teachers so if you or anyone you know is interested in joining us in Ukraine, let us know!

4th grade teacher and classroom at KCA

