



MISSION UPDATE

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I want to take a moment to wish everyone a Merry Christmas! Christmas holidays can express themselves in different ways. Hot chocolate, christmas lights, parades, a sudden desire for ice skating, visits to Santa Claus and never ending, copious amount of christmas music ringing in your ears wherever you go!!! These are just a few things that come to mind when I think of Christmas in America! In Ukraine, lights have become popular but yule trees and Grandfather Frost and his helper the Snow maiden don't make an appearance until New

Year's eve which is the apex time of the holiday season instead of Christmas. Wherever I have spent Christmas, in all the chaos of celebration with it's hustle and bustle, it gets too easy to forget the one we should be setting our hearts on during the Christmas season.

In Psalm 27, David despairs unless he he clung to the belief that he would see "the goodness of the Lord" in the land of the living. Indeed, eventually Jesus came into our world. God sent him in a creative and mysterious way. Humbly, without much fanfare except for angels and shepherds who were busy working and watching their sheep.

My prayer for you is that wherever you are and whatever you are caught up in life, that you will take some time to remember that in all the crazy, Jesus came into the "land of the living." That He is good and his humble birth started Him on a journey that would teach many who believe in Him that He is the real "Christmas" light of the world!

Thank you for your prayers and support this last year! I am grateful for your love and friendship and wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas and New Year! I am super excited about 2019 and for further ministry opportunities that are opening up to me in Ukraine! Thank you for being a part of my life!

Love,
Michelle

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Please pray for the new director of the Mom's Center and for new staff that will be joining us. That they would receive God's vision and direction for the center.
- Pray for our small group that meets at the center.
- Pray for God's daily wisdom, direction and continued good health for myself.