



BIBLES FOR RUSSIA

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Partner,

It pleases us to report to you that, although our most recent mission to Russia (# 66) was physically challenging, it is also true that “not one word of all the good promises that the Lord had made . . . failed; all came to pass.” *Joshua 21:45*

Before making this mission, God had spoken to Alfred (again through Joshua) that “you are old and advanced in years and there remains yet very much land to possess.” *Joshua 13:1*

There still remains much to be done in Christ’s name and it amazes us how much He can do in and through a team of short-term missionaries in only 2 weeks:

- *Evangelism on the streets, trains and in homes over a 3,000-plus mile stretch of the Russian “motherland” formerly the “Evil Empire.”
- *Preaching the Word of God in churches.
- *Encouraging Christian workers who serve on the front lines all year (pastors and their families, missionaries and children’s workers).
- *Renewing old friendships and receiving first-hand information regarding future ministry plans (more on that later).
- *Ministering to children (from infancy to late teens) in hospitals, orphanages, summer camps, homes and churches.
- *Sharing testimonies with drug and alcohol addicts at a rehabilitation center.
- * Giving to all the above---as appropriate---our time and giftings, fresh fruit and sweets, clothing, toys and financial gifts plus promised financial aid to 5 churches started on previous missions.

All these things were done in Jesus’ name, for His glory and for the further advancement of His kingdom in His vineyard, the largest nation on Earth. In Moscow, Kandalaksha, Umba, Zelenoborskiy, Chorny Porog, Segezha,

Letnerechenskiy, Losos Porog, Kamenny Bor, Petrozavodsk and Saint Petersburg plus several dacha villages whose names remain unknown to all but God.

Our hope and prayer was to “plant” at least one new church. That didn’t happen. Instead, we learned of one that was lost. The total number of church plants has been reduced to 900. The goal of 1,000 remains unchanged.

When outdoor evangelism in one village was about to be closed down because of cold weather, a prominent member of the community invited us to carry on in her home.

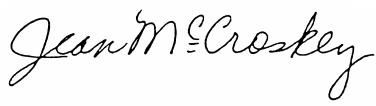
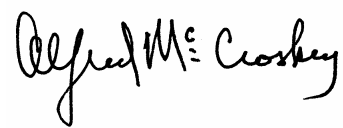
A young teenage “social orphan” received a letter from her parents that read, “This is the last time you will hear from us. We never want to see you again.”

David McCroskey’s testimony of deliverance from drug addiction was given---in absentia---to young Russian addicts who responded positively.

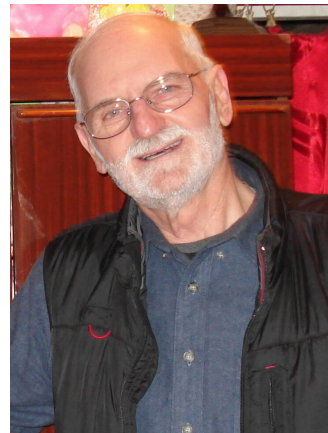
New Bibles For Russia representatives, Mike and Debbie Bolick, made a big difference in the success of the mission, as did American missionaries who live there, Chuck and Vickie Campbell. Tentative plans were discussed for a follow-up mission next year.

Please remember: if you prayed for or made a financial investment into this mission, then you too were a member of the team. God bless you for your part.

Christ’s servants and yours,



Alfred & Jean McCroskey



The team (*left to right*): Alfred McCroskey, Jean McCroskey, Debbie Bolick,
Mike Bolick, Vladimir Kwach, Vickie Campbell and Chuck Campbell