



Esther Mueller's Update from serving with Youth With A Mission
November 30, 2015

Hello,

Greetings from Kiev, Ukraine! It is zero degrees farenheit outside with leafless trees and no snow (yet). I am very thankful to be here and serve with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) in Ukraine. Please read below for an update on recent happenings.

I am in Ukraine!

Last time you heard from me I was in North Carolina in the USA raising support in order to travel to, live in and serve with YWAM Kiev in Ukraine. I am excited to say I have arrived in Ukraine!

Here are a few of my first impressions of my new home: 1) The weather: It wasn't as cold as I thought it would be. I know it will get much colder in a month or two but thus far my bones do not hurt when I am outside. 2) Laughter: The YWAM Kyiv team comprises people from many nations – Ukraine, Russia, Moldova, Canada, and USA to name a few – and many folks speak Russian primarily. Even though I don't speak or understand Russian I smile a lot as I observe my teammates laughing constantly. It seems they like to joke with each other. As I learn Russian I look forward to joining my teammates in laughter due to understanding their words and not just amusement.

As far as what I will be doing, for the next month I will work on learning Russian, helping teammates run teaching ministires for missionaries and local Ukranians and take time to adjust to living in Ukraine. The YWAM Kyiv team and I will be praying and discussing the possibility of me joining their team for a one or two year commitment when my initial 5 month commitment ends in April 2016. I will keep you updated about this in future newsletters.

The Power of Praise:

While preparing to come to Kyiv, Ukraine I experienced a number of emotions and felt overwhelmed at times. A friend encouraged me to intentionally sing praises to God outloud through out each day to help me focus on God and uplift my spirit. The Psalmist did this as they expressed their varied emotions intermixed with singing praises to God. I have begun to sing truths about God throughout the day no matter what I am feeling and I am noticing a deeper awareness of God's goodness and character as I declare truths about Him in song.

Financial Update:

I am so thankful for God's provision thus far that paid for my plane ticket and provided enough finances to begin living in Ukraine! I will continue the process of raising support because I need \$880 more of monthly support. Please pray that more people would commit to supporting me on a monthly basis.

\$1,500: Amount of monthly support needed
- ~~\$620~~: Committed monthly support
\$880: Amount needed per month

Change in how to give donations:

I have set up an account with YWAM so the organization can process my donations and give tax-deductible receipts for multiple methods of payment such as check, credit card, debit card and monthly Automatic Withdrawals.

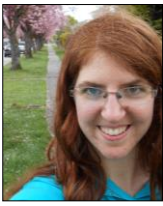
Therefore donations will no longer be processed through my home church, Main Street UMC, in North Carolina, so **do not send dontions to Main Street UMC**. The details for giving are described on the second page of this newsletter. If you have questions please let me know.

Praises:

- arriving safely in the Ukraine
- financial provision
- my brother's foot is healing well after his most recent surgery
- drinking lots of hot tea – it seems Ukranian's love tea as much as I do!

Prayer Requests:

- energy and strength for transitioning to life in the Ukraine and for building relationships with YWAM Kiev and



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local people

- ability to learn Russian fluently
- wisdom for raising financial support
- God would show me practical ways to love others despite the language barrier

Thank you so much for your continued partnership through prayer, finances and relationship that allows me to serve God in Youth With A Mission (YWAM)! I would not be able to do this without you.

Please let me know if there is any way I can pray for you. My Ukrainian address and e-mail address are on the bottom of this page.

Blessings in Christ,
Esther

Donation Information:

Below are three ways to give tax-deductible donations through YWAM.

1) **Checks:** Please make checks out to “YWAM” and leave the memo line blank. Include a seperate note with “**Esther Mueller**” written on it and mail it to YWAM at the following address:

Accounting Department
PO Box 3000
Garden Valley, TX 75771-3000

2) **Credit Card / Debit Card:** I am waiting on YWAM to send me the details on giving donations through credit and debit cards. I should have this information to send in my next newsletter.

3) **Automatic Withdrawl (AWD) on monthly basis:** Please contact Blair Mckenzie, a Youth With A Mission accountant, at mckenzie.blair@ywamtyler.org to set up a monthly Automatic Withdrawl from your bank account.