

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 cross-centered process of healing and reconciliation. We lead this ministry with partner churches in Ukraine and partner organizations in Europe and Africa. Schools of reconciliation are international venues in which we, together with our partners, train others to use the Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations approach to healing and reconciliation in their own contexts.

Timothy Leadership Training 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.

*Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.*

Isaiah 60:1

Merry Christmas! Our wish for all our family and friends is for the life-giving light to flood your lives this Christmas and forever. Isaiah 60:1 moves my thoughts to John 1:4,5 and 9-13 where John writes:

In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

We rejoice with you in the coming of the light that continues to bring healing, reconciliation and peace.



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Prayer and Praise

Thanksgiving for:

- Making it through the strangest of years
- Peace and safety
- Family and friends who have recovered from COVID infections

Pray for:

- Effective webinars that share the spirit and power of what God has been doing through the Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations ministry.
- The formation of a North American prayer support team.
- Wisdom for world leaders as they respond to health, economic, and social needs.
- Our future plans as we prepare to move to Grand Rapids for a year. There is a lot to do to wrap things up here before we move and also to prepare things in the US for the coming year.

Family Update

George continues to work with Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations (HHTN) and Timothy Leadership Training (TLT). Because of the lockdown and move to online work, much of his time has focused on video editing, webpage development, webinars and planning for the launch of HHTN in North America next fall, Lord willing.

Sarah made the heart-wrenching decision to no longer teach at Kyiv Christian Academy. Together with two other families, we created a schooling pod in which Sarah teaches elementary and two other teachers teach middle school. Sarah was also able to teach online at Highland Christian School in Indiana for the fall semester for their middle school math and history classes.

Abigail continues to excel at school, even though it is online. She is finishing her senior year as a home-schooler and looks forward to attending Calvin University next fall.

Matthew also does very well at school, but doesn't like online learning as much. He is especially missing playing basketball this year.

Elizabeth is learning in our middle school pod along with four other kids. She continues to amaze us with her artistic abilities. (Sarah and I are at a complete loss as to where she got those talents from!)

As we come to the close of 2020 we continue to be amazed by God's care and grace. We are thankful for your prayers and support. We look forward to the places God will take us in 2021!



Future Plans

We are planning to move to Grand Rapids, Michigan at the end of June to begin a year of mixed home service (now called "re-connect") and continued field service. Part of this will be introducing the Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations ministry in North America. We continue to covet your prayers for this ministry and for God to open the doors and reveal places to engage in ministry. Please keep these plans in prayer as we have many details yet to resolve.