



# RED ALERT



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SKEAN FAMILY

NEWSLETTER



## Monthly Memorandum

This month has been exciting! It started with our family split between two continents and ended with some celebratory finality.

Jonathan flew back from Ukraine and arrived (after a 23 hour layover in Boston) in Pittsburgh on September 3rd. Two days later, Jonathan's mother flew in to help us for one week. On September 8th, Jack went in for surgery at Children's Hospital in Pittsburgh. We stayed with him for two days in the hospital before returning home to continue the recovery process. We were told during his post-op appointment on September 23rd that his progress is going according to the plastic surgeon's plan. The divide in his skull has expanded from the 8mm that was measured shortly after surgery to approximately 30mm of the intended goal of 40mm. I cannot imagine how his head feels, but it seems he is doing better and has been able to end the usage of all three pain medications. We greatly appreciate your prayers, encouragement, and understanding during this time. His final surgery is scheduled for January 7th, during which the doctors will remove the springs.

Another semester began this month that I will again attempt to take long-distance through the university in Ukraine. I was able to pass all of my exams from the spring semester and am able to thereby continue keeping our visas and continuing my study of Russian.

While spending time at our home church during Jack's recovery, I have been able to teach the adult Sunday school class a couple of times. I started a series called "UnAmerican: the Power of the Gospel" to help American Christians separate Christianity from our American culture, understand the core message and mandate of the church, and in the third part (which I will teach in October) I will bring these two foundational principles together, preparing ourselves for the darker days that seem to loom ahead.

Right now, we are scheduling conferences and meetings nearby (OH, PA, WV, NY). We would love to see you again. God bless!

## Photo Album

Jack went through the operation well. Both surgeons were pleased with the procedure and have continued to be comfortable with the results, as of his post-op appointment on September 22nd.



Our family was able to continue serving by helping in the evangelistic efforts of our sending church. Pictured are the girls and others sorting and preparing Gospel tracts for distribution.



Jonathan was privileged to be part of the ordination council of the pastor over the church that Grace Baptist started. It was an exciting day!



## Prayer Requests

- For Russia's religious freedom
- For a peaceful end to the war in Ukraine
- Healing of Katrina's foot
- Long-distance university studies

## Praises

- Safe return home for Jonathan from Ukraine.
- Jack's first surgery went well.
- Jack is continuing to recover.

### Quick Fact

"pochemuchka" is a word in the Russian language for someone who asks too many questions.



### Upcoming Events

**Missions Conferences**  
Oct. 24-28

**Vivian's B-Day**  
Oct. 28

### Sending Church

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