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Dear Partner,

We have just returned from a very successful mission in Ukraine. People there were amazed that ladies our age would come to minister and share the gospel.

On Sunday morning, we spoke at the church in Skole. In the early days, Pastor Peter got saved as a result of street evangelism. He and his wife sold their home and business and began to preach the gospel on the streets. The Lord blessed them over the years with a home and church that is growing. There were 38 Ukrainian-born Christians from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania who were staying in the church with our team of five. We all had bunk beds and shared the shower and toilet. The Philadelphia team came to help with summer camps and do evangelism.

We conducted a ladies seminar in a small church in the area. The ladies were very appreciative and showed their appreciation by buying each of us flowers and serving us tea and cookies.

Our team was privileged to share at a summer camp for 100 teenagers in the mountains. We took them gifts, had a time of fellowship and spent the night there.

We visited a poor family: Natasha, her two children and Natasha's mother, Luba. Even though they were poor, they shared with us cottage cheese they had made. Please pray for Natasha and her family.

As we waited for our train in Skole, we were standing under the wires the train runs on when it began lightning badly. I began to pray and ask God to protect us; put His guardian angels around us. There was heavy rain and strong wind. Our luggage was wet but God took care of us.

In Khomutets we stayed in a home with Pastor Sergey, his wife Natalia and their 11 foster children. Pastor Sergey has a heart for many to come to know the Lord. Three or four times a year he goes to the area of Ukraine where the war is going on (Luhansk) where he witnesses to many and they come to know the Lord. He has started churches in that area. Please pray for Pastor Sergey on September 18 when he will go back to the war area. Pray that God will keep him safe and many will come to know the Lord because of Pastor Sergey's faithfulness.

In Khomutets, we ministered in the rehab center for men and women. When they finish rehab there, they go to Bible School and become missionaries. Pastor Sergey asked if men could come to the ladies seminar and of course I said yes. Joyce Miles taught on the “Holy of Holies” and Joyce Adams, Susie and I shared our testimony. Seven people from the rehab center (men and women) came to know the Lord. We also had two more seminars in other towns.

There was an outreach service for the refugees from the area in Ukraine where the war is going on. There was singing and we all shared. Six people came to know the Lord. After the outreach service, we went to minister and share the gospel at a nursing home. The administrator asked us to please come again.

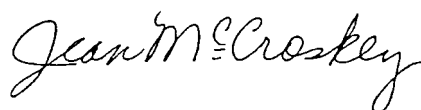
Our team ministered at an orphanage for 80 disabled girls. We took them gifts and showed them the love of the Lord. Seven of the girls came to know the Lord during our visit. Praise the Lord.

On Sunday night after dinner, some of the people from the church wanted to fellowship with us. It was a joyful time with our brothers and sisters there.

The morning we were to leave for the Kiev airport, they asked us to come to another building. All the men from the men’s and women’s rehab center as well as missionaries from that area had gathered to pray for us and say goodbye. The pastor prayed that “God would go before us and angels would put their wings around our plane.” In all the years I’ve been traveling and ministering in the former Soviet Union, I’ve never had that many people come to pray for us. It really touched my heart.

Thank you to all who gave to make this mission possible and all who prayed for its success. May God bless each of you.

In Christ,

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

Jean McCroskey, President
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P.S. I will lead a team to the Sumi Region of Ukraine September 19. Would you please pray about sending me as your missionary?