



Esther Mueller's Update  
from serving with Youth With A Mission in Kyiv, Ukraine  
November 28, 2016

Hello,

I pray you are doing well and that you are enjoying reflecting on the gift of Christ as we enter the Christmas season. What are three things you are thankful for this month? I am thankful for supportive teammates, laughter and this time of year to celebrate Christ's birth.

I am back in Ukraine after spending September and a bit of October in the USA to attend an international YWAM gathering, support raise and take some vacation. Below is an exciting update of how God has me at work in Ukraine and in surrounding nations.

**Connection for Bible teacher's in Europe:**

During October in Kyiv my team hosted a four day conference for YWAM Bible teachers from across Europe, such as England, the Netherlands, Spain, Norway and Sweden, to come build relationships, and seek God together. Over delicious Ukrainian food we forged friendships, learned about new Bible teaching ministries being pioneered across Europe and listened to teachings that challenged us to grow as teacher's for Christ. My teammates took various roles in order to help host the guests. To serve our guests I set up and cleaned up breakfast as well as organized a city tour so our guests could experience more of Ukraine. The conference refreshed and connected us with God and each other. I am so thankful my team could host this gathering!

**Language Learning Growth:**

I am continuing to meet every week with my language teacher to study Russian. My teacher is excellent and really pushes me to expand my knowledge and use of vocabulary, and grammar. Amazingly, my Russian speaking teammates have told me that my language skill are improving!

**I'm invited! - Teaching Abroad:**

In December I am invited to teach in a YWAM Bible course for one week in Norway and a YWAM missionary training school for one week in Central Asia. After praying about these opportunities I felt God asking me to accept the invitations. To be honest if I have not prayed I would have said no to one or both of these trips. I was looking at my language learning commitments along with team responsibilities and felt trips abroad could be too strenuous. Yet, every time I prayed I felt God asking me to go and teach.

So I am excited to say I will teach 19 missionaries how to study prophetic literature as well as the books of Amos and Ezra. In Central Asia I will teach eight missionaries tools to study the Bible along with an overview of the whole Bible. I am so thankful to be able to invest in these missionaries and play a part in teaching them! I pray the Holy Spirit will empower and equip these students to disciple nations as they use what they are taught.

**Upcoming events in December:**

3-9 : Teaching missionaries in Norway

17-24 : Teaching in a missionary training school in Central Asia

**Prayer Requests:**

- perseverance in Russian studies and boldness to use what I learn
- the Holy Spirit would lead my teaching preparations and teaching times in Norway and Central Asia
- the student's in Norway and Central Asia would develop deeper intimacy with God and more skills in order to disciple nations by the power of the Holy Spirit

God is at work in the nations and it is a privilege to be a part of it! Thank you so much for your continued partnership that is helping to disciple nations. 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,  
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