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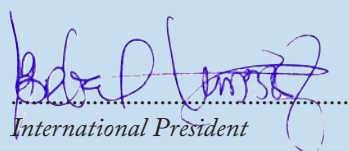
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The long-awaited light is returning, each passing day a few minutes longer and wonderful! Soon we will have put the cold and darkness of winter behind us.

In this newsletter we write about Silvester, who spent his whole life in an orphanage. Pastor Popa, who followed his upbringing, says he has now reached adulthood, is working but in need of his own home. Pastor Florin has, through his own contacts in Romania, almost completed the construction of a small house for Silvester. It is important that these orphanage children are not abandoned in adulthood, as many lack a safety net, since their biological family does not exist.

During the past year, a lot happened that contributed to the house soon being finished. What remains today is to furnish it with appliances and other things that will make his home complete. Silvester himself will contribute to the best of his ability but he cannot financially bear the entire burden. Let's help him together! Silvester is also the project of the month.

In the text next to this one we write a little about what lies ahead of us. A little preview of the project that we are working on and will write more about in future newsletters. Last year we started what will become a kind of social centre. We then did, as a first measure, the installation of solar panels. This is to reduce our electricity costs, as there is currently an energy crisis in Moldova. Now the situation is better, as we are completely self-sufficient in electricity. The facility is paid for in full, for which we feel very grateful to the Lord. But now we need to take new steps also financially to row this project ashore. Thank you for your generosity, we pray that the Lord will bless and fulfill your needs.


International President

Let's build something lasting together



The yellowish back end of the building will become a social centre. The bakery therefore needs to be moved, as it is in placed in the middle of the building (the left window) to make room for a simpler dining room and meeting area. The small picture is the location of the new bakery.

In previous newsletters, we have written and talked about the renovation project that we have started in Glodeni, Moldova where we operate. We have waited for many years, as the pandemic and other things postponed the start of this. The last three years, prices have skyrocketed for many things in Moldova, due to inflation, not least, the cost of building materials.

We have dreamed, prayed and talked about how the building, which is directly adjacent to both the meeting hall for the church and the bakery, will be used. This part of the building has previously been owned by an entrepreneur and used as a storage facility. We were given the opportunity to acquire it in 2018. But during all the years I have been visiting this place, I have laid my hands on this part of the building and prayed that we would be allowed to acquire it. This came true in 2018. Since then, we have talked and dreamed about how we can best use the premises, which consists of several rooms. What is clear is that we want it to serve people who are in difficulty, who need help with food, clothes and hygiene. We also want it to be a place where young people can feel at home.

During the winter, more concrete ideas have taken shape. But before we can start the "fun work", we must move the bakery, which is now located in the middle of the

building. We want to turn this part of the premises into a social meeting place. A place where the church can be invited to have coffee and socialize on Sundays. That's how we build a congregation. We also want the premises to be able to function as a dining room during the week, where people can come and have a simple lunch.

To be able to move the equipment, we need to cut holes in two walls, as the equipment will not fit through the door openings.

The idea is also to install showers for men and women on the opposite side of the bakery, along the corridor that runs through part of the building.

In discussions with the architects and builders, we have arrived at a total cost for this section of about 6-7,000 Euros. We expect to start this part of the renovation in March-April. We now ask the Lord to release financial resources so that we can begin this process. The needs remain great and a facility like this is very welcome and will fill a great need. It will, to a greater extent, place the church in the middle of the community and will be of benefit to many. We will return in future letters with further information. Ask the Lord for favour for this project. Any gift, large or small is greatly appreciated. Mark your gift with "Social Center, Moldova" Thank you!

Let's help Silvester

For many, many years, People to people International has been working in Romania. Many people have been helped over the years through cooperation with our partners and the pastors and congregations that we work with. Many organizations and congregations have received support and assistance. Financial support from the West is still important and, in some cases, absolutely necessary.

At the same time, we are happy when we see that initiatives are taken from those we support, with the aim of helping their own people.

For just over 10 years, we have collaborated with Pastor Florin Popa. Together we have implemented several major projects. Worth mentioning is Rebecka, who lost her husband as a result of the pandemic. People to People International then supported Florin in his work to complete the work on the house that her husband had started to build.

Together we were able to complete this construction project. She still lives there and visits one of Florin's congregations where he serves.

Now there is another such project that you can read about here. Pastor Florin has helped finance and build this house from the ground up for the benefit of an orphan who grew up in an orphanage.

What makes us happy as an organization is that Florin has used his own initiative and built this house. He has found the financial resources in Romania through his own contacts. The house is almost finished but needs a final "push" to be completed. We have been asked if we can help. That is why we are writing about it in this newsletter. We are positive about doing what we can to help Silvester to find his own home and future. Pastor Florin writes about Silvester:

"Silvester was abandoned by his mother as a newborn. His mother left him near a garbage dump because she did not want him. Fortunately, he was found by people with big hearts who took him in and offered him a home in the community of Cenalos, a few miles outside Oradea.

He grew up in a good and loving family that offered him the care and love he needed to develop into a good person. Silvester has completed his studies and has a permanent job. We are very proud of everything he has achieved.



The picture of Silvester's house was taken last spring. Most of the construction-related work is now complete. All that remains is to decorate and buy appliances and other things that are needed.



Silvester at the orphanage where he grew up.

Having reached this point in life, when he must go out and create his own path for himself, we consider it necessary to continue to stand by his side also when it comes to his immediate future. In this sense, we want to be part of building a place he can call "my home".

Since Silvester is a hard-working, responsible young man, always willing to fight, we now want to support him in building a future. That is why we want to build a house for him.

Our goal is to build the shell of the house, with walls and a roof, then with his savings continue to complete the

project, so that he can ultimately enjoy the achievements of his work."

Pastor Florin Popa

People to People International wants to support Florin in being able to carry out the last phase of the work. Your gift makes it possible for the work to be completed. The gift will be channelled through Florin's congregation. Please mark your gift "A house for Silvester" Thank you for your contribution!



There they are erecting the roof trusses on the house. Silvester has helped throughout the construction period.

