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# BIBLES FOR RUSSIA

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Dear Partner,

We have just returned from another successful mission. Galina and Natasha, the ladies with whom we work in Kherson, Ukraine, worked for days planning our visits with orphans, street children, poor children, poor families, patients at a cancer hospital and residents of a nursing home. Lena, who usually works with Galina and Natasha, had twins born prematurely on December 12. She and her babies were still in the hospital during our time in Ukraine. Please pray Lena and her twin boys will soon be home.

On our visits with orphans and street children, we took stuffed animals, gloves, hats, etc. as gifts for them. Some of the children we visited were taken from living on the street and brought to the center. From there they will eventually be placed in orphanages. The children did a performance for us. They were so cute.

We helped give a lunch for some of the poor children and gave each of them a gift. Also, we purchased and bagged food for 30 poor families. Every evening we took groceries to those families in need. Some were new families we had never met and others were families we ministered to last year. In addition to the groceries, we gave each family a New Testament and a gospel tract then prayed for them. Many of the families said, "Thank you for not forgetting us."

One new family we visited was especially appreciative. The lady was almost in tears to think someone would bring her family food. Another family had electricity but no water. They had to carry water to their apartment. Every family we ministered to was so grateful.

We shared the gospel with children in a cancer hospital and a children's hospital. It brought joy to them and truly blessed us as well. They loved the gifts we gave them.

The nursing home we visited has changed and now has residents with mental problems. We took diapers, detergent, gifts and necessary items to the dear people there. Most importantly we gave them our love as well as sharing God's love with them. The administrator is always glad to see us and is very hospitable, serving us tea, cookies and candy.

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Virginia, Mark, Nata (our translator) and I were blessed to minister to the many needs we encountered. Galina and Natasha were so excited for us to come. They work with the orphans and poor year round and say it is an encouragement to them when we're there.

Please pray about going to Kherson with us for Christmas ministry in 2015. They celebrate Christmas on January 7. Our next trip to Kherson will be January 2-January 16, 2015. You will be blessed and will certainly be a blessing to many.

Thank you to all who helped send me on this mission, gave a donation to buy food, etc. and for your prayers. God bless you for your faithfulness to Him.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jean McCroskey". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name.

Jean McCroskey

P.S. March 4-17 I will lead a team to minister to the "reindeer people" above the Arctic Circle. Would you pray about helping send me as your missionary?