



BIBLES FOR RUSSIA

October 2015

Dear Partner,

Our team has just returned from a successful mission trip to Central Russia. Thank you for your prayers and financial support that made this trip possible. God blessed us with warm weather and sunshine except the last day in Moscow when the weather was cool and cloudy. Most importantly He went before us to prepare the way. The only negative of the trip was that my luggage was five days late arriving. However, over the years I have learned to minister in spite of setbacks such as missing luggage.

During our time in Russia we were blessed to minister in two orphanages. Everyone in the team shared a message with the children and we gave each of them a small gift. Harmony Wallace gave the children salvation bracelets and explained the meaning of each colored bead. We had hoped to visit a third orphanage but they were remodeling the facility.

We ministered to Gypsy children in two different cities. There are missionaries living in the area that go to minister to the Gypsy children each week; sharing the gospel, teaching them Christian songs and praying with them.

It was a blessing for us to minister to missionaries in ten towns and villages. We fellowshiped with them, shared meals together and offered them encouragement. They were glad we had come because, as they told us, not many Christians come to visit there. These missionaries go out on the streets year round to evangelize, distribute Christian newspapers and invite everyone to their missionary station or churches. Many come to know the Lord through their ministry.

Many of the missionaries there have graduated from university and could have a job making \$500 a month but they choose to serve as missionaries making only \$90 a month. They told us to say "thank you" to all who gave money for them.

Not all our ministry opportunities took place in churches, orphanages or missionary homes. We drove 2 hours to pray for Yuri, a Christian man who has been an invalid for 30 years. We prayed for him to be healed and ask that you also pray for him.

Our team spoke in seven churches and participated in one conference/seminar. In each church we were treated to a meal and had a time of fellowship. Lee and Janet Pollard have been married for 52 years. That fact impressed some of the pastors and missionaries because there is a lot of divorce in Russia, even in Christian homes. They asked Lee and Janet many questions regarding marriage and raising children.

Pastor Volodia in Cheboksary asked me to say “thank you” to each person who gave money for the church there. They still need money to purchase the building but continue to faithfully minister. The church is growing and reaching many students and adults for the Lord. Please pray for Pastor Volodia and his family.

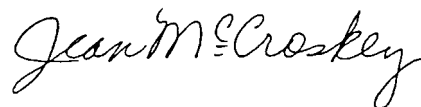
One of the pastors there had gotten permission to have a summer camp. Unfortunately, some of the neighbors complained that the children were too noisy and called the police. The pastor in charge of the summer camp was called to court and fined. He has since found a school that was closed in 2009 that includes a large tract of land. They want to buy the school and land to start a rehab center for alcoholics and use part of the land for summer camps. It is away from homes so the normal sounds of children would not bother neighbors. The cost of the school building and land is \$14,000.

Everywhere we visited, the people were so glad we came. I was blessed to see many friends I have known for many years but also met many new friends. We left Russia rejoicing that God allowed us to minister to many missionaries, churches, Gypsies and orphans.

Thank you to all who partnered with us for this mission; those who prayed for our team, gave to help send me on this mission, gave donations to bless the missionary family or gave for the purchase of the church in Cheboksary.

May God bless each of you.

In Christ,

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

Jean McCroskey