# Kyiv Connections

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

**July 2013**


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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

- Safe travels for George, Sarah & the kids
- Testimony of the transformation taking place in churches in Ukraine as a result of the Timothy Leadership Training
- A house for us to stay in for our first year in Kyiv

### Points for prayer

- For our family as we adjust to a new city, make new friends, and begin new ministry opportunities
- Increase in our financial support in order to meet new support goals
- Visa and registration process would go smoothly

## Reunited

After seven weeks apart, we are thrilled to all be together in Kyiv, Ukraine! George traveled ahead of Sarah and the kids in order to move all our belongings 500 miles from Mukachevo to Kyiv and allow the kids to finish the school year in Michigan. Now that we are in the same country again, we can begin settling into our new home and getting to know our new city.

Leaving Michigan was not without its share of tears and sadness. God blessed the kids with a wonderful school, caring teachers, and good friends. At the same time, we look forward to joining the school community of Kiev Christian Academy and "meeting our new friends" as Elizabeth so aptly puts it!

## First TLT Master Trainers in Ukraine

Over the first week of June George led the final track of Timothy Leadership Training (TLT) in Mukachevo. This track consisted of three modules: Serving God in Work and Worship, Overcoming Harm and Violence in the Family, and God's Plan for Sustainable Development.

Mark Huffman, missionary with International Messengers, in Odessa, and Robert Shpontak, pastor of the Christian Reformed Church in Mukachevo completed all seven modules of TLT to become the first "master trainers" in Ukraine. Now they are qualified to train other pastors and leaders!

## Contact Information

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**More stories and pictures at www.devuysts.com and www.devuysts.blogspot.com**

## How to Reach Us

For this year we will use World Mission's address and have our mail forwarded in a bi-monthly package. If you need our physical address in Kyiv (for care packages for example) let us know. Email and Skype remain a great way to contact us!

**Please note**, as of Aug 1 World Mission's new address is:

**1700 28th St. SE**

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## CRWM Implements New Funding Model

World Missions has implemented a new missionary support system beginning July 1, 2013. Our support goal will now gradually rise from our current support level to 90% of our individualized budget. Whereas previously we were asked to raise a minimum of 60% of the average cost of keeping a missionary family on the field, we will eventually need to raise 90% of our actual budget.

For this fiscal year, beginning July 1, we are challenged to raise 75% of our budget. This means we need the support of churches and individuals to help us meet our new goal of $89,758. This is an increase of over $13,500 from this past year's goal.

In order to meet this new goal, we are urging churches to consider increasing their yearly pledges and/or consolidate their support of overseas missionaries so that missionaries do not need to devote more time and effort to raising support.

Individual supporters, please consider pledging a regular amount so that we can be aware of where we stand in our financial goal. You can also easily make one time or recurring gifts online at www.crwm.org/donate.

We need your financial support more than ever before! Please continue to partner with us, through your prayers and financial gifts, in ministering for transformation of lives and communities in Ukraine! We're in this together!

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I (we) would like to support **George & Sarah de Vuyst in Ukraine** (Fund code 802035) through prayers and financial support of:

_____ $100 monthly pledge

_____ $50 monthly pledge

_____ $30 monthly pledge

_____ other: _____

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Please make checks payable to Christian Reformed World Missions and include the fund code 802035 on the memo line.