



RED ALERT

MAY 2021

SKEAN FAMILY

NEWSLETTER



Quick Fact

The Lower House of the Russian parliament is called the Duma or "deliberation."



Upcoming Events

Exams

May 31-June 14

Visa Trip

June 3-11

Anniversary

June 21

Sending Church

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Monthly Memorandum

May started with the holidays so ubiquitous across Eastern Europe, celebrating labor, Easter, victory over the Axis Powers, and remembering those who gave their lives for their countries.

I had the opportunity on May 9th (Mother's Day/Victory Day) to preach again in Russian. My Russian teacher says that my speech is better than my writing because she can see all of my mistakes when they are on paper. However, I did pull a decent grade from the class and I am very thankful that the Lord gave me the wonderful teacher that He did.

The head missionary here received some exciting news that the church documents can undergo some imperative amendments for ten percent of the price initially estimated. What was definitely financially impossible before is now considered to be within reach. This is an answer to many prayers.

To obtain Katrina's spousal visa, she and I will have to fly to Istanbul for a week during my final exams. It is the only viable option. Thankfully, all of those exams can be completed online while we are taking care of this need.

On the subject of exams, please pray that I am able to pass everything. Two of the classes were taught completely in Ukrainian (in breach of the university's contract with us foreign students) even though we have not learned this language - especially not at a lexical level required for study at a university!

Please pray that we are allowed to go back and study in-person at the university. Being around people produced an abundance of chances to talk about Jesus. I really miss the pre-Covid opportunities. With the weather warming, weekly evangelism could not be more eagerly anticipated. Each of the faithful church members even has an evangelism polo to wear now. Our family is hoping that we can encourage the others to be faithful witnessing and distributing Gospel tracts. The words of a Soviet military command come to mind: "Ни шаг назад!" ("Not a step backwards!")

Sometimes ministry means helping those who do not realize their own need. This lady is faithful to church but did not know that her blood pressure was 220/115.



After 14 years of praying for him, Nina was able to see her brother Sasha make a profession of faith! Her father now needs to get saved!



We are commanded to GO. We are also commanded to PRAY for laborers. Praise the Lord that Saturday visitation is growing. Instead of us five, eight went last week.



Prayer Requests

- For Russia's religious freedoms. (A new law was passed last month that even further strips them away.)
- For a peaceful end to the hostilities in Ukraine
- For Katrina's spousal visa to be accepted and processed quickly
- For medical tests and appointments

Praises

- Jonathan has passed 2 exams already
- God has kept us healthy and safe.
- God faithfully provides for our needs.

*Jonathan
Skean &
Family*