

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.

Our ministry focus is called
**"Healing Hearts,
Transforming Nations"**

HHTN 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.



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Transforming Nations**

Learn more at HHTNGlobal.org

Dear Friends,

This year we celebrated a milestone in ministry - 25 years with Resonate Global Mission (formerly Christian Reformed World Missions) serving in mission. Thank you for your prayers, friendships, care and support over these years. For 25 years in a row we have met the minimum fundraising goals set by Resonate to enable us to do the work God has called us to. Thank you for your partnership in that call!

EAST AFRICA SCHOOL OF RECONCILIATION

From July 5 - 19 36 participants gathered from 9 countries in Nakuru, Kenya, to experience Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations (HHTN), and then to learn how to facilitate it in their own contexts.



God worked in mighty ways during the school and after as these new facilitators returned to their homes and have already begun to use what they learned to heal, reconcile and bring peace into their communities.

A participant from the East Africa School of Reconciliation testified:

"I was full of anger and bitterness in my heart because of what I have gone through at the hands of people I trusted. During one of the dramas, it was demonstrated how we carry heavy burdens like hatred, revenge, and anger. At that moment, I realized that Jesus was calling me to bring it all to him. When I returned home that evening, the people I live with asked me what happened that I had so much joy. I told them I encountered Jesus in a new way. He took my pain and healed me!"

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Prayer and Praise

Thanksgiving for:

- All that God did at the East Africa School of Reconciliation and through the participants in their own home areas
- Safe travels to and around Kenya
- A wonderful holiday with the whole family in Kenya

Pray for:

- Ukraine - for peace - and for all the displaced people both inside Ukraine and around the world
- Upcoming HHTN events in British Columbia, Ontario and Michigan
- The continuing work with Russian and Ukrainian expats living in the greater Toronto area.
- Plans for a Russian language HHTN workshop to be held in Estonia at the beginning of November.
- Planning of a retreat for our Ukrainian HHTN team who are refugees in Europe
- The development of HHTN Global to organize and support the global work of healing and reconciliation

A Story of Healing

One of the participants at the East African School of Reconciliation (EASOR) comes from a war-torn African country. He possesses a vibrant spirit and the unique ability to resonate with almost everyone. One day, some years ago, the crack of gun shots violently jolted his family awake from their peaceful sleep. Armed men in military uniform had ambushed their village. As M was trying to comprehend what was happening, three of the men forced their way inside his family's house. By this time the intruders had already shot and killed 10 members of his extended family with whom he shared a compound. This particular person was readily recognized as one of the clergy members in the local church, so his life was spared. The intruders stole all his family's valuables. But they did not stop there. They went on to take away their most precious possession – their dignity. The three uniformed men dragged his twelve-year-old daughter behind their house and took turns violently defiling her.

Through EASOR, HHTN changed this man's life. Before the violent attack on his family, he had been a pillar of strength to his family, the church, and the community. He was respected among his peers and held in high regard. The tragedy cast a long shadow over his once bright spirit. He had watched helplessly as three strong men violently abused his daughter. As a father his greatest pain was the inability to defend and protect his child. This left a deep wound and chipped away at the mosaic of his self-worth. "Since that day, I have not been able to sleep through the night," he said. Experiencing HHTN at EASOR helped him delve into the recesses of his soul and confront his pain and wounds. He took the opportunity to put his faith into practice by symbolically nailing his pain to a cross and giving it all to Jesus. He realized Jesus had always wanted to redeem the things that had been robbed from him and his family on that fateful night. It was during this school that he was able to sleep through the night for the first time since those tragic events so many years ago. -written by Patience Mutie

There's still time to join us!

HHTN events are happening soon in Canada and the US. These three-day events aim to equip Christian leaders to be agents of healing and reconciliation. A combination of interactive teaching, group sessions, ministry times and participant interaction are used. The goal is to begin a process of healing and reconciliation in communities suffering from division and hatred. People from differing backgrounds are invited to encounter God and one another at heart level.

July 30 - August 3 at Rivendell on Bowen Island, BC.

Sept. 5-9 at Fair Havens Camp & Conference Centre in Beaverton, ON.

Oct. 8-12 at Maranatha Bible & Missionary Conference, Muskegon, MI.

Register at
resonateglobalmission.org/healing-hearts-transforming-nations