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Happy New Year's Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ from Eastern Europe:

As we pray for a wonderful New Year for all of our friends and partners, we also pray that this will be our most fruitful year yet! The Lord continues to do great things in Eastern Europe through all of your prayers, faithful support and love. Please celebrate with us the fruition of all the prayers and diligence that has made a difference in so many lives!

With great joy, we closed out 2016 with our Annual Shoe Project distribution. Because of your generosity, the orphans at the Cornesti Tuberculosis Recovery Orphanage received new winter boots so they would be able to play outside comfortably.



It is such an awesome blessing to see the joy on their faces as they receive their gifts and new shoes. A team of 29 local college students from lasi, packed in 5 cars and joined us to present the Gospel message to the children and staff as we have each time we visit.



The director of the orphanage expressed so beautifully their thankfulness for all of you who have had a heart for these precious little ones throughout these past years and have been a large part in providing for their needs.

We are so very humbled and thankful to see our vision come to fruition that God gave us so long ago

for the Homes of Hope. The Lord Jesus Christ has done great things in the family of Pastor Anatol and Lillia throughout the years as we look back to the first time we met Boris at the orphanage in Cornesti when he was 8 years old.



melted He our hearts when he told us that he had "no mother and father and no grandmother or grandfather" and to please take him home with us. He was placed in the

loving home of Anatol and Lillia and has grown to become a young man who will now serve his country proudly in the Army. What a great joy to see these orphans growing into Godly men and women.



It is also exciting to share that their youngest adopted daughter, Veronica and her husband Radu



now are proud parents of a little girl named Olesa. We rejoice along with them to see this vision come to fruition and that these children have been kept from vldiszog beina

part of the sex traffic trade or involved in prostitution that has plagued so many. We look to the future and ask that you pray along with us that many more will take orphans into their own loving Christian homes and raise them to be Godly parents as well.

Because of our friends and partners generosity, the widows have been provided with ample wood and

coal for the winter, to heat their homes and cook on their stoves.





They always greet us with such joy and take time each day to pray for those whose hearts are compassionate here in America. We are so thankful to all of you that pray and support this vital ministry for the widows of Sculeni, the elderly and poor.

On our last visit to Paicu, Moldova to visit sister Tamara (bottom picture) who is not only building a refuge

for abused children but also an elderly home for those who have been left by their families and forgotten.





We were amazed to see the progress that is being made in the construction. With the help of church members and as funds are available they continue to strive towards completion. So many elderly are in need of a home their families as abandoned them and are uncared for. Please keep sister

Tamara in prayer for her own health challenges and for the Lord to provide funds for the completion of this vital project. As it says in Psalm 68:5-6, "A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy habitation. God sets the solitary in families..."

We are so thankful for your prayers and support for the widows, orphans and refugees through the years. We ask that you pray along with us in 2017 for even more souls to be saved and continue to pray for these precious ones, especially for those who have lost all hope, such as 42-year-old Serghei who came to the Rehabilitation center in Bender. He lived with 2 others friends in the basement of a dilapidated building that had no heat in winter. Because of rough



conditions and the use of drugs and alcohol, he suffered from frostbite and had both legs amputated to survive. Ever since he came to the rehab center in Bender with both of his friends 3 years ago, his life has changed. His desire is to continue working at the

center the rest of his life and to help in the best way he can in the kitchen, gardening and feeding the animals. On one of our last visits and as we shared with him, he asked if we could help him in buying prosthesis for his legs which were amputated below the knees. Please pray along with us for this great need for this precious brother. This center is also



greatly in need of new beds to replace the decrepit beds they now have. Please pray along with us that the Lord would help us fill this need as it is our hearts desire to help them purchase 30 new beds, including mattresses, pillows and sheets, which will cost \$250 per bed.

With a new year comes new fresh hope for the future. May the Lord Jesus Christ help all of us to remain focused on Him, running the race He has set before us with joy and expanding His Kingdom through the harvest of souls. Our greatest joy is found in doing His will as He supplies us with strength and grace. Our prayer for you in this New Year is that He would shower your families with abundant spiritual and physical blessings to overflowing, that you may then bless others. We pray that He would find us all upon His soon return doing His will and that we would hear, "well done thou good and faithful servant". We love you all and appreciate all that you do for His Kingdom expansion!

Love in Christ,

Ghiorghi and Cristina Cazacu