

# RED ALERT

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SKEAN FAMILY

NEWSLETTER



## Quick Fact

The Russian national anthem adopted in 2000, the tune being identical to that of the USSR and the words being composed by the same author as those written in 1943.



## US DOS Ukraine Travel Advisory

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## Monthly Memorandum

Crunching through the snow on my way back home from the New Year's service last night, smelling the lightly gunpowder-scented air and hearing the many pops and booms of fireworks manifesting themselves in brightly shining lights in the sky as one would imagine a battlefield, I was given a few moments of reflection to remember the goodness of the Lord to us and the unique situation we find ourselves in this upcoming year.

Of course, we find ourselves looking at international politics way too often for a family living by faith, or so it seems to us from time to time. Dwelling on the brink of a war with a stronger neighbor has its own lesson for us regarding faith. In multiple ways, things have never looked so optimistic at the church, regardless of the circumstances surrounding us. People are still faithfully attending the sign language classes each week and it is such a blessing to see them implement it when participating in the congregational singing and when weekly reciting their monthly memory verse. Others are showing signs of taking their life and service seriously too, where there was not much recent evidence. One member is waiting to be baptized - something significant that will identify them officially with Christ and the church to their JW family. The newly saved deaf Sasha is faithfully attending and it is still amazing to me how hungry he is for God's Word and Christian fellowship. Every Sunday that he is able to attend he takes notes during the sermon and is constantly trying to learn more of the Christian sign language - apparently a whole sign language lexicon! Additionally, we were able to have some guests be in our services the past few weeks.

Exams are underway and lots of prayers are needed for retention. Please pray as well for those we have witnessed to this month. By this time in February we should have a better idea about whether or not Kharkov will still be located in Ukraine. May God protect us all and keep us faithful to Him.

*Jonathan Skean & Family*

## Photo Album



## Prayer Requests

- For Russia's religious freedoms.
- For a peaceful end to the hostilities in Ukraine
- For a fair treatment by the insurance company
- For free course to preach and teach
- For wisdom

## Praises

- Opportunities to witness
- Faithfulness of our supporters
- Continued health
- For the wonderful Christmas gifts this year our supporters sent - what a blessing! Thank you.