

It is with great anticipation that I recommend Jonathan and Katrina Skean as missionaries to Ukraine and Russia. After working as interns in our church for 2 years, they have begun the work of deputation. I am looking forward to what God will do with their lives and ministry once arriving on their field.

Both Jonathan and Katrina have been willing to put their hands to the plow to work here in our church. In the first year of their internship they worked with our teenagers and were involved in choir, Jonathan singing and Katrina playing the piano. Most of our teens were van kids and proved a sizable task for them which generated good learning lessons for future ministries. In the second year they started 2 nursing home ministries and reworked our visitation program. I gave Jonathan great flexibility in how they would approach both of these ministries. I knew they were serious about growing our church when they set up 3 days a week for visitation. This will be a valuable asset in their future work. Jonathan has also helped in our website and other technical areas.

Jonathan and Katrina have had many changes in their lives over the last 3 years including adding their first child Vivian. They have taken the new challenges in their lives in stride and are continually learning how to cope with change. I have seen them adjust to new complex issues and handle them in a way which testifies to their abilities which will be required on the field. There will be new challenges in deputation and I believe they will add these to their training and preparation. They will begin their ministry in Ukraine where Katrina spent much of her life as a MK. After Jonathan becomes fluent in the Russian language and culture they will set out to work in Russia reaching the lost in that country. I look forward to how God will direct and plant them in these ministries.

All For His Glory,

Pastor Keith Troyer