



BIBLES FOR RUSSIA

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Dear Partner,

A Bibles For Russia team has returned from a successful mission trip to northern and central Ukraine. We had cold weather with snow or snow flurries 3 days of the trip. My luggage was 4 days late in arriving, but I had taken extra clothing in my carry-on so I managed. God went before us to prepare the way.

We attended Harvest Day and spoke in the churches both Sundays we were there. Also, we ministered in other churches one of which was a Gypsy church. Our team shared at the church and gave gifts to the children. Jeremy and Lisa prayed for some of the children and adults for healing. That is only the second Gypsy church I've attended.

One missionary I met I asked what he did. He said he had started a church in the village a few years ago with only 14 people who met in a home. They had been praying that God would provide a larger building for the church. Before leaving the United States, someone had given me extra money. I felt I was to give this money to buy a building for the church so it could continue to grow. As you can imagine, the missionary was very grateful.

We ministered in orphanages and shared the gospel on the children's level. We gave them gifts such as toothbrushes, pencils, stuffed animals and candy. The children were so happy.

Our team was asked to come and share in classes in the public school. Laura told the children a Bible story. Joyce told them the story of Jesus dying on the cross for their sins and prayed for them. The children were very happy with the gifts we gave them.

We visited some special needs boys. God loves them and they are special. They were so happy to see us and we enjoyed our time with them. We took gifts of fountain pens, diapers, candy and bought shoes for some of the boys. There were some we could communicate with and others we couldn't.

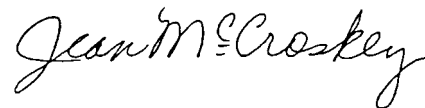
At a nursing home we visited, we gave each patient a banana and a package of cookies. I told the first lady I gave a banana to that I was from America and she got so excited. I shook another lady's hand and she said that my hand was cold. She began to rub my hand and to blow on it to warm it. That lady was so sensitive and loving. You'll see a picture of Lisa with one of the ladies we visited and Laura with another lady with whom she prayed.

During our mission, we conducted two seminars for ladies. One seminar was held at the church our translator, Natasha, attends. There was a large attendance there. The other seminar was held in another town in the area.

It was a blessing to meet many new brothers and sisters in Christ during that mission. Everywhere we went the people wanted us to return. They said to tell you, our supporters, "thank you" for sending us. Thank you to all who partnered with us for this mission; those who prayed for our team, gave to help send me or gave donations to bless the families of the missionaries and pastors.

I will be going to Kherson, Ukraine December 27, 2016 through January 9, 2017. Would you please pray about sending me as your missionary to minister and take gifts to the orphans for Christmas? Some go, some send and God gets the increase.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jean McCroskey". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the "In Christ," text.

Jean McCroskey

P.S. Many of you gave to make possible the school teachers conference which was October 22-23 in Riga, Latvia. Thank you. There were 220 teachers in attendance, 40 of which came for the first time and 20 who received Christ during the conference. The teachers received 1,200 Bibles for their students. Pastor Petr said, "Thank you for your support and prayers."