

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.

Learn more at HHTNGlobal.org



Христос народився! Славимо Його! Christ was born! Praise Him!

This is the traditional Christmas greeting in Ukraine. Just like at Easter, when people greet each other saying "Christ is risen!" and responding with "He is risen indeed!", at Christmas people greet and respond with "Christ was born!" and "Praise Him!" We continue to miss the wonderful Christmas traditions in Ukraine, such as the lighting of the national Christmas tree on St. Sophia's Square and visiting the Christmas market for "chimney bread". We look forward to the day that we can again enjoy the coffees and hot chocolates for Christmas in Kyiv.



Thank you for your continued prayers for Ukraine. The situation with the war is very difficult right now as Russia is throwing everything it has at Ukraine before the change of administrations in the U.S. All of the uncertainty is especially hard for our friends in Ukraine. In October and November the towns that I visited to lead Timothy Leadership Training and Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations (HHTN) workshops in the Donetsk region were all overthrown by the invading forces. Everyone has fled. One family is now in the Netherlands. Pray as we plan a HHTN workshop for Ukrainian refugees in the Netherlands for this coming February.

We are also planning the next European School of Reconciliation from February 4 to 14 in Sighișoara, Romania. If you would like more information please contact me at gdevuyst@crcna.org, or look at the events page at HHTNGlobal.org/events.

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Prayer and Praise

Thanksgiving for:

- The great progress made at the HHTN Global executive meetings in Kigali, Rwanda in November
- The faithful Ukrainian pastors I met in the Netherlands who are ministering to refugees and doing amazing work despite having suffered unimaginable loss
- A child that was born and changed everything for everyone for all time. Christ was born! Praise Him!

Pray for:

- Peace in Ukraine
- Safe travels in February/March
- Abigail, Matthew and Elizabeth as they finish out their semesters
- Guidance and wisdom for all the decisions involved in transitions

On the Move: Reports and Future Plans

This fall has been very busy for us. Since writing at the beginning of November, I (George) traveled to Hungary, Romania, Germany, the Netherlands, and Rwanda. This was a time of planning, dealing with belongings still in Ukraine, and working on the organizational growth and structure of HHTN Global. It was very fruitful. We are excited about the future potential of bringing the message of healing and reconciliation to a hurting and divided world.

Part of that means that Sarah and I are planning on returning to Europe at the end of the summer of 2025. Before then we are planning ReConnect visits with churches and individual supporters. With Elizabeth, our youngest, graduating high school in May and going (somewhere) to university in the fall, it allows us to move back to Europe and continue the work of HHTN as well as to connect with the Ukrainian communities in Europe. Our heart's desire is to eventually return to a peaceful, unified Ukraine. Until then we continue to pray.

Alongside visiting churches, the new year will be busy! In February, I will be in Romania for the European School of Reconciliation, then in the Netherlands for a Russian language HHTN workshop, and an English language workshop at the International Baptist Church of Geneva the second weekend of March. Then I continue immediately to Rome for the annual Resonate Europe spiritual retreat (thankfully Sarah and Abigail will be joining me for this week).

We continue to covet your prayers for safe travel, for God to guide our plans and paths, for our kids as they move into adulthood, and for Ukraine as it continues its struggle for survival. We also ask that you would keep the Christian Reformed Church and Resonate Global Mission in your prayers. We believe that we are a part of God's plan to bring light to the darkest places in this world, but we can't do that without you! Your partnership in ministry, your prayers, and your financial support make it all possible.

Thank you! Have a very Merry Christmas!

As you consider your year-end giving, please pray for us and also consider a gift for one of our projects. You can give online at www.resonateglobalmission.org/give-us.

- ♦ To give to our personal support, choose "Missionaries - Europe" and then "de Vuyst, George and Sarah"
- ♦ To support a project, select "Projects - Europe"
 - "Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations" to give to the general costs of the HHTN ministry
 - "HHTN Scholarships" to give to a scholarship fund that makes it more affordable for those coming from underserved communities to participate in an HHTN workshop

Thank you for your support that enables us to continue this valuable ministry!

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