



BIBLES FOR RUSSIA

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Dear Partner,

Mark and I had a successful trip to Kherson, Ukraine. While we were gone, it was colder in Alabama than in Kherson. We took Christmas gifts to orphans, some of whom are disabled. We took Father Frost and his daughter to most of the orphanages which made the children very happy.

We visited a baby hospital where some of the babies were premature and all were very sick. They needed a machine to take the fluid out of the babies' lungs. We were able to purchase that machine for \$133. As you can imagine, the doctors were very grateful.

Mark and I also visited an orphanage for children from infancy to 3 years old. We were able to visit with the precious babies who were 6 to 9 months old. There were also 2 newborn babies not wanted by their mothers; one was a pretty little girl about 2 weeks old and the other a little boy. The lady we were working with, Lena, saw the little girl and wanted to adopt her. Lena was so excited that her husband finally agreed. Lena and her husband already have a daughter and 3 boys. We gave lots of diapers to the baby hospital and baby orphanage.

As part of our ministry to the poor, we had 2 luncheons for poor children and their mothers. One luncheon was for disabled children who can't walk or talk. It was good for the mothers to have fellowship with others. Mark and I gave each child a gift.

We took food packages to 40 poor families. One poor family had a 4-month-old baby, 2 little girls and 2 older boys. They had a couch and 2 beds in one room with only walking space. They had no chest of drawers, just boxes for their clothes.

Another couple we visited were in their eighties. Both had been doctors; the man had been a well-known doctor in Kherson. They are on crutches and live on only \$60 a month. They live in a house but have no indoor plumbing. The wife

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had so much pain in her legs she couldn't sleep. I gave her money to go to the hospital for injections for pain. It is such a sad situation.

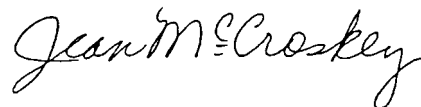
We visited another poor family that was a mother and her son. Her leg had been amputated. The son works but didn't make enough to pay for the mother's medications. Mark gave her \$130 for the medicine. There were many sad situations with the poor families we visited.

At an orphanage we visited that housed 280 children, the beds for the 6-year-old girls were broken. For \$100 they could purchase a bed and mattress. I gave them money to purchase 4 new beds. Their showers weren't working but they could have 2 showers repaired for \$170 which we gave them.

Thank you for giving so I could go on this mission. Thank you for giving that allowed us to do all the things we did. Many were blessed because of your giving.

We pray God's blessings on you.

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