

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.



**Healing Hearts,
Transforming Nations**

Learn more at HHTNGlobal.org

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your faithful prayers over the past months. God has been doing great things, the enemy has been active trying to stop them, and the prayers of God's people have been answered in amazing ways!

At the 2024 International School of Reconciliation in Rwanda, we saw God bring healing, reconciliation, and even salvation to people from around the world. We had 24 participants coming from around Africa, India, Europe, and the U.S. Many have gone home and already begun putting into practice what they learned, bringing healing, reconciliation and hope to their churches and communities.

While I was in Rwanda in March, we sent out an urgent prayer request for our dear sister, Ruth, from Liberia. She had a huge heart for her nation to be healed and reconciled. Last June, she came to the East Africa School of Reconciliation in Nakuru, Kenya. After returning home she presented the Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations (HHTN) ministry to her pastors and other church leaders. This year she returned to the International School with three other church leaders to form a team to work for reconciliation in Liberia. While teaching on the topic of knowing God as a loving father, Ruth was convicted to forgive her own father for abandoning her family. She made the decision to reconnect with him and let him know that she forgave him and loves him. Then the "thief" began to try to kill, steal, and destroy.



Ruth, in the colorful shirt, with the Liberian team

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Prayer and Praise

Thanksgiving for:

- The 24 new facilitators and 8 new trainers certified at the International School of Reconciliation.
- Safe travels and safety for the families of our team.
- Our family - Abigail finished her junior year and Matthew completed his freshman year at Calvin University. Elizabeth is almost done with her junior year of high school.

Pray for:

- Peace in Ukraine and elsewhere, such as Gaza, Sudan, Manipur province of India, Democratic Republic of Congo, and so on.
- The HHTN Russian language workshop in Geneva, May 10-12.
- The European School of Reconciliation at Le Rucher in Cessy, France, from May 21-31.
- Our HHTN partners, Joseph & Esther, as they travel to the U.S. in June and July. On June 22 Joseph will be leading a forum on diaspora and refugee issues with me in Michigan. More info coming soon!

The next day Ruth received a phone call from home. Her 16-year-old daughter, Mercy, had a seizure. It had lasted over five hours. She was being taken to the hospital. When she told us, we began to pray.

A short while later Ruth received another phone call. Her younger sister recently had a baby by C-section. Her stitches had just ripped out and she was being rushed to the hospital. Ruth came in tears unable to believe that both of these things were happening at the same time. She couldn't get home to help, and she was distraught. We began to pray.

Then the third phone call came. Ruth's father was on the way to the hospital to help Ruth's sister when he got in an accident. He was in critical condition with a broken leg, a broken arm, and a head injury. Ruth was besides herself. We began to pray. And we reached out to all our networks around the world asking people to pray. Thank you for praying!

That night Ruth's daughter came out of her seizure and was taken to the hospital to regain her strength. Ruth's sister's emergency surgery was successful, and she was recovering in another hospital. Ruth's dad was still unconscious. We continued to pray that God would stop anything that would disrupt his plans for Liberia and for Ruth. We prayed for God to break the power of the "thief who comes only to kill, steal, and destroy" (John 10:10a), and to reveal his life-giving power as Jesus said, "I have come to give life, and life in abundance!" (John 10:10b)

By God's grace our prayers were answered. Ruth was reunited with her daughter and sister when she returned to Liberia. Later she was able to visit her father in the hospital. After several days he had regained consciousness. Ruth was able to tell her father that she loved him, forgave him, and released him from the demands of her heart, because she had taken all her pain and had given it to Jesus at the cross.

This is just one of the many amazing, life-changing stories that you made possible by your prayers and support of this ministry. Thank you! We can't wait to see what God will do next!

Special Giving

We need your help! The demand for Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations is growing rapidly around the world. This has raised travel costs and program costs to run workshops and train facilitators. In addition, we are working hard to begin this ministry in North America as well. These three-day, four-night events are costly to run. We need special help to make them affordable to underserved communities. You can give online at resonateglobalmission.org (click on the "donate" button. Then choose "projects Europe" from the drop-down menu and then "Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations" in the second drop-down menu). Checks can be made out to Resonate Global Mission with a note that it is designated for Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations. Please include the fund code "**806029**" on the check. Thank you!