



Prayer Letter from
de Vuysts 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.



A look back as we journey forward

2014 seems to have flown by. Plans for sending out a year-end prayer letter have fallen way behind. So, now it's past time to try to catch up!

This past year saw us settling in again after moving for the third time in three years. Hopefully we will be more stable for a while! It also witnessed growth in George's work with introducing the Timothy Leadership Training (TLT) Program in Ukraine. George was able to teach the first course in a local Pentecostal seminary to the full-time students and to their distance-learning students. He also led a training for pastors and church leaders in November. The new year has four trainings for pastors and church leaders already planned!

Together with our partner organization, Mission Eurasia, we are presenting worldview education for up and coming Christian professionals. CRWM co-sponsored together with Mission Eurasia a con-

ference for 500 students on what it means to be a Christian in the workplace. We pray that God will use this new movement to bring lasting transformation and his Kingdom to Eastern Europe.

For Sarah her second year of teaching at Kyiv Christian Academy has been night-and-day different from the first year. She doesn't need nearly as much time to prepare for her 5th grade classes. We also haven't had the stress of the revolution which closed down the school several times last year. Sarah immensely enjoys teaching her 12 students. From the beginning of January Sarah also became the new curriculum coordinator for the school. Now she is trying to balance both jobs.

Life is full and filling up fast. We thank you for your faithful prayers and support in 2014 and look forward to where God leads us to partner together in ministry in 2015.

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URGENT NEED!!!

Kyiv Christian Academy urgently needs teachers for the coming academic year. KCA is an accredited K-12 school which provides education primarily for the children of missionaries. The class sizes are small and the community tight-knit, so new teachers quickly feel at

home (not to mention that you'd be working with Sarah!)

Urgent needs are:

1. Secondary English
2. Athletic director
3. Secondary math/science
4. Elementary teacher

Family update

Abigail entered middle school this fall. After the initial anxiety wore off, she loved being in 6th grade. Her class consists of 9 girls! They've become great friends.

Abigail has enjoyed learning how to sew and knit. She also stepped out of her comfort zone and joined the middle-school girl's basketball team. And she's growing like a weed! At 5'2" she'll be taller than Mom before we know it.

Matthew is enjoying 4th grade at KCA. He loves to play soccer, Nerf wars, Wii and Minecraft. His reading is coming along and he loves his Legos! The highlight of Matthew's year was a surprise trip to the original Legoland in Billund, Denmark last June.



Elizabeth continues to enjoy life at full speed. She has moved into second grade with great expectation and joy. She likes to be in charge of her class of 4 students (2 girls and 2 boys). Elizabeth keeps

us on our toes and is always finding another adventure. She also has a very sweet and compassionate heart. She is sure to pray for everyone we know who is sick every night before going to bed.

Ukraine conflict

Even though war is raging in the eastern part of Ukraine, we remain safe and far removed from the conflict. That being said, everything in Ukraine centers around the war as more and more men are drafted, internally displaced people fill cities in the west, and the economy is in free-fall. Please continue to pray for peace!

Prayer & Praise

- Praise God for increasing ministry opportunities.
- Thank God for Kyiv Christian Academy and pray for teachers for the coming school year.
- Pray for peace in Ukraine and for wisdom for world leaders as they make decisions on how to respond to foreign aggression.
- Pray for the Church in Ukraine that she will be an agent of peace and reconciliation and of support and healing to those who have been directly affected by the conflict.