

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



Let the Church Declare and Display Christ Together

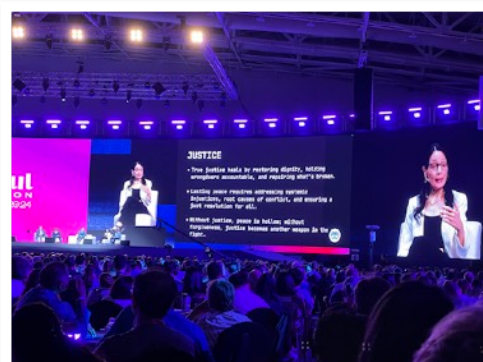
This September I (George) had the incredible privilege to represent the CRCNA, Resonate Global Mission, and Healing Hearts, Transforming Nations Global at the Fourth Lausanne Congress in Seoul, South Korea. This amazing event gathered 5,494 evangelical Christians from just over 220 nations for a week.

"Let the Church declare and display Christ together" was the them of this congress on global evangelization.



Plenary sessions followed the book of Acts. The topics were "The Coming of the Promised Spirit - No Mission without Power," "The Missional Community as God's New Society," "Persecution and Mission," "Christian Witness in the Workplace," "Christlike Servanthood," and "The Gospel to the Ends of the Earth Under Christ's Reign." All the delegates filled the main hall of the convention center. We sat around tables with the same group for the week. My table consisted of a delegate from India, Norway, Nepal, Canada, USA and myself. It was great to be able to process the presentations with such an amazing group!

The congress centered on 25 "gap" groups each digging deeper into a "gap" that has been identified in fulfilling the great commission. My "gap" was ethnicism and racism. About 30 of us gathered every afternoon to dig into a reflection-action process to develop ways to "fill the gaps." It was a blessing to work with brothers and sisters from Nigeria, Honduras, India, Jamaica, and elsewhere as we seek to be obedient to God's call to go to all the nations with the gospel.



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Prayer and Praise

Thanksgiving for:

- The Lausanne Congress and the enthusiasm of the Church for reaching the world with the Gospel.
- Your faithful prayers and support which makes this ministry possible.

Pray for:

- Peace in Ukraine.
- Safe travels for George to Hungary, Romania, Germany, the Netherlands and Rwanda from November 4-28.
- Our discernment for the future as we consider returning to Europe next fall.

Support Update

We don't often write about finances in our letters. The situation with Resonate's financial stability has become somewhat acute, however. When I began my ministry in Ukraine with Christian Reformed World Missions (now part of Resonate Global Mission) there was no expectation that missionaries would be fundraisers. The ministry share system in the Christian Reformed Church provided for whatever missionaries were not able to raise on their own. Over the years, however, CRWM and then Resonate received less and less support from ministry shares as churches gave less to the denomination. Over the last five years, the amount of ministry shares received by Resonate has dropped from 7 million to about 2.5 million. This has forced us to make more of our ministry costs conditional upon our own fundraising. It has also increased the amount that we are expected to raise to cover our own salaries, insurance, and other ministry expenses. Thankfully, at the end of the first quarter of this fiscal year we have been able to raise just over 19% of our annual support raising goal. At the same time, the decrease in ministry shares means that we have had to cut over 15% of our ministry budget for the current year.

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 this 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!



Testimonial of God at work through HHTN:

"We normally encourage people from one country to attend ISOR as a group, hoping they will form a team, but Matthias attended alone. He had no funding, and he used his own meager resources to undertake the day long bus trip to Kigali. Matthias has endured deep personal trauma – his siblings were murdered by Hutu forces in Burundi. During the Internaitonal School of Reconciliation, for the first time, God gave him enough grace to forgive and to bless the killers." Fast forward two years, Matthias is now a facilitator of healing and reconciliation in other communities.

Read the whole story at www.devuysts.com.