



RED ALERT

JULY 2021

SKEAN FAMILY

NEWSLETTER



Quick Fact

Russia has one of the highest divorce rates in the world.



Upcoming Events

AMCT Conf.

Aug. 2-4

Border Crossing

Aug. 26 (?)

Sending Church

Grace BC

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Greenville, PA
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New Phil., OH
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Monthly Memorandum

As always, this month was filled with its very own unique adventures.

Our vehicle was hit while it was parked near the apartment. Thankfully, the young man who was at fault came and found us. This speaks volumes about his character - most would have never made the effort! Best of all, no one was hurt. Praise the Lord for the opportunity (although inconvenient) to meet someone (and his family) that we might not have met otherwise. Now begins the process of dealing with the insurance company - good language practice!

Throughout this summer, I have been working on compiling a new "hymnal" for the church here and trying to get the church library up and running for the people to use so that they can study and deepen their knowledge of good, spiritual things. Also underway is the construction of the duplex on the church property. Hopefully, the roof will be on by winter. Another goal I have is to start learning how to play guitar as this instrument may prove useful later on. One of the young men that I have been reaching out to even offered to teach me. We shall see.

After making multiple calls to Kiev and visits to the university, I might be finally receiving the nostrification (certification of documents) that I have been waiting on for three years. On the heels of this wonderful news came the exciting update that instead of the astronomical sum of \$50,000 to get the church documents changed, the cost will be about \$5,000. With cautious optimism, we are exuberant about this! God is good.

We saw God's favor on Katrina's temporary residency application as well. It all went as smoothly as possible. As a family, we plan on staying in Ukraine for one more year in order for me to finish the course I started at the university. Currently, there are no long-term plans to stay in Ukraine because God has called us to Russia. Therefore, we look expectedly at the border with contentment, knowing that the Lord has the answers for "When," "How," and any other questions we may have. We and you serve an omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent God!

We were thankful to reconnect with one of the foreign students from the university. This time we had him over to our apartment and Katrina found recipes on Pinterest for dishes of his country.

Photo Album



The girl on the right was a first time visitor that we met in the neighborhood around the church while handing out tracts.



See that air blower in the background? One of the kids had an accident. But that meant hours with the young man who came to chem-clean the couch, hence the English and Russian Bibles on the table. And guess what: he had to come back so guess what we did...



Prayer Requests

- For Russia's religious freedoms.
- For a peaceful end to the hostilities in Ukraine
- For Katrina's immigration & residency applications to be processed quickly
- For nostrification of Jonathan's educational documents
- For a fair imbursement by the insurance company

Praises

- God has kept us healthy and safe.
- Significant progress on church documents
- Opportunities to witness

Jonathan Skean & Family