

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 help facilitate 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 takes people through a Spirit led, cross centered process of healing and reconciliation. As part of the global teaching team George leads events and trainings in Europe, Africa and, recently, North America. Through "schools of reconciliation" 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,

So much has happened since we last shared with you about our ministry. Russia's invasion of Ukraine continues to occupy our thoughts, prayers and a lot of our time. Our hearts break continually as we see new tragedies and atrocities happening daily. Our friends and ministry partners continue to live and work, some under constant shelling today. We're grateful for the outpouring of prayers and support that have allowed us to come alongside our congregation in Mukachevo, Ukraine, and provide for internally displaced people who have lost everything in this war. We also were able to come alongside one of our team from "Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations" in Ukraine. He remained in his hometown in eastern Ukraine helping fortify houses and churches against the constant shelling. Now his own town is being decimated by the indiscriminate bombing by Russian forces. He continues to help by repairing roofs and windows and evacuating invalids and the elderly. Your help has made it possible for him to do these things. Thank you!

What Next?

When we came to the US last June for our scheduled ReConnect and introduction of the reconciliation ministry in North America we planned to return to Europe in June. Now with the war in Ukraine and our children's educational needs, Resonate has supported the decision to stay in Michigan for this school year. This will allow Matthew to finish his senior year at The Potter's House High School. George will continue to work with Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations in the US and around the world. Pray that this decision brings some stability to our children's lives.



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Prayer and Praise

Thanksgiving for:

- God's healing and reconciliation initiated at the HHTN events in CA, MD, and MI.
- Matthew and Elizabeth's opportunity to attend a camp for Missionary Kids to help them adjust to life in the USA.

Pray for:

- An end to Russia's hostilities against Ukraine and the opportunity to heal and rebuild
- Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations event and training of facilitators in Sumas, WA in September
- Strong start to the school year for Sarah (Legacy Christian School), Matthew & Elizabeth (The Potter's House High School) and Abigail (Calvin University)
- Preparations for the International School of Reconciliation in Rwanda in October. George will be serving on the leadership team.

Planting a Tree

Trees are biblical metaphors for life and for the Kingdom of God. In Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations (HHTN) we also like to



use the metaphor of a tree. This past May we planted an olive tree in the garden of the Mary & Joseph Retreat Center in Rancho Palos Verde just outside of Los Angeles, California. We planted this tree after completing the first ever HHTN immersive event in North America. The tree symbolizes the beginning of a journey of healing and reconciliation, of new life coming from a fresh encounter with Christ at the cross, that began in North America at this event. From California our team traveled to Maryland and to Michigan to continue spreading this amazing

ministry. **In September we continue in Sumas, Washington with both the immersive event and then with a training of facilitators. Our hope and prayer is that God will gather the right people who will be trained to bring this ministry all over North America so that this encounter at the cross will heal and reconcile and the tree will grow! If you would like to find out more about HHTN and/or participate in the event in Washington, go to HHTNGlobal.org Registration is still open!**

New Opportunities in Europe

Interested in multi-cultural church planting in Germany? Resonate Global Mission is advertising for a new position in Berlin, Germany for someone to work alongside David Kromminga and Mary Buteyn in the WillkommensGemeinde, a church for and with newcomers to Germany in Germany's capital city. Check out the position description at <https://crcna.pinpointhq.com/en/jobs/46276>.

Thank you!

We are amazed and blessed by your outpouring of support. We met our financial goal for the fiscal year ending June 30! We have seen God answering your prayers in his provision and blessing of the reconciliation events. Resonate Global Mission has set our support goal for this fiscal year at \$144,000. We pray for God to use your prayers and gifts to continue his healing and transformation around the world.