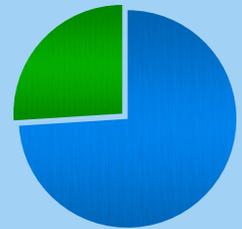


RED ALERT NEWSLETTER



Miles Traveled
14,724 miles so far!



Current Support
Green shows our current support.



Russia Fact
Russia's land surface area surpasses that of the planet Pluto.

What is Russia Doing in Ukraine?

It is quite natural for us to look at things from the perspective we are given from our friends, family, and news anchors - but do we always see the whole picture?

If we take a look at history, Russia has always used a "buffer zone" strategy. Where seas, ocean, or mountains does not provide a natural barrier between Russia and invading armies, they seek to create one via large amounts of land upon which their defending troops can slow an advance from Western Europe (as in the cases of Napoleon and Hitler).

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PRAY FOR SAFETY

We need God to protect us each mile we travel.

2

PRAY FOR LABORERS

Russia needs more missionaries to surrender and go.

3

PRAY FOR SUPPORT

The faster we are funded, the sooner we can start.



All packed up! Most of our clothes are in vacuum-sealed bags and stored in totes. Everything we own is getting ready to be shipped overseas.



Out door-knocking with Pastor Frayer in Norwich, NY. We had the chance to witness to a Roman Catholic lady who listened as I read from her Bible that religion cannot save her - only faith in Jesus Christ can.



We were pleasantly surprised by a friend of ours traveling over an hour to see us in Ohio. It is always a blessing to meet people who pray for us and encourage us always in the special work that God has called us to.



While in Kansas, we stopped at an affordable museum of history. On display was a crown of thorns and a Roman crucifixion nail from the 1st century. Imagine having those thorns pierce your delicate facial tissue... Jesus loves me this I know!

HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

Not everyone can go overseas. Active church members are needed all across the United States, but how can someone we witness in both "Jerusalem" and "the uttermost" at the same time? A commitment to pray every day for us is a

great start. A monthly commitment to support us financially is greatly needed as well. When you have considered these, consider sharing our ministry with friends.



Patron Saint of Where?

We are neither Roman Catholic nor Russian Orthodox, but next time you're on Jeopardy you will thank us for writing this article. Part of getting to know Russia is studying what they believe, but part of having your birthday on November 30th is finding out why in the world it is labeled "Saint Andrew's Day." For me (Jonathan), November 30th has a few coincidences because my heritage is Scottish. Ever seen a Scottish flag? (Not the golden-colored one with the rampant lion.) The one with the big X on the front. It's known as St. Andrew's cross. Whoever handed out the patron saints decided that Scotland and Russia ought to share the same one. So each birthday, I am reminded that the Apostle Andrew not only reached Eastern Europe, but was held in significance by my ancestors.

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This, in fact, is the same strategy that our United States adopted in order to slow the spread of the Soviet Union's influence. In an effort to create a buffer zone that extended beyond even an ocean on each side of our homeland, we engaged in the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and have kept bases all around the Pacific Ocean (Japan, Guam, etc). While Russia is afforded an ocean to the east, most of the threats to its sovereignty have come from Western Europe. Losing the Texas-sized country of Ukraine to the western powers would eliminate much of the cushion protecting Moscow.

From another perspective, Russia has invested much capital into the country of Ukraine and currently keeps its citizens from freezing every winter. What would amount to tens of billions of dollars is still owed to Russia. Here in the United States, if someone does not pay their loan or mortgage, what does the bank do? It takes your property and your house. In a less politically-correct way, Russia has done the same. Crimea and unofficially parts of eastern Ukraine have been taken. I am sure that we will see an agreement come with these terms in the future, but at this point, it is interesting to get a Russian perspective.