



BIBLES FOR RUSSIA

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Dear Partner,

Thanks to you and the Lord, we have recently completed our 88th mission to the former Soviet Union. This trip took us to the farthest part of Siberia---16 time zones from our home. Although some of us came home sick and each of us with jet lag, we can report that it was worth it all and a very fruitful mission. Praise God.

In Chita city and region we ministered to:

- * Mentally challenged children ages 4 to 7
- * Families and children who live in desperate poverty with no hope of escaping
- * American missionary friends, Gary and Pam Amstutz, who live and minister there (Pam told us on a short-term mission 5 years ago she would never again leave her home or grandchildren in Ohio.)
- * Homeless girls who now live with the Amstutz
- * Three different congregations
- * Former prisoners, drug and alcohol addicts who live in a Christian rehab center run by one of the churches (The Lord has blessed them with a 75% rate of recovery.)
- * Forty pastors and church leaders, providing them with 100 Bibles and other literature

Everyone there asked us to give all of our partners a “big thank you” for sending us to them. We saw many answers to prayer.

Pastor Alexander and wife, Lena, went to the remote village of Borzya 10 years ago to plant a church. At that time there were no believers and they had no friends. We prayed and both of them said that God had answered all our prayers and more. What a merciful and gracious God we serve. This is where we conducted the pastor’s conference.

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We met with our pastor friend, who smuggles Bibles into China, and his wife. We gave him the balance of funds needed to purchase a new car for that ministry. Four months ago, Communist Chinese authorities confiscated the old car.

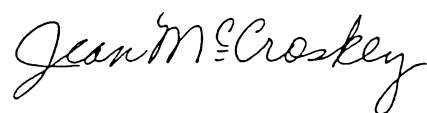
After a forty-hour train ride, we arrived at our next destination. While traveling, we had opportunities to meet many of our “fellow travelers,” speak with them about Jesus and give them some Christian literature in the Russian language. In Khabarovsk we ministered with Sveta to children in 6 different orphanages. What a blessing that was. Sveta, a single lady from Ukraine, may be the hardest working foreign missionary we know.

Using the night train again (but only 11 hours instead of 40), we arrived in Vladivostok, the Pacific Ocean port city whose closest neighbors are China, Japan and North Korea. There we worked with Pastor Genna. We ministered to two congregations we had helped Pastor Genna plant in the past. We were also able to minister to Pastor Genna and his family, including 16-year-old Kirill. Some of our partners prayed for him and gave money for treatment of his brain cancer. We’re happy to report he is much improved now and works with his parents in the churches. Please pray for his complete healing.

When we left each of the 4 towns in which we ministered, we heard the same request from everyone, “Please come back to visit us again!” Thank you for sending us. Many lives were touched and many good seeds were sown in good soil. Our prayer is that “the Lord of the Harvest” will bring forth much good fruit from our labors.

NOW---will you pray about going with us to the “House of Hope” in Kherson, Ukraine December 28-January 9? The ministry on that mission will be primarily to orphans, street children and kids from poverty-stricken, single parent homes. There will be New Year celebrations and Christmas parties. It will be a life-changing experience both for you and for them. If you cannot go, please pray about sending us as your missionaries.

In Christ,

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

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