

## COMING TO A CHURCH NEAR YOU?



**Alla Soroka** with fellow International Peacemaker, **Mphatso Mary Nguluwe** from Malawi, at the beginning of her tour.

Alla is now half-way through her travels in America; here's the places she has already been:

Sept 4-11 Central Florida, First Pres Daytona Beach, Ormond Beach Pres, Winter Park Pres, Church of the Lakes, Sept 14 Atlanta GA, Sept 15-17 Collierville/Memphis TN

**On behalf of the [Peacemaking Program of the Presbyterian Church USA](https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/international-peacemakers/), <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/international-peacemakers/> , here is where she will travel. Click link above to read more about this program:**

Sept 22-28 East Tennessee Presbytery Alcoa, TN .

Sept 28-Oct 4 Milwaukee Presbytery Milwaukee, WI .

Philadelphia Presbytery Philadelphia, PA

Oct 5-11

## **This Child Here - Odessa, Ukraine**

A 501c3 non-profit Helping orphans, children without parents and children at risk in the region of Odessa, Ukraine  
<http://thischildhere.org>

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Oct 11-16 Newton Presbytery, New Vernon and Morristown, NJ

**On behalf of This Child Here, Alla will travel with Yulia and I to the following: (contact me for more details)**

Oct 18 First Presbyterian Ft Worth, Tx  
20-22 First Presbyterian Farmington NM .  
Chicago/Michigan City, IN  
Presbyterian, Cumberland MD  
Oct 30,31 Arlington VA

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Oct 23-25  
Oct 27-29 First

**Alla Soroka** began her career in Peacemaking in 2005, by working as a psychologist with the "Restorative Justice" program in the juvenile prison system of Odessa, Ukraine. Later, she was trained in the Quaker Program "Alternatives to Violence," and became the AVP coordinator for Ukraine. In 2008, she met **Robert Gamble** and began working for **This Child Here** with street kids and by designing programs for children in orphanages and shelters.

In 2010, she became Project Manager for This Child Here and her work expanded to training foster families and children, and developing a mentoring program for children in orphanages. When the war began in Ukraine, she began cooperative work with other Ukrainian nonprofit ministries to train youth in peacemaking skills and mindfulness. In 2015, she designed, organized and directed the first annual **Peace Camp, "White Sail,"** for refugee families displaced by the fighting in eastern Ukraine. The annual camp is sponsored by This Child Here, a ministry in the region of Odessa, Ukraine supported by Presbyterian Churches (PCUSA).

Grace and Peace,

Robert Gamble

<http://thischildhere.org/2017/07/30/peace-camp-2017-refugees-eastern-ukraine/>