

# KYIV CONNECTIONS



## 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

- Safe travel this summer
- Three schools implementing Educational Care this year
- A new school year begun

### Points for Prayer

- Peace in Ukraine and the development of reconciliation ministries
- Teachers and pastors would work the plans they made, and that second trainings would be planned for the fall and winter.
- For a reliable, newer car



Another school-year has begun. Sarah is again teaching 5th grade at Kyiv Christian Academy. Abigail is in 7th grade, Matthew in 5th and Elizabeth in 3rd. Pray that God will continue to reveal himself and his world to the kids at school, and for all the teachers and administrators. By the way, if you are interested in teaching overseas, KCA is always looking for teachers. Please contact us for more information about how you can teach at KCA through CRWM.

In June we wrote about our summer plans, so here are the reports:

## Ministry of Reconciliation

George traveled to Kigali, Rwanda, to study at the International School of Reconciliation. Participants came from Rwanda, Kenya, Congo, Burundi, South Sudan, South Africa, Hungary and Ukraine. God





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### VEHICLE FUND

Thank you for your continued faithful support of our work in Ukraine. As we continue to expand our trainings, our travel around Ukraine has increased. Our 2004 Toyota Sienna has served us faithfully and well for the last 9 years, but now has grown weary from the wear and tear of Ukrainian roads. Please prayerfully consider partnering with us in this vital need for our continued ministry in Ukraine. Donate online at [www.crwmm.org/donate](http://www.crwmm.org/donate). Checks can be mailed to CRWM marked for "de Vuyst vehicle fund."

revealed himself and displayed his power during the school. Now we are working to put together a team to learn about the reconciliation process and how to lead a workshop called "Healing the wounds of ethnic conflict".

Our prayer is that this will lead to a display of God's healing power in the lives of Ukrainians and Russians. George will be presenting this program to different churches and organizations in Ukraine. There is already great interest from other missionaries and organizations in developing the program. We are organizing a larger introduction of this ministry in March. Pray that church leaders will be open and moved to act.



## Educational Care Launch in Ukraine

On August 14 and 15 we had the privilege to lead the first Educational Care training in Ukraine. This program is very similar to the Timothy Leadership Training program for pastors, but focuses on Christian education and how to integrate our faith into the classroom. The first of 6 trainings focuses on



biblical worldview and education. Six teachers and administrators from three different Christian schools in Kyiv participated in this first training. Two of the schools are very new and just have the first two grades, with plans to add a grade every year. The response to the training was fabulous. Everyone made plans of how they will implement the training over the next six months. During the winter break we plan to continue with the second training, "How Students Learn". We pray that this will be a blessing to both teachers and students, and that it will help raise up a new generation of Christian leaders in Ukrainian society that will reform and transform this nation for God's glory.