

THE SKEAN FAMILY NEWSLETTER



Miles Traveled

54,822



Monthly Support

Green shows our actual, current support.



Russia Fact

Russians have a superstition about whistling indoors.
"If you whistle in the house, then all the money will fly out of the window."

Praises

No less than 6 different churches have contacted us this month saying that they have voted to take us on for support! (We have seen one already send their support in and expect to see the others in February's percentages.)

God has given us safety on the roads thus far.

Prayer Requests

For the salvation of Russian leaders and for the safety of missionaries serving there.

That the missionary duplex building project in Ukraine gets privatized and approved.

For Jonathan as he may be driving close to 2,900 miles by himself.

That Jonathan's ordination on February 17th is a blessing to all involved.

For Katrina's delivery of Baby #2 around March 2nd.

Goals for JAN to JUN

With less than five months left before our target date to leave for the field, things are ramping up to be even busier than they were before the end of 2016. We would love to end full-time deputation on June 2nd as that will mark exactly 2 years that I left my secular job. Shortly thereafter, we plan to fly out for the field. All of this is in faith that there are more churches taking us on for financial support (**23% left**). God-willing there will be more churches soon that will help us chip away at this goal!

Some of the big events on our calendar include February 17th, on which I am getting ordained at our home church in Pennsylvania. Katrina is due with Baby #2 on March 2nd. (Excited as we are, we still haven't decided on a name yet.) Shortly thereafter, we are off to Alaska in April to present at a good number of churches up there. And then in May, we are fitting as many meetings as possibly into our schedule before flying out.

Some of you have asked about when we hope to purchase tickets. The tickets we have found so far from Pittsburgh to Kharkov for all four of us will be around \$3,500. Praise the Lord that \$500 was recently given (and will be applied to this need) and that we have been saving for this expense since we started deputation. Our expected purchase of our tickets will be when we reach 85% of our financial support.

Jonathan
Skean &
Family

Jumping Through January



One of the things on Jonathan's bucket list was to drop in and visit Pastor Robert Sargent. Meeting him was a blessing and gave us an opportunity to present our field briefly to the church. (Oak Harbor, WA)



We are thankful for the opportunity to present our ministry to Faith Baptist Church which hosts Preacher's Delight every year. Jonathan used to attend as a young adult. (Tacoma, WA)



Vivian was given the chance to "drive" this old car. Needless to say, it's never too early to pray for safety when she starts driving! Vivian was definitely eager for her turn at the wheel. (Tacoma, WA)



We are grateful for the opportunity to stop by and see Brother Peter Montoro IV, one of Jonathan's roommates and friends from Bible college. It is great to see how God has blessed him with such a wonderful family. (Bremerton, WA)



We were kept pretty busy while at Riverview Baptist, preaching on the KOLU radio station, presenting to the English, Spanish, and Korean language groups, and talking to three groups of children and young people. (Pasco, WA)



Jonathan was able to join Berean Baptist for Saturday morning evangelism. We were very blessed by this small church. They have such a tremendous heart for missions. Notice that they even hung a Russian flag! (Pendleton, OR)

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