

KYIV CONNECTIONS



Prayer Letter of George & Sarah de Vuyst

Engaging People. Embracing Christ.

Our Mission

By God's grace and the Spirit's working we are facilitating the transformation of lives, families, churches and communities in Ukraine and around the world.

Three key ministries are our tools to fulfill this mission.

Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations is a practical workshop that takes people through the process of healing and reconciliation. We are actively leading these workshops with partner churches in eastern Ukraine. The International School of Reconciliation and the Eurasian School of Reconciliation are international venues in which we, together with our partners, train others to develop and lead healing and reconciliation ministries in their own contexts.

Timothy Leadership Training Institute equips church leaders to develop healthy congregations and effectively train their own leaders.

In addition to these ministries we are helping facilitate the introduction of **Educational Care** and **Global Coffee Break** to Ukraine and the Russian speaking world.

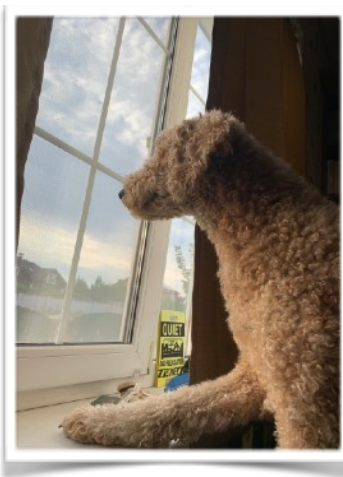
Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that it's already the beginning of August! Many may be rejoicing that 2020 is already half gone, but we look forward to the fall with anticipation for what God will do in His Kingdom. Thank you for being a part of that work with us in Ukraine and around the world!

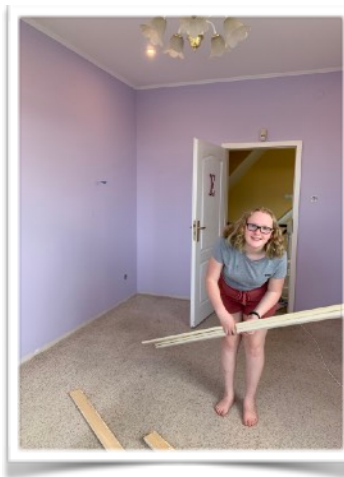
July 1 is the beginning of a new fiscal year for Resonate Global Mission. We want to express our overwhelming gratitude to all of you for your generosity. We were able to meet our budget again this year even with all of the upheavals going on in our world. Thank you for your faithful support!

A New Normal

Life continues to be both a blessing and a challenge as we try to be wise in our interactions. We are grateful for the limited interactions we have had and deeply miss the many things that we planned but had to postpone or cancel. Life is filled with Zoom meetings, video editing, developing web-based networking for practitioners in the Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations ministry, and sometimes even virtual visits with supporters and supporting churches.



Ginny longs to go somewhere



Finishing the repainting of Elizabeth's room

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Prayer and Praise

Thanksgiving for:

- Good health
- Technology that allows us to work and also to worship with Silver Spring CRC
- Ministry & work, even though it looks different than before the pandemic
- Faithful partners that enabled us to meet our fundraising goal for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

Pray for:

- Safe social interactions for the kids
- Ways to make Abigail's senior year meaningful and special
- Challenges of homeschooling & adjusting to new online learning platforms
- Wisdom for world leaders as they respond to health, economic, and social needs

School or Not to School

No doubt we are not alone in agonizing over whether to send our children back to school or not. Ukraine has a growing COVID infection rate compounded by very little testing and poor health care. We decided it is best to limit the kids' exposure, especially in light of Matthew's case of pneumonia 4 months ago. Matthew and Abigail will take classes online while Elizabeth does a combination of online and homeschool co-op classes. In exchange for Elizabeth's instruction, Sarah will homeschool a couple of elementary students a few days a week.

We lament the loss of being part of Kyiv Christian Academy this year. It is especially hard for Abigail. As a senior, she has looked forward to graduating with the class she's been a part of since fifth grade.

In a new twist, Sarah has been hired by Highland Christian School in Indiana to teach middle school math and history as part of their eLearning program. She is both nervous and excited about this new opportunity to teach from the other side of the world.



Birthday Blessing

We celebrated Abigail's 17th birthday not with a big party but by driving far outside the city in the middle of the night. With no light pollution and finally looking in the right direction, we gazed at the wonder of the Neowise comet. Even without binoculars or a telescope, the comet was as clear as could be. We could see the Milky Way, Jupiter, Saturn and millions of stars too. What a special event for all of us!

*When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,
what is mankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?
Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth! - Psalm 8:3-4,9*