

# RED ALERT

JANUARY 2021

SKEAN FAMILY

NEWSLETTER



## Monthly Memorandum

This year started off like an adventure novel. The good guys were seemingly defeated and the bad guys took control. Prayer, humility, and faithfulness can make present defeats only temporary. God has a plan to be glorified and we are so glad to be part of it - however that looks.

We have much to be thankful for! Jack's second surgery went well and he has been recovering nicely. **Our family would like to express a hearty "Thank you!" to everyone who prayed.** Now his four weeks of recovery can begin. **We also would like to express our gratitude for the money that was sent toward Jack's surgery expenses.** We never asked for this financial assistance, as is our custom, but we were blessed to see God's people give so graciously above their tithe and missions support - even in the middle of financial hardship. God will surely reward the genuine charity that was expressed.

Because of the surgery's success, **we bought our tickets for March 8th.** After approximately 31 hours of traveling, we will arrive back in Kharkov, Ukraine. Due to the changing situation surrounding Covid, we are not sure what will be required by the time we expect to leave, but so far, it may look like we can either quarantine for 2 weeks *or* obtain a negative Covid test result in Ukraine.

It's hard to believe that in just one month, the wait will be over. Our family has stayed 280% longer than originally planned, but soon we will be back in Eastern Europe. We have enjoyed the time, being able to see family and friends again. We hope to see more of our supporting churches in February. It has been refreshing to see the faces of those who have fervently prayed and "held the rope" for us while we have been overseas. Believe it or not, a missionary can sense when someone has a missions heart. There is a kindred spirit and a passion in common. May God bless all of you for your faithfulness to the Lord and to your local church.

## Photo Album

We were blessed to have Jonathan's mother fly in for a visit, originally planned during the time of when Jack was supposed to have surgery. It is good to have family together.



Vivian and Cherith participated in our home church's Christmas play. It was rescheduled to January, but that's okay. Russians also celebrated Christmas in January this year!



We were blessed to share about our family and ministry with two new churches this month. It is a blessing to see faithful congregations in places hitherto unknown to us. They have a passion for sharing Jesus - the Hope that our country and the whole world needs!



## Prayer Requests

- For Russia's religious freedom
- For a peaceful end to the hostilities in Ukraine
- For long-distance university studies
- For Jonathan's passport as it is processed
- For medical tests and appointments to go well

## Praises

- We have a Saviour named Jesus Christ!
- Jack's surgery went well.
- The kids' passports are done and have arrived.



### Quick Fact

Look out below! Every year in Russia and Ukraine, many people are injured or killed by giant falling icicles.



### Upcoming Events

Spring Semester Starts  
Feb. 8

Departure  
March 8

### Sending Church

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