



# RED ALERT

AUGUST 2021

SKEAN FAMILY

NEWSLETTER



## Quick Fact

Serfdom existed in Russia until 1917, though serfs were given land and some freedom in 1861.



## Upcoming Events

1st Day of Last Year  
01 SEPT.

Vivian's B-Day  
28 OCT.

## Sending Church

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## Monthly Memorandum

Some months, I feel like we could write our prayer letter bi-monthly while other months, I feel like we could publish weekly what we have going on! August has been a month of answered prayers. Many of our pressing requests have been graciously granted by God and we praise Him Him for His faithfulness. As it is written in Proverbs 15:29, "He heareth the prayer of the righteous."

My last year at the university starts on September 1st and, so far, classes are planned to be in-person. Although online classes have been very convenient at times, being able to see people face-to-face will better allow my evangelistic efforts to continue. The girls also begin school with Vivian going into 2nd grade and Cherith starting Kindergarten.

Due to some unforeseen circumstances, I am taking our vehicle across the border later than we had planned on August 30th-31st. Thankfully, the route will be shorter - even though it will be longer. [I'll explain.] Nothing beats the chance to drive into Russian (45 minutes) and back, but the land border is closed. Such means that I will have to drive across the country again like before. I recently heard from another missionary that the road to Odessa was recently repaired so driving that route would shave off almost 200 miles! So, even though I have to try and go to either Romania or Moldova, the drive there will only be between 10 and 15 hours. Please pray for safety and for God's favor. These borders have been known to demand bribes from others so please keep the situation in your prayers that it be a great testimony to the power of God.

We were blessed to be able to have Vacation Bible School this year. The theme was "Back to School" and had 2 Timothy 2:15 as our theme verse.

Following VBS, Cherith and Jack both became ill with a fever and other symptoms. Please pray for the kids' health. Vivian is the only one that hasn't been sick recently.

Making our way into September, we have high hopes of further opportunities to see God work. Our family greatly appreciates your support and your prayers for us. We shall see the value of both in eternity.

*Thanks to the many prayers of saints around the world, my nostrification has been completed and I may now receive a diploma from the university upon completion of my language studies here at KNU.*



*Praise the Lord for the freedom to have Vacation Bible School for a week. We are thankful for the 20+ children and eight visitors who came.*



## Photo Album

## Prayer Requests

- For Russia's religious freedoms.
- For a peaceful end to the hostilities in Ukraine
- For a fair imbursement by the insurance company

## Praises

- Church documents are finished
- Opportunities to witness
- Nostrification received
- We were able to have VBS
- Katrina is completely done with her paperwork for the year

Jonathan  
Skean &  
Family