

# 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.



February 24 marks the one year anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Continue praying for an end to the war!

George is doing a lot of traveling right now. In the 90 days between Jan 1 and April 1, he will be away more than half the time for a total of 47 days. So, if you're wondering where he's been and where he's going, here's a brief update.

### Muskegon, Michigan

In January, a group of new Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations (HHTN) facilitators led an immersive workshop. These facilitators were trained in the fall at the Training of Facilitators in Sumas, Washington. Facilitators are certified only after a practicum in which they lead a workshop themselves. George had the privilege of certifying 5 facilitators. They are now able to lead their own immersive workshops and bring the ministry of healing and reconciliation to more communities.

### San Bernardino, California

Just a few days following the certification of facilitators in Michigan, 7 more facilitators from the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and the Diocese of San Bernardino completed their practicum and are now certified! When they were trained, they identified a need for healing and reconciliation between African immigrants and African Americans. By holding an immersive workshop for individuals from both groups, God brought healing and a desire to come together in unity. It is exciting to see how God is at work among many sub-groups within North America.

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## Prayer and Praise

### Thanksgiving for:

- God's work of healing and reconciliation in communities across the USA
- George's safe arrival in Europe despite travel complications
- Opportunities to be reunited with Resonate colleagues and Ukrainian partners

### Pray for:

- An end to the war in Ukraine with all of Ukraine's territory restored
- Healing Hearts, Transforming Nation's immersive workshop and Training of Facilitators in Geneva, France
- Encouragement for all Ukrainians - those remaining in the country and those who are refugees abroad
- Safety for George as he travels and for the family at home
- Pray for God's leading in plans for the kids to get summer jobs and their studies for next year

## And now to Europe....

### Lithuania

After 6 flights through 5 countries and over 54 hours of travel, George finally arrived in Klaipeda, Lithuania. George was able to join the Resonate European team for planning and budgeting. It was encouraging to hear what God is doing through our team across Europe. Everyone is involved in one way or another with Ukrainian refugees. We cry out for God to cause Russian troops to leave Ukrainian territory and allow people to return home and rebuild their country.



Resonate team with LCC University president & guests

### Geneva, France

This week, George will be joining the international team to lead an immersive workshop and Training of Facilitators for participants from around the world. 11 nations are represented at the immersive workshop including one Ukrainian.



### Croatia

The European team will gather together for renewal, fellowship, and a spiritual retreat. Usually a yearly event, we have not been able to hold a spiritual retreat since 2019 due to the pandemic and global travel restrictions.

### Germany, Romania, Hungary

It's too complicated to write out the rest of George's European trip, but a significant part of this time will be visiting friends and ministry partners who are now refugees in Europe. No doubt tears will be shed and many prayers offered for those still in Ukraine and those who have fled the war-zone. Pray for George as he brings pastoral care to the people he meets on this leg of the journey.