

# RED ALERT

DECEMBER 2020

SKEAN FAMILY

NEWSLETTER



## Monthly Memorandum

Without a doubt, this has been a year of surprises and unforeseen circumstances, but I believe that we can all agree that God has been faithful through everything. Our family has seen God provide in countless ways this year amidst the turbulent changes that many of us have experienced.

We praise God for the addition of Jack to our family and for God's wonderful provision regarding Jack's surgeries.

I am thankful that Covid-19 made it easier to continue my studies while in the United States, thus allowing us to keep our residency. Without the global shutdowns, such would have been nigh impossible - but God made a way!

Our family appreciates how God has also provided places to stay all throughout our extended furlough and has kept us in relatively good health while traveling.

We look forward to seeing God continue His work overseas. As soon as Jack has healed from the second, more minor, surgery to remove the springs in his head, we plan to pack up and fly back to Eastern Europe.

While many things concerning our country and even the world are uncertain, I am so thankful that we serve the God Who knows the future and is already preparing us to face it. Despite how dark the situation around us seems as times, we must work to bring the light to those lost in sin.

From all of us here with Grace2Russia (the Skean family), we would like to say Happy New Year! May God fill 2021 with unique ministry opportunities and special chances to see the Lord high and lifted up. May Christ help us to be faithful in His service.

*Jonathan Skean & Family*

## Photo Album

Caroling! We joined a group of carolers who sang to the shut-ins from of our home church. It was cold, but the reception was very warm!



Meeting 90 minutes away at a Ukrainian town in Ohio, I became acquainted with Xavier Parak who is on deputation to Russia. I hope more churches add him and his wife to their missions programs as they look to reach the indigenous groups in Siberia.



Jack's first Christmas. "Thank you!" to everyone who made this holiday special for us and especially our children. It means so much to us and to them.



## Prayer Requests

- For Russia's religious freedom
- For a peaceful end to the hostilities in Ukraine
- For long-distance university studies
- For our passports as they are processed
- For medical check-ups to go well.

## Praises

- All exams and tests thus far have been passed.
- Jack's eye appointment went very well.
- God provided dental work for free!
- The outpouring of generosity towards our family during this season.

### Quick Fact

Some cities in Russia actually experience sub-tropical weather, like Sochi (where the 2014 winter Olympics were held).



### Upcoming Events

**Last Exams**  
Jan. 5, 11, 14

**Jack's Surgery**  
Jan. 7

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