



RED ALERT



JULY 2020

SKEAN FAMILY

NEWSLETTER



Quick Fact

In 2013, it was reported that several of the 700 bears in the Kronotsky Nature Reserve of Russia have an addiction to sniffing aviation fuel.



Upcoming Events

Flight to Ukraine
Aug. 10

Jack's CT Scan
Aug. 26

Sending Church

Grace BC
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Greenville, PA
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Support Address

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PO Box 977
New Phil., OH
44663

Monthly Memorandum

We were able to join the efforts of our home church as they re-started door-to-door visitation. Everyone wore masks and encountered friendly reception where they went. On more than one occasion, I was able to share the Gospel.

I was finally able to get the information I needed from the university regarding when exams are scheduled and subsequently purchased tickets. The way to Kharkov will be longer than usual, but it will save us approximately \$600. My return trip has me arriving on September 3rd, just a few days before Jack's surgery. While in Ukraine, I have many matters to attend to. Our vehicle has to make its annual trip across the border. After making calls to the embassies of Russia and Poland, I found out that both countries have shut down their borders until September. They are not even issuing student visas at this time! I may have to obtain a short tourist visa and make my visit to Belarus which has been much more lenient on Covid-19 restrictions. God is able! We petition you for your prayers.

During this month, we were able to meet with another family who has a child had sagittal craniosynostosis, like Jack does. They were definitely an encouragement and helped us know what to expect regarding surgery and recovery.

Please continue to pray for those we have previously mentioned. Pray for Zhenya the Russian Orthodox priest that I have been witnessing to. The constant placement of tradition over Scripture never ceases to amaze me. These conversations have been beneficial for me too as it has taught me much about the existing stumbling blocks to faith in Russia and Ukraine. After talking to Zhenya, I know that I will be even more ready for the next Russian Orthodox adherent that we meet.

Our family is thankful for the opportunity to help in the preparation for VBS at our sending church this year.

Everyone (except Jack) helped out with painting and various tasks needing to be accomplished.

I received a call from a pastor, asking us to come and present our ministry. That doesn't happen every day! Praise the Lord for a new partnership with a 6-year old church in Ohio, seeking to do great things for God.

Vivian's first time to participate in a VBS while in the United States was met with excitement. We visited a sister church down the road. It was a blessing and she had a great time.

Photo Album



Prayer Requests

- Prayer for our supporting churches and friends during this difficult time
- For Russia's religious freedom
- For a peaceful end to the war
- Jonathan's trip to Ukraine
- Healing of Katrina's foot
- Jack's upcoming surgeries

Praises

- Continued health of our family
- Affordable medical coverage obtained for the whole family
- Two additional supporting churches

Jonathan Skean & Family