



Esther Mueller's Update
from serving with Youth With A Mission in Kyiv, Ukraine
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Hello,

Happy 25th Ukrainian Independence day! I hope you are doing well and that you have enjoyed your summer. What are two highlights from your month? I have enjoyed studying Russian and building more friendships in Ukraine. Please read below for an update from my time serving in Kyiv, Ukraine.

Hospitality - Hosting Summertime Guests:

Ukrainian's love to spend time in the villages or in the country land surrounding the cities during the summer. Since my team is blessed by owning a property in the country land surrounding Kyiv with rooms available for guests one ministry that picks up during the summer is hospitality.

This past month **I had the pleasure to serve in hospitality** by meeting guests at the train station, cleaning and setting up their rooms, creating welcome baskets and cards, giving guests tours of our property and making them feel welcome. We have been able to host a Ukrainian pastor with his wife and kids, and missionaries from within Ukraine and other countries like Russia and Latvia that needed some rest. I am thankful God has blessed my team with the facilities and resources to bless others!

Personnel – serving my team logistically:

One important area of any team is Personnel or Human Resources. Since I care about this area and have some skills in it from serving with YWAM Vancouver **I have been asked to take on more responsibilities for YWAM Kyiv's personnel team.** I will be trained in the processes for accepting new staff, organizational correspondence and meeting with new staff members periodically to hear how they are adjusting to our team.

Working in personnel will still allow me to keep studying Russian as my main focus while getting to serve my team in practical ways. I am looking forward to being more involved with the inner workings of our team as I work in an area of interest and skill.

True or False about Russian Language:

Russian has a similar alphabet to the English language.

False. Russian letters come from the cyrillic alphabet. A few of the letters look and sound the same as in English. Others look like English letters but sound different while the rest do not look or sound like English letters.

It is a fun challenge to learn this different alphabet and embrace communicating in a different language.

Upcoming events in September and October:

I will be in the USA for September to attend a significant gathering for YWAM, do support raising in North Carolina and take some vacation before returning to Ukraine.

September 3-11: YWAM gathering in Kansas City, Missouri

September 12-30: Support raising and sharing updates in North Carolina

October 1-8: Vacation in North Carolina

October 9-15: Vacation in Turner Valley, Canada

October 16: Return to Kyiv, Ukraine

Prayer Requests:

- perseverance in language studies and boldness to use what I learn
- to hear from God and build relationships with other missionaries at the YWAM Gathering in Kansas City
- that more people would join my monthly support team after support raising in NC
- restful two weeks of vacation

Thank you so much for your continued partnership that allows me to serve God in Kyiv, Ukraine with 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, e-mail address and facebook name are on the bottom of this page.

Blessings,
Esther Mueller