



## Monthly Memorandum

Much has happened in January. I traveled down to Odessa to help with the outreach effort that we contributed to through the Dorcas Project. I was able to be there for two of the four events. On the first night there were about 90 people at a cultural center and then on Sunday there were about 55 first time visitors at the church.

While we were busy packing up the entire apartment and getting ready to fly back for furlough, God made it possible for the university to make a special exception allowing me to continue my studies while in the States. This lets us to keep our residency status and saves months of bureaucratic endeavors when we return. Pray for me as I study while on furlough. All of my final exams will have to be taken within 5 days of our last meeting in the States.

God also did something else unexpected. I had promised to mail a Bible to one of the taxi drivers I talked with, but did not know that such required his last name when I went to send it. Guess who was our taxi driver home the night before flying out.

We praise the Lord for a great trip back from the mission field and for the wonderful reception that many in our sending church planned for us! Meeting our pastor and some dear friends at the airport, sharing a surprise dinner with church family, finding a pantry filled with food, and having gifts waiting for the kids are some blessings we have received thus far. All this was mostly unexpected.

All the way to Pittsburgh I had to consciously not speak in Russian when talking to strangers. Our children thought it so odd to hear so much English when we arrived in Boston. All things considered, we are doing well, have much to be thankful for, and look forward to seeing as many of our supporters as possible!

*Jonathan  
Skean &  
Family*

At the beginning of the month, we were able to send winter hats, gloves, and scarves, as well as school supplies and blankets to help a local church in Odessa, Ukraine as they sought to reach out to big families and orphans with the Gospel. Our thanks to everyone who participated in this Dorcas Project initiative!

Some of us left Kharkov a little teary-eyed. Saying 'goodbye' can be difficult when you are close and understand that it will be a long time until you see those precious people again. No doubt, we will miss many while in the States.

Thank you for your prayers! The flight from Kharkov through Istanbul and Boston to Pittsburgh was great in every way. Turkish Airlines did a great job and God blessed our travels. We made it safely to our destination on time and with all of our luggage!

## Photo Album



## Prayer Requests

- For Russia's religious freedom
- For the ministry in Kharkov
- For language learning
- For a peaceful end to the war
- Wisdom for big, upcoming decisions
- Wisdom for furlough planning
- For Katrina's and baby's health

## Praises

- For God's help with our residency situations.
- For the opportunity to help in Odessa.
- For safe travels and a warm reception.
- For a place to stay until March.



### Quick Fact

Moscow was a small trading post until the 13th century when the Mongols invaded.



### Upcoming Events

**Home Church Report**  
Feb 2nd

**Beginning of Traveling**  
Feb 5th

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