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Reaching out to a hurting world...

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## An update on Silvester's House



*A good bit of progress. The house has now had its exterior refacing. Then it will be painted on the outside. One of the rooms inside the house.*

We have already reached May. It is so hard to assimilate how time passed so quickly. For me, the months of May, June, July and August would be a bit easier if they each could be 8 weeks long instead of 4!

At the turn of the month, I travelled to Moldova for a little over four days. In this newsletter I will try to share some of what we did during the days. You can read about my impressions on the following page. One of the things we did was to visit Ana and her little family. We met in 2007 when she had just lost her husband in a tragic car accident. In some ways, life has moved on, but perhaps it hasn't gotten much easier. It was a nice reunion and we were able to provide her with some help, the repair of her washing machine and also financial help for a trip to Chisinau to treat her daughters' allergies.

We are also writing about Silvester, who lives in Oradea, Romania, and for whom we collected money a few months ago. We have now transferred this money, which amounts to 2,500 Euros. It will be a good help towards the completion of the house. Perhaps we have reason to tackle this project again, but since I'm planning a trip to Romania next month, I want to visit the house and meet Silvester. It is a good feeling to be able to give this help to a young man who is just starting his life as an adult. Growing up in an orphanage is rarely easy, but compared to life on the street, it is, of course, a great help to live in such an environment. Thank you for your commitment to help Silvester and for your wonderful support in prayer and donations. As you know, it means so much to us as a ministry that we can make a difference in people's lives half a world away. May the Lord's blessing be upon us all.

*Bob D. Moore*  
International President

Some time ago we raised funds for Silvester, who grew up in an orphanage, but now as an adult wants to move into his own living space; the house is now being built. It is certainly gratifying that we together have been able to give this help. The work has now progressed to completing the indoors. Pastor Florin Popa who is responsible for the work shares about the progress in this update. We would love to have been more advanced in the project but the availability of money determines our progress. We are not quite there yet when it comes to furnishing the house, because we have not had the funds needed to move on. However, with the help of the money provided by PTPI, we have now purchased floor tiles and hard wood etc. and continue the work of completing the bathroom and the other rooms in the house. Florin Popa, who is leading the work, shares the following:

"With God's help, we have reached the stage of working with the interior, such as floor tiles, painting of walls etc. Right now we are doing the final plastering of the walls, so we can start putting a coat of paint to the walls.

In the bathroom, we have started the work of tiling the walls and also laying floor tiles, with attention to detail to ensure a quality and durable finish.

Next, we will buy parquet flooring, and

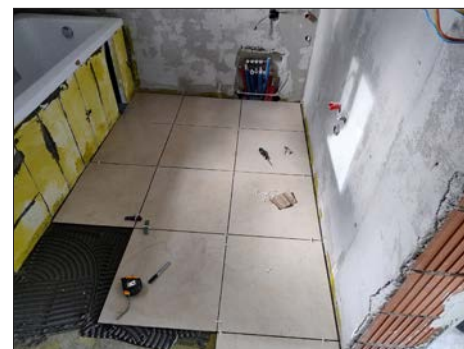
after we have finished painting the walls, we will lay it in the living room. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your support!

Thanks to the help received, we were able to purchase the necessary materials to continue the project. We are grateful to God for His care in everything.

We pray that the Lord will bless each of you and reward you for your generosity."

Pastor Florin Popa

It is indeed heartwarming to see how, with our combined efforts, we can create a future for a young man who would otherwise have risked ending up in distress. In the worst case scenario, a life on the streets awaited him, having no home to go to. But now he can soon move into his new house. For this we thank God who cares for us.



*The bathroom now has a durable floor.*

# Some reflections from my trip to Moldova

After I had made my way through passport control and collected my luggage, I was welcomed by Pastor Igor, his son David and my interpreter Nastia at the airport in Chisinau. Once outside the door, I was greeted by some pleasant summer weather. The trees were all sprouting with green leaves that surprised me, as there had been snow just a week or so earlier. We headed northwest, a drive that is a little over two hours long. On the way, we stopped in Balti, a few kilometers before Glodeni, for a bite to eat. It was early evening when we drove into the yard of Pastor Igor's house.

During the 15 years that we have worked in Moldova, we have visited many times. After doing a quick count, I can say that there are probably around 35 trips, maybe more. A lot has happened during these years, and I can clearly see that a positive development has taken place on several levels. But despite this, the country still has a long way to go before its social situation will have changed for the better. The social injustices are still great. Many are struggling with rising prices and their situation is not getting any better. That is why the help we offer in Glodeni becomes significant and important.

The main purpose of the trip was to hold a board meeting in the foundation that is responsible for the work, and as is also the recipient of the money we send. The main point was to discuss and take decisions about the renovation of the premises that will start soon. It was a good meeting where we were able to make decisions in principle about how to proceed. As we wrote in the last letter, we will relocate the bakery to a different room. A work that will start shortly.

I also set aside a lot of time for conversations, and often these also become a kind of spiritual counseling. Working as a pastor can often be quite lonely. Having the opportunity to talk and share experiences with each other means a great deal. A pastor is often tired and, in his work, Pastor Igor often shares time with people having a multitude of problems. But, as a pastor, finding someone to talk to that you trust, is often difficult. During the 15 years we have known each other, we have had some ups and downs. Some things have been tougher than others, but it has also built trust and friendship between us, essential for the work to continue.

Sunday meant that it was time for church service. This Sunday at the end of April, the



*Despite another big holiday, a lot of people came to the service. Ivan, a former night club singer, sang his beautiful songs about God and salvation.*



*Jorgen and Ana with her daughter.*



*Nice reunion with the Babalau family*

Orthodox Church celebrates something called Paste Blajinilor. The ethnological meaning of the word blajin (adj.) means friendly, well-meaning or kind-hearted person, but can also mean "Easter of the Dead". This tradition is strongly rooted among the people, even among those who have left the Orthodox faith and who now belong to the Evangelical church. So, this Sunday the church was not as well-filled. Tradition dictates that on this Sunday one visits the cemetery. One brings food and then celebrates the dead relatives by eating a meal at their grave side.

Of course, one can ponder the meaning of this tradition and for us as evangelical Christians it sounds a bit strange. But here, in the Orthodox tradition, it plays a role in people's lives. This tradition is not something that the church encourages, but it still respects those who, despite their conversion, want to visit the grave of their relatives on this Sunday. We who gathered had a blessed time together, where I preached about eternal hope and that we are never, regardless of circumstances, left without hope.

We also visited Ana. Ana is currently

unemployed as she has difficulty finding work that suits, with also taking care of her children and her mom. We encouraged her to try to find a job that can make her situation easier. Under the current circumstances, she lives on the social support she receives for her two children, about 50 Euros a month. Her mother receives also about 100 Euros in pension. Ana also receives support from a woman here in Sweden. Together they live off this income. With simple mathematics we understand that no one can really live on this money. Life, therefore, becomes difficult, if not impossible, to make ends meet.

We feel grateful for everything that we get to experience and that we can achieve with our joint efforts. Your prayers, your gift and commitment mean so much. We are now looking forward with excitement to what God wants to do and that we now can begin a new phase in the work. Do what you can to financially support the renovation that will soon begin. All the gold and all the silver are the Lord's. Everything we have, we have received from the Lord and belongs to him. Therefore, serve the Lord with the resources you have.

