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**School of Psychology
& Counseling**

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I am excited about the opportunity to join Regent University Psychology and Counseling graduate students on a Cross-Cultural Counselor Education & Supervision trip to Kyiv, Ukraine in May 2018. Regent students will partner with **Ukraine Evangelical Theological Seminary** and **Institute of Human Sciences of Borys Grinchenko Kyiv University**, to:

- Help local psychologists get trauma and counseling skills necessary to provide psychological help to Ukrainian military and civilians at the time of war with Russia
- Provide supervision and ongoing support to the students as they advance in their training
- Learn about mental health issues and counseling in Ukraine and eastern Europe
- Share Christ through service to the local community

I am writing to ask you to partner with us in prayer as we plan and prepare to minister in Kyiv.

Prayer Needs:

- A special understanding of how to share God's love to the people who are suffering
- Fruitful training sessions that will better equip the mental health professionals in Ukraine to serve their clients, churches, and communities in time of war
- Personal and professional growth for all participants
- Safety and good health for those who are traveling

Quick Facts about Ukraine:

- Though most residents are bilingual in Ukrainian & Russian, over two thirds (over 67 percent) of the population speaks Ukrainian as a primary language
- Ukraine is the second largest contiguous country on the European continent
- Currently there is a localized war with Russia in the eastern part of Ukraine as well as military occupation of Crimea by Russia. Even though we are not traveling near these areas, we will be working with students who live and work in those areas.
- Ukraine currently has over 240,000 of military who took part in combat operations with Russia since 2014. The soldiers and their families often have no psychological services available to them or members of their family.
- There is over 1.5 million people who has to flee occupied Crimea and Eastern Ukraine due to the combat. Those families have very limited psychological services as well.

The total cost for each team member will be about \$1,950 (for one week), and \$2900 (for two weeks) which will cover the expenses of travel, food, lodging & translation. Would you please pray about helping us make this vision a reality for our team?

If you are able to make a financial contribution to the trip, please complete the attached form and mail it in the enclosed envelope to the participating team member. (He or she is responsible to submit all tax deductible payments in bulk to Regent University.) Please write your check to Regent University, but do NOT put a team member's name on the memo line of your check. Instead, write "Ukraine 2018" in the memo line. Donations are tax deductible and you will receive a receipt from Regent University if these instructions are followed.

Thank you, _____

