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Dear Bible Believing Pastors, Family and Friends,

Greetings from Moldova! In the name of the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world! **Jeremiah 6:27 "I have set thee for a tower and a fortress among my people, that thou mayest know and try their way."**

Since our last letter we have seen the Lord's hand even in the midst of Covid-19. Things have been completely shut down since our last letter. We have been in lockdown, able only to go to the store, pharmacy and back if need be. While writing this letter, things are beginning to open up gradually. It has been a good lesson for us in the area of resting in the Lord. When we rest in Him, we are trusting Him for the increase and the decrease. The Lord is working on my heart in this very important life lesson.

One of things the Lord keeps continually showing me is, it is okay not to know what you are doing even when things seem so very confusing. I know God is not the author of confusion, so I believe the Lord during this time is building us up in His most holy faith, strengthening us inside and preparing us for what is ahead.

I am writing to you for prayer that God would continue to reveal His will. We so desperately need your prayers that God would continue to give us prudence and discernment as we press forward. I am always leery of Christians who always seem to know what they are doing all the time. Yes, I believe you have to plan. Yes, I believe you have to have goals; but many times God will do what God knows is best to do even if it does not agree with us.

Many Moldovans are worried about their future and my prayer is that God would soften their hearts to the gospel and save their souls for Jesus Christ! We are thankful to the Lord that He allows our Bible materials to continue going out through this very difficult time. The Lord has kept our churches together through prayer and fellowship with Him. We created a YouTube channel (Moldova Missions) for weekly preaching, which allows our people to hear the word of God; but as you know, it is still not the same as being in church. Continue to pray that the Word of God would find a place in people's hearts. In addition, to being in lockdown, the Lord has given us things to do. We have been staying busy fixing the foundation of the church, painting, and getting ready so when we start back, things will be in working order.

Tough in Hard times

Every missionary wants to be positive when reporting to you about the work of the Lord. Through prayer, the Lord has directed me in this letter; and I believe if you ask the Lord, He will show you His wisdom on how to pray specifically for missionaries. Our desire is to see people saved and growing in the Lord. However, it is up to the Lord to change the heart and give that heart a desire to follow Him. I wanted to write to you this letter so you could understand some of the things missionaries face and some of the tough decisions that have to be made so God gets the glory! The Lord has a way of teaching us through tough times. Henry Martyn, a missionary of old, said this when he was training people: "I felt reproof to be a duty of unlimited extent and almost insuperable difficulty." But he said, "the way to know when to address men and when to abstain is to love. And as love is most genuine where the heart is most abased, he resolved not to reprove others when he could conscientiously be

silent, except he experienced at the same time a peculiar contrition of spirit (Proverbs 9:9).” This is learning how to be tough in hard times.

In our last public service Valentina, a lady from the street, came forward to receive Christ as Savior. It is never our intention to ever question whether a person gets saved, I leave that up to the Lord to decide. After reading this, you will probably think that she did not get saved. Please pray that she would look to the Lord. She is 60 years old, but looks older than her age because of her life of sin. She has been in and out of jail and never been in the same place for any length of time. She has lived in and out of trouble her whole life, looking to drugs and alcohol for peace, but never having it. She grew up in a drunkard’s home; her father beat her up every day and never had anything good to say to her. She never knew her mom and knows nothing about what it is like to have a loving family. She married a man just like her father who abused her and left her to raise a son by herself. She has lived most of her life on the streets working dead end jobs just to survive. If you have been in the ministry for any length of time, you know you meet people who just cannot make it or get it straight. I know only the Lord Jesus Christ can change a person. We were all a little shocked to see her condition when she came to church. Her body was badly bruised with contusions on her face and neck. The top of her head had a huge lump, and she had cuts and bruises up and down her arms and legs. I asked her what happened. She said, “my boyfriend beat me with a metal pipe. I had wandered the streets all night crying, not knowing what to do, and while walking I found this.” I looked, and it was one of our church tracts crumpled in her hand. She said, “I read it, and it told me I needed Jesus. It had this address and phone number, so I came here this morning because I know this is what I needed.” At the end of the service she came forward and trusted Jesus Christ as her Savior.

Since her conversion, Valentina has had a desire and hunger to grow in the grace of God. She has been reading books, learning about the Lord, and asking legitimate questions. However, in recent days she fell back into her past life of sin. She came to the church seeking help. As a missionary, one of the problems we face is knowing who to help and when to help. Brother Vanya and I have many years of experience in this area. This time she came when we were not here. Ion, one of the orphan boys who we raise in our home, was working outside painting. Valentina asked to use his telephone, and while he was working, took off with the telephone never to return. We had to call the police. This has left Ion with questions: “Why would a Christian do this?” I told him that a Christian who lives in the flesh is capable of any sin. In the end, we had to file a police report for the stolen phone. Once again, Valentina will go to jail. Please pray Valentina would get right with the Lord, that Ion could learn from this situation, and that God would continue to instruct Ion in the way of the Word of God.

Brother Costya in Slobodzia has also reported that two of the orphan girls he cares for in his homes have trusted Jesus Christ as Savior. Please pray for Natalia and Victoria to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

We are grateful for all of you who go to work every day and sacrifice for the Lord’s work here in Moldova. We could not do what we are doing for Jesus without you. Thank you for your prayers and faithful support of God’s work here.

In His Service,

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