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Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ from Eastern Europe:

We are so thankful to the Lord for all of you who hosted us and worked so hard to hold conferences during our time in the states. We look forward to co-laboring together with our newfound friends and partners to continue to expand the Lord's Kingdom in Eastern Europe and beyond. Words cannot express our appreciation for all of your prayers.

Since the beginning of our ministry we have had the vision and heart for orphans to be placed in loving Christian homes and with the Lord's help, now have five Homes of Hope in Romania, Moldova, Transnistria and India. Valerica (pictured far right below with my mother and father) is the first orphan



that we helped on the mission field. We first met him in 1999 when he was living on the street, drunk, beaten and in

a very bad situation. With God's help, we took him in to care for him and he lived with us at the headquarters in Iasi. His heart's desire was to find his family so, with the help of a lawyer we found his mother.



He then lived with his mother for about six years, and in 2010 he returned to us at the headquarters. He was baptized in church in 2011, was involved in the mission of the church and accompanied us on visits. He stayed with us for four more years and in 2014 he left again to care for his mother. Unfortunately, she

passed away last year because of alcohol addiction, so in December of 2017 he returned to the headquarters where he wants to be useful in his life, because he feels that we are his family now as he has no one else, not even a sister or brother.



We try to involve him in the activities of the church so God can use him in His expansive field where the Harvest is great and the laborers are few. Won't you please continue to pray for him as he seeks the Lord's will for His life?

Our growing "family" here at the headquarters in Iasi does not only include our own adopted children but those who seek to fulfill the Lord's will in their lives. As we have shared with you in the past many are high school and college students who want to be discipled and get a good education. They come from all walks of life, but mostly from the poor rural areas of Eastern Europe. Ilie Canariov is another



young man who has returned to us to be a part of what the Lord is doing here and **we pray that the Lord would help us to provide for his as well as the other's needs.** Ilie shares his special testimony, which gives hope to all those parents who pray

for their children to return to the Lord:

Everything that God has done in my life from the beginning, what He is doing and what He will do is the harvest of my Lord's suffering. To Him be all the glory. My name is Ilie and I am from a large family of twelve children. I am from Bender, Moldova and ever since I was little my father taught important things from the Bible and how I must live a good life. Unfortunately I did not take those things into my heart; I chose to be influenced by bad friends and do sinful things. After seventh grade, I left to study in Iasi, Romania, but this did not change my life. I was doing the same bad things here until one moment, during the 2014 Easter holiday when I was home in Moldova, my mom insisted I go with her to visit a Christian sister from another village. While in this woman's house, we prayed and in one moment, the deepest secrets of my heart were discovered. In that moment, through

God's Grace, my heart and my life were turned to God and I received freedom from my sins, in Jesus Christ and through His blood and after that I was baptized in Jesus' Name. After that big decision, my life's direction changed and my desire was to serve God full time with all of my being. I tried to serve God and study at the university at the same time. Recently, with a few friends of mine, I visited Iasi, to do mission work with some brothers and sisters from church and we preached the Gospel on the street. God opened my eyes to see that this city needs Him and I felt the desire of God's Heart for the people of this city. I felt that God is calling me to serve Him here. My heart's desire is to preach the Gospel through God's Grace. To fulfill the purpose that God left for us, which is to make disciples so they can also make other disciples growing the Lord's Kingdom larger and larger. I want to be part of God's work and to be used by Him, sharing the Truth and to be a servant for God's children and to those who want to be His children.



Valentin and Vera Stratu along with their two children Emanuela and Emanuel have also joined us here at the headquarters. Valentin will be serving in the area that our recently beloved brother Ghitza retired from. **They will help with the ministry as well as the Iasi church plant.** Valentin is a very good example of why we feel the annual children and youth summer camps are so vitally important. He grew up in Northern Moldova and was raised in a Christian home and in church. He loved the church services and children's programs but when he grew older, he slowly started missing church more and more and became involved with bad influences, not wanting to listen to God's Word any further. He shares how the camps influenced him: *I began to think that when I grow up, I will run away from home and live just as I want to, far away from God. But, in my mind I knew what I was doing was very bad, and my decisions were making my parents sad, as well as my teachers and worst of all, God. My parents sent me to a lot of christian*

*camps and the last night during those camps the preachers gave the call to repentance after writing our sins on a piece of paper and throw it in the fire. In those moments I felt better, was happy that Jesus forgave my sins just as the fire burned my piece of paper. I always came back home full of joy, but at the first temptation fell down again and again, and couldn't wait to go to camp again each summer so I could write my sins **again** and burn them in fire.*

One summer at the age of 15, I was far away from God and my parents insisted I go to church with them because there were evangelistic guests coming from Romania and America. I went out of respect of my parents but sat in a chair far in the back so no one could see my face. I didn't realize God saw me, and He was watching deep in my soul. I remember the song, the poem and the message that called my heart to serve God for all my life. I accepted God in my heart in that evening, July 21, 2001.

He and his precious wife, Vera has been involved in mission work since they were married in Southern Moldova. Vera was saved at the age of 11 and involved with praise and worship and more recently working with orphans. We have long prayed that the Lord would surround us with a team of people who have the heart's desire to do the will of God and we see this slowly happening. We are so thankful for those who return to us to work along side us on the mission field but it also brings the challenge of having so many more residing with us and providing for the needs they are unable to pay for themselves. **We pray that the Lord would lay on someone's heart to sponsor one or more of these precious harvest time workers monthly (\$100 each per month or any amount is welcome).**

We are so thankful to the Lord and to our partners and friends who continue to pray and support our mission work. You are so vitally important to us and to the Lord and we pray that He will strengthen you and abundantly bless you and your families as we see the coming of His soon return. We also pray that the Lord would touch the heart's of the young people in the United States to become mission minded as He has touched those who are residing with us now.

We love you all and pray for you daily.

Love In Christ,

Ghiorghi and Cristina Cazacu