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Dear Pastor,

I am John O'Brien, veteran church-planting Baptist missionary, ministering for the Lord in Ukraine under the direction of Rick Baker, Pastor of Faith Baptist Church. (<http://fbcminthill.org>). My family and I have been serving in eastern Ukraine for sixteen years and have seen the Lord successfully plant three Independent Baptist churches through our hard labors. But I write you this letter not to introduce ourselves, but a young missionary family. I would like to recommend to you the Jonathan & Katrina Skean Family as missionaries to Russia.

We have watched the Lord prepare the Skeans to be church-planting missionaries initially with us here in Ukraine before going over the border into Russia. Jonathan is a proven steward, being found faithful, exhibiting the needed character qualities, spiritual gifts and devotion to seeing souls saved which will make him a very fruitful missionary overseas. Above all, God has given both Jonathan and Katrina meek and teachable hearts with a spirit to learn and grow, which are most needful on the foreign field.

From a preparatory standpoint, both Jonathan and Katrina are uniquely equipped to fulfil God's calling. Jonathan has taken numerous long-term missions trips into Russia. Katrina grew up in eastern Ukraine as an MK and has mastered the Russian language as well as Russian sign language. Being fully adapted to the culture and thoroughly exposed to the various hardships of the foreign field during her many years here makes her an excellent missionary co-laborer. Even more important is the many years of "hands on" mission work she has been involved with here, from bus routes to youth camps, street evangelism to discipleship work. Their collective passion for soul winning is unparalleled and will prove to be the decisive factor in their overall effectiveness here on the field.

Therefore it is with full confidence that we strongly recommend to you and your church the Jonathan and Katrina Skean Family to be your missionaries in Russia. Their healthy marriage, godly family and deep commitment to church-planting here behind the Iron Curtain will make them a tremendous blessing to your church's missions outreach to the uttermost part as they seek to establish Christ-honoring indigenous Baptist churches in Russia.

Sincerely in Christ,

## John O'Brien

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