



BIBLES FOR RUSSIA

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Dear Partner,

We've just returned from another successful mission to Ukraine. If you prayed, gave financially or donated stuffed animals, you were an important part of this mission.

Everyone at House Of Hope were very glad to have us there, especially Mark since he had spent eight months there over the last three summers. Some of the children don't have fathers or their fathers are alcoholics or in prison so they look up to him as a father or uncle.

We had a Christmas party, play and gave Christmas gifts for children at House Of Hope and another party for special needs children. Father Frost (Santa Claus) was there to visit the children. They were so excited about seeing him and receiving their Christmas gifts.

While in Kherson, we also visited three orphanages in remote villages, one of which housed disabled children. Many of the children in that facility were sick so we weren't able to visit them but did leave Christmas gifts for them. Those children, although handicapped, are very creative and are taught to make crafts.

As team members, we were so blessed to minister to orphans, give parties, have Christmas plays and give gifts. When I handed little Vera her gift, she reached out, hugged and kissed me. I must be like a grandmother to her. We bought six beds for one orphanage. They need six more. The children are so precious. I just wanted to love on each of them.

Our team also ministered in a nursing home, gave gifts to each person, had a Christmas play and took items for the nursing home such as detergent, toilet tissue, etc. We also ministered to thirty extremely poor families by giving each a large bag of basic groceries, a gospel tract, the Gospel of John and sometimes money to help pay essential bills. Thank God we were able to pray for each of them before

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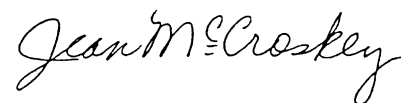
leaving. Many families live in bad conditions. Some live in one room while sharing a kitchen and bathroom with three to six other families. Team members Christine Reed and Gabriella Beck visited a family whose son didn't have sufficient clothes. He was so happy when they bought clothes for him.

Christmas afternoon (January 7 in Ukraine) the last person we visited was Zhenya, a young lady who lived in one room and shared a kitchen and bathroom with three other families. She was depressed and cried as she shared her story with us. Zhenya couldn't afford to support her two sons and didn't have a job. We prayed for her, left groceries, gave her a Gospel of John and a HOPE trace. She called later and said it was all she needed. I can't imagine being in her situation.

Although we were not able to go in person, we sent money for Christmas parties for orphans in several cities in Russia (Khabarovsk, Chita, St. Petersburg, Chuvashia, Mari-El, Tartarstan, Perm, Koloma) and Lutsk, Ukraine. Native workers also went to numerous remote villages to minister. There were five thousand orphans ministered to with parties, gifts and the gospel.

Thank you so much for giving so the orphans of Russia and Ukraine could have Christmas. Without your prayers and financial gifts they would not have had Christmas but also would not have heard about Jesus for the first time ever. May God richly bless you for partnering with us.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jean McCroskey".

Jean McCroskey

P.S. Please pray about sending me as your missionary to the "Reindeer" people in March.