



RED ALERT

MARCH 2021

SKEAN FAMILY

NEWSLETTER



Quick Fact

In St. Petersburg, alone there are 2000 libraries, 221 museums, 45 art galleries, and 100 concert halls



Upcoming Events

Jack's B-Day
April 24

Katrina's B-Day
May 06

Sending Church

Grace BC
101 Donation Rd.
Greenville, PA
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New Phil., OH
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Monthly Memorandum

This has been a big month for news! Thank you all for your prayers. God's hand has been very evident throughout our trip back overseas. My passports (new and old) arrived days before we flew out. When we got to the ticket counter at the airport, we were initially denied. After debating with the airline representative and exhibiting some patience, we finally were allowed to proceed through security - only to find out that we had been given tickets for the wrong flight! What may have been a simple mistake by the ticketing agent (or even malice) was turned by God into something good because it allowed us to connect with a Ukrainian couple who volunteered to help us re-check our luggage (all 6 items, not including our 5 carry-ons, 5 personal items, and 1 stroller). Also, though the seat we purchased for Jack was wrongfully taken away and given to another passenger, it provided an excellent opportunity to witness to a young Ukrainian lady for quite some time during our 10 hour flight across the Atlantic and over Iceland where it was -78°F outside. This was before our **15 hour, 40 minute** layover in Istanbul which could have been quite challenging if we did not have faithful, supporting churches allowing us to get a hotel room at the airport for our family to sleep in before making our 3rd connection.

Touching down in Kharkov, we got to work on getting back into class and volunteering at church. I lead music in the second service and Katrina did the sign language interpreting during Sunday School. The process has begun to renew Katrina's paperwork for her temporary residency. Thankfully, knowing far more Russian now than I did last time has made the readjustment much easier.

To our surprise, prices here in Ukraine have increased by approximately **20%** since last year. This answers our questions as to why God sought to increase our support while we were in the States on furlough.

There are many things shaping up here, but pray that most of all, God is in it. We are excited about opportunities that are soon-to-be, but covet your prayers as we serve our Lord over here.

May God bless you all!

Jonathan Skean & Family

Photo Album

Katrina already translating into Russian sign language during her first Sunday back on the field.



Someone had stolen the hand-sanitizer here at the hardware store so they offer wipes, zip-tied to the counter, so they can't "walk away."



Just trying to get some Gospel tracts out in the middle of this pandemic. Hospitals are full, Hell is enlarging, and Heaven has plenty of room.



Prayer Requests

- For Russia's religious freedom
- For a peaceful end to the hostilities in Ukraine
- For our apartment-hunting to be profitable
- For Katrina's documents to be renewed
- For medical tests and appointments to go well

Praises

- We have a Saviour named Jesus Christ!
- We made it to Kharkov with no lost luggage and nothing stolen!
- Was able to share the Gospel 1-on-1 with multiple people since leaving the US.

