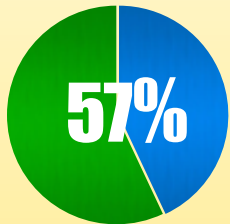


### Miles Driven

33,431



### Monthly Support

Green shows our actual current support.



### Russia Fact

Stickers can be seen in Russia warning others of student drivers and studded tires.

This one says, "Lady Driving."

## Second Half of our Ukraine Trip

Our family arrived safely back in Pittsburgh from Kharkov on the evening of August 25th after a long layover at Charles de Gaulle airport. We wish that we could have stayed another month in Eastern Ukraine, but we have to finish raising our monthly support. The last half of our trip certainly blew by like the first, but we were able to accomplish many things that were on our bucket list for this trip, as you will read below in the captions.

Some may wonder how close we were to the conflict in southeastern Ukraine. Let's just say that there were several times that we watched for news of further Russian invasion and had our bags packed in case we had to move quickly. It was surreal to wake up the next morning and think, "We made it another night, but perhaps they will invade today." Through all of this, Ephesians 5:16 came to mind. "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil." Thank you for praying for us!

Afforded to us were a couple of opportunities to visit an orphanage close to the church. The door is wide open to return and help the children with their many needs. We could not believe when they told us that they are only given the equivalent of \$32 to cover the medical expenses each month - not per child, but for all 42 children! We left wishing we could adopt every single one!

Definitely another highlight of the trip was getting to learn far more Russian sign language than either of us knew before. The effort to learn was met with excitement by the deaf church members who aptly took us under their wing and did as much teaching as they could in the time we had.

The church there in Kharkov has wonderful people that are praying that we will finish deputation ahead of schedule so that we will return sooner than planned. To see doors of opportunity open for us in Ukraine was encouraging and to find unexpectedly that God worked through an American family to help provide for some of our future needs in Ukraine- wow! The list of blessings goes on and on... That is the kind of God we serve - and we look forward to writing about what He is going to do next month.

*Jonathan  
Skean &  
Family*

## Adventures in Ukraine



Taken from the 8th floor of an apartment building, these apartments represent a population that would exceed most counties in the United States.

(Kharkov, Ukraine)



Here are the boys from one group at an orphanage. We bought oranges and kiwis to help supplement the vitamins in their diet. We were invited back by the director to help in additional ways. Praise the Lord for an open door!



Our meeting with the Dean of Foreign Languages went well. He is very helpful and will help us obtain our student visas. Jonathan was also given a tour of the classes at the university for his courses next year.



Church camping trip! We met out in the woods for service on Sunday. Each summer, Ukrainians and Russians travel outside the city for fresh air. They either visit their dachas or a small camp site.



Katrina was able to continue teaching Victoria who has been coming faithfully to learn about the Bible. If you remember from last month, it was her husband whose funeral Brother O'Brien officiated. Now in her arms is a brand-new Bible.



Ever tried to sleep on a chainlink fence and wash out of a bucket? Welcome to the typical life of a Ukrainian not too long ago. We are very blessed to have lived in the United States.

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## Adventures in Ukraine



Without nursing homes or retirement centers, the homeless elderly must either find a relative to take care of them or try to survive as long as they can - like this woman, who carries with her everything she owns.



Going with Sergey and Mrs. O'Brien to invite the neighborhood kids to Vacation Bible School. In Ukraine and Russia, it is absolutely necessary to have signed parent permission slips for the children attending.



God blessed each night with new kids. We were surprised to see that even the children from the JW home were allowed to come and hear the Bible lesson. VBS was a special time to tell the neighborhood about Christ.



On the 23rd of August, we visited the orphanage again, attending the "spectacle" performed in honor of Ukraine's independence from the USSR. It was interesting to see representatives of the Azov battalion in attendance.



Even after 5 years, Jonathan's friend Igor who is currently an agnostic, still remembers the discussions they had about spiritual things and wanted to meet while we were in Kharkov. He now has a new Bible.



On our last day in Kharkov, the church celebrated Independence Day with shashlik, salads, and games. While the church was sad to see us go, they can hold onto the promise that we will return after deputation.

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