



# RED ALERT



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SKEAN FAMILY

NEWSLETTER



## Monthly Memorandum

September is always an interesting month for us. This year marked 365 days since Jack's cranial surgery. We are so thankful for God's continual protection of him - despite the many times our little boy bumped and bruised his head.

We saw God's favor upon my trip across the border. I had planned to enter Moldova, but things worked out regardless. The Lord granted safety and I even got a chance to grab breakfast with a missionary friend in Odessa before starting classes the next day on the other side of the country.

This year I am writing the thesis for my bachelor's degree at KNU. I was thankfully able to get something interesting to me approved so now my title is "Allusions to the Old Testament in the Gospel of John: A Case Study of the King James Bible." I hope that when I am gone, this paper will remain a witness for those that choose to read it. In a sense, it will be a 30-page Gospel tract written along the lines of a lexicology research paper.

Pray please for us in Ukraine. The government has declared that the country will return to previous restrictions now that all of the major national holidays are over and we approach national elections. Of course, we hope that the situation of many with Covid will improve. One of my in-laws recently tested twice for Covid, with the first result being negative and the second test result being positive. As a family we are praying for wisdom regarding this.

In other news, new religious law amendments come into effect on October 3rd in Russia. These new regulations further muddle the restrictions on religious work, but they also make provisions for more immediate responses from the government concerning confirmation of notices given of religious activity - the absence of which has been used in prior prosecutions. In other words, the restrictions have gotten tighter, but the bureaucracy has been cut.

As I type this, I am thinking of what we read tonight in family devotions, particularly when Jesus said, *"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow..."*

*Jonathan  
Skean &  
Family*

## Photo Album

*Working as a husband and wife team, I preached in Russian and Katrina translated into Russian sign language.*



*Thank you to all who have been praying for Zhenya (the Orthodox priest-in-training). We talked for 6 hours, during 2 of which my father-in-law translated.*



*Jack now has a neurologist in Ukraine. Guess who is her assistant - our previous landlord's oldest daughter! Nothing is by accident. God has a reason.*



## Prayer Requests

- For Russia's religious freedoms.
- For a peaceful end to the hostilities in Ukraine
- For a fair treatment by the insurance company
- For free course to preach and teach

## Praises

- Opportunities to witness
- Safety to the border and back
- Classes are continuing in-person
- Profitable medical appointments
- We found a Russian language teacher for the kids
- Were able to meet with and be a blessing to a family currently working in Russia



### Quick Fact

The national flower of Russia is chamomile. Russians also like tea. Sweet dreams!



### Upcoming Events

AMCT Mtg.  
05 OCT.

Vivian's B-Day  
28 OCT.

### Sending Church

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