



Schlaack tracks

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Who would ever have thought God would do what HE did? He took a couple like us, half-way through our lives and changed our direction beyond what we could have imagined. We want to share with you how the Lord has brought all this about. "Thy Word is a lamp to my feet and a Light to my path." (Ps. 119:105) Our path has led us into missions. The light illuminates only one step at a time as we, in faith, take them. We have found this to be true as we find ourselves headed for the Ukraine.

About three years ago the Lord gave us a desire to serve Him full-time as missionaries, and we began pursuing it. After a couple of short-term trips to South America, we felt the need for Bible training. We finished a year of Bible school in May 2003 at Philadelphia Biblical University

not knowing what would happen after school. Next, we met a representative from SEND International, Dennis Carlson. The more we considered SEND and prayed for God's wisdom, the Lord continued to open doors. We traveled down the path as the Lord, through His Word, kept us going in this direction.

In June we attended a two-week Candidate Orientation Program at SEND Headquarters in Farmington, Michigan. We learned about support discovery and many things about the way SEND operates. Our class consisted of 24 candidates, which we enjoyed getting to know. To spend two weeks with people who love the Lord and want to serve Him by reaching the world with the gospel of Jesus Christ was a real blessing.

We met with the Appointment Committee and had an encouraging interview. They accepted us as appointees. Our next step was to sign a covenant and agree with what the Lord had revealed to us during each step. We are now members of SEND to go to Ukraine. Our plan is to be used in service work, as the Lord has gifted John. He will support the teaching missionaries by doing hands-on labor, to take runs to the airport and be used of the Lord in

whatever way He opens as we trust Him with each step. Jane is planning to teach English as a second language. This will help her get to know the people and be used in the lives of missionary wives already serving there. We trust the Lord to use us however He chooses.

In September 2003 we plan a vision trip to Ukraine to see the ministry and do some hands-on work. We ask for prayer and financial partners as we continue to walk as the Lord lights our path.



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How To Support A Missionary!

What costs do missionaries have?

We need to raise money for our monthly support and outgoing expenses. Monthly support is the money needed each month for us to serve in the Ukraine. Some of that money goes to salary, while some goes to pay for housing, ministry expenses, overseas health insurance, etc. Outgoing expenses include the cost of things that help us get to the Ukraine and prepare for our ministry there. This includes things like our airfare, language training and the shipping of our belongings.

When should we give?

If the Lord has laid it upon your heart to give, you should give as soon as you are able. Even while we are in North America, your monthly support is needed. Every dollar that is given in monthly support before we leave goes into our outgoing expense account. We cannot leave for the Ukraine until our pledged monthly support is at 100% and our outgoing expenses have been covered, so the sooner you can start giving, the sooner we can be in the Ukraine.

How much should we give?

Each person should give if, when, and how the Lord prompts them to give. People give anywhere from 5 to 500 dollars in monthly support, and between 10 dollars and 10,000 dollars toward outgoing expenses.

To whom do we give?

We are members of SEND International and our ministry is done with and through SEND. Because SEND is a registered non-profit organization, they have the authority to issue tax-deductible receipts for all gifts. We, however, are not an organization and therefore cannot issue receipts. If you would like a tax-deductible receipt for your gift, you should make the check out to SEND International. SEND will then put the money into our account and the money will be used for our ministry.

How often do we give?

When you pledge to give monthly, you may send in your checks each month or annually. Annual contributions will be divided by 12 and added to our monthly support needs. Special gifts for our outgoing expenses can be given at any time.

How do we give?

If you feel led to be a part of our financial support team, please fill out the enclosed response form and mail it to SEND. SEND also provides a direct debit option, which makes contributing to our support easier for you and reduces SEND's office costs.

Where is it? Ukraine is west of Russia and yes, the weather is very harsh.

What language do the people

speak? The language of Ukraine is Russian, which is a very difficult language to learn, especially at our age.



The Ukraine

Why go to Ukraine? We know the country of Ukraine is far from home and family. A few years ago while studying "Experiencing God," by Henry Blackaby, we learned that when deciding where to serve the Lord we should consider where He is working. We have heard from many involved in the ministry that God is certainly working in Ukraine. The Lord is the one who has placed the desire in our hearts to go to Ukraine. He says, "Delight yourselves in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart." John Piper said, "Far is only too far if you don't go there." Ukraine is God's choice for us. "For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will complete it until the day of Christ Jesus." (Phil.1:6) Therefore, we are able to trust Him to complete the task of preparing us for Ukraine and His mission field.

When will you go? Our plan is to be there by January 2005. Before we can leave for the field we need 100% of our financial support and 30 prayer partners.

Thank you for your prayers,

John and Jane



Our SEND Team

Support Needs

Monthly Support	\$ 4,200
Outgoing Expenses:	\$63,000
Prayer Partners:	30