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A FEW WEEKS AGO I returned from a mission trip to the former Soviet Socialist Republic of Moldova.

It was an amazing trip filled with exciting ministry opportunities, challenges, and blessings. The Republic of Moldova is situated next to Ukraine and north of the Black Sea. It is a beautiful country with lots of history.

I left Romania on a sunny day, driving to Budapest, Hungary where I took a plane to Chisinau, the capital of Moldova. At the airport a pastor from the city of Balti met me, and after a few hours of driving through snow and ice, we finally arrived at the church. I stayed with Pastor Costel and his family for almost a week. Costel and Sanda have 4 beautiful daughters.

Each day I taught the Bible to 25 students that are very active in ministry in the nearby towns and villages. Every day I taught six classes, and each evening I preached at evangelistic gatherings organized by the church. After the services each night, I encouraged the Christian workers in the Lord as they sort different theological, biblical, cultural, and cross-cultural issues. The city of Balti has a population of over 145,000 people with many towns and villages nearby.

Each night at the evangelistic meetings, we had different musical groups from these towns and villages. I was impressed that some of the music was in the Russian language and some in Romanian. This was due to the fact that even though the



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official language in Moldova is Romanian, the language used by the youth that grew up under Communism is Russian.

Unlike many people in Western Europe, the people of Moldova are very open to the Gospel and eager to learn from the Word of God. Each night the auditorium was full and after the evangelistic meetings people were not in a hurry to go home. They hung around and had lots of questions. One night a visitor, after

the service as an appreciation for the message, wanted to give me a special gift she made. It was a wonderful origami swan. I've never seen anything origami look so beautiful, delicate, and so big. The five-year-old daughter of the pastor I stayed with fell in love with the swan... I gave it to her as a present when I left.

As I reflect on the recent trip to Moldova, I see many spiritually hungry people in need of salvation and encouragement, and a great

potential for ministry in this former Soviet Republic. Let's commit to pray that the Holy Spirit will show us what to do as a result of this mission trip and what actions we need to take so that God's will is accomplished through our lives and ministry.

Sincerely yours,
Cornel Bucur

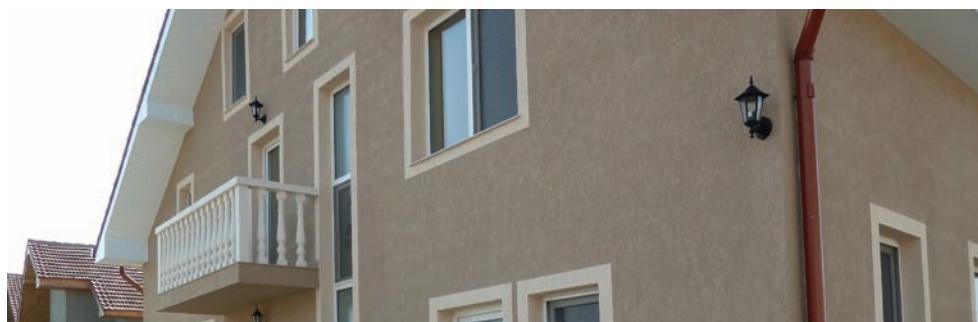
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PRAISE THE LORD! Everything is ready to receive the orphans at the House of Joy ministry project. Thank you so much for making this dream house possible.

Now, we need monthly sponsors for this project. We need 300 committed supporters at \$30/month. I challenge you to pray about becoming involved in this dream the orphans have: to belong to a family, to have a house they could call home, to spend time on a playground, to help and learn about vegetables in a small garden and to admire God's creation in the nearby forest.

That is the dream our orphan children have. Will you consider this challenge; will you specifically pray for this? If you hear from God about getting involved, please let us know. Consider partnering with us in what God is doing here in Romania.

Please contact us: PTJM - 1415 Wiley Street - Hollywood, FL 33020.



PRAYER REQUESTS

- For the daily needs of 24 orphan children that are part of our Foster Care ministry.
- For Dan, Tabita and Daniel as they lead the Orphan Mentoring at CP2 for 80 children.
- Protection for our staff in Romania as we travel bad roads and into dangerous communities.
- For Dan Iosza, full medical recovery. For strength and stamina to be able to minister to strong-willed children.
- For Karen as she is leading a ladies Bible study in the book of Daniel.
- For Cornel as he teaches each week in different local churches.
- For revival in the Republic of Moldova.
- For sponsors for our House of Joy - Safe Place.

