

Greetings to our partners,

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The Lord has commissioned us to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey everything he has commanded us. We want to share with you some of the lives that have been impacted through your prayer and faithful giving.

Dimitru was abandoned as a newborn and grew up in Communist Romanian orphanages. At the age of 8 his room in the orphanage caught fire and he jumped off a balcony to save himself. That fall caused one of his legs to be shorter than the other and created an extra hardship for him. At the age of 18, the orphans are forced to leave the orphanage, having no one. They turned him out with \$100 and his only possessions kept in a grocery bag. He tried working on a farm but he was laid off at the end of the summer. He had no money and no place to go. He showed up at our door asking if he could spend just one night. He stayed with us for 4 years, during which time he had surgery to lengthen his leg and had one hip replacement. While his body was healing, his spirit was also and he received the Lord and was baptized. He wanted to try to make it on his own, so he left for a time. Two years later, he was back because he needed a second hip replacement and had no one to turn to who would care for him for the six months he needed to heal. His loneliness was overwhelming him, so he came back to stay with us. *Psalm 68:6 "God sets the lonely in families."* We made room at our table for him and now we are his family. Discipleship often takes time, an investment of your life into the life of another.



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Our baby Daniel was also abandoned in the hospital as a newborn, but God spared him the agony of loneliness and brought him into our loving home. Dimitru has a very tender heart toward Daniel, and it is such a joy to see them walking hand in hand. Both had the same beginning but their lives took very different paths. As you pray for Dimitru, ask the Lord to complete the work he began and fully restore him so that the bruises and scars on his soul are healed by the love of our heavenly Father.

I, Ghiorgi, travel 2 ½ to 3 weeks out of every month. I spend time with the national missionaries, with their families, and I listen to their struggles. Like Paul did for Timothy, I stir up the gifts God has placed in them and encourage them to complete their calling without fear. As I traveled this month I was alongside Brother Rubin Adrian, who oversees a dozen churches in northern Moldova. He is a man of vision and integrity. He received the Lord as a young man during the Communist years and was secretly baptized at midnight so that his parents would not go to jail for converting him to Christianity. He has been the overseer of children's and youth ministries in northern Moldova. Brother Rubin was offered to be a pastor in the United States, but he turned it down to remain in Moldova to serve among his people in the 360 villages which had no Christian witness. As a result of his obedience and sacrifice, God has promoted him and he will soon oversee 60 to 70 churches and spend most of his time traveling the bumpy roads of Moldova to mentor the pastors and encourage the flocks.



Brother Rubin with his wife Simona and 6 of his 7 children.

Brother Rubin planted his first church in Lopatnic on the Romanian/Moldovan border and your partnership provided the floor for this church. He teaches in a Bible school in one of his church plants in CorJeuti, where 12 young men study the Word of God five days a week and then go forth to serve in local churches and evangelizing alongside their teachers on Saturday and Sunday. Your partnership provides \$100 a month to help purchase bread



Brother Rubin and Ghiorghi ministered together at evangelistic meetings in Moldova.



Ghiorghi and Brother Rubin dedicate a baby as they minister along side each other in the villages of Moldova.



The elderly receive warm clothing shipped to us directly from China by a precious partner from the states.

for the Bible School students, and their village home churches bring potatoes or whatever they have to sustain them. Brother Rubin draws no salary but depends entirely upon the offerings of the churches he oversees to support his wife and 7 children. Occasionally he takes a construction job to supplement their income.

We ministered in 18 villages in 8 days in churches ranging in size from 30 to 150. One of those meetings was a regional youth conference in Drochia where 15 teens came to the Lord. In every meeting people get saved, churches are growing, and new converts are being disciplined.

Last summer I was with Brother Rubin and his evangelistic group, Maranatha, to hold a meeting in Rotunda, Moldova, where the Gospel had not been heard. The village of 2000 was hostile toward us, and the mayor refused to allow us access to the community center to hold our meeting. But one brave woman stepped forward, resisting the threats of the local religious figures. She was desperate. Her son had cancer and she asked us, "Would you pray for my son that the Lord might have mercy on him and heal him?" We went immediately to pray for her son. She offered to let us use her yard and her power supply to hold our meeting. From all over the village people heard the music and were drawn to the yard where they heard the Good News. Fifteen people were saved that day and a church was planted. Because of their witness for Jesus, the mayor has had a change of heart and now a piece of property has been found for \$2500 in the middle of the village to build a church. Due to deflation, a modest church building could be erected for less than ten thousand dollars to house this growing body of believers.

Please seek the Lord and ask Him for seed to help build this church or to sponsor Brother Rubin's family. A monthly gift of \$250 would enable him to devote himself exclusively to the ministry and provide a simple stable existence for his wife and children. Should the Lord direct you to sow any amount into Brother Rubin's life, we will praise the Lord knowing that your share of his sponsorship will result in the blessings of God in your life.

Economic hard times are impacting Eastern Europe and the whole world and GMI has not been immune to its impact. But God is so faithful, and He still gives us seed to sow. We are so thankful for a dear partner who blessed so many with 700 sets of specially designed clothing made for hunters to keep them warm in the most frigid temperatures. He shipped them direct to us from China, and we had no trouble "hunting" for those grateful recipients this past winter. We went straight to the Elder Care centers in Bender, Transnistria, and Stefanesti, Romania, where there is no central heat and the residents struggle to keep warm in the harsh winters. Oh the joy on their faces when they received these gifts! Many there

suffer from mental or physical handicaps and have been rejected since birth. No one has ever done anything like this for them in their entire lives. Many were crying. They clutched the packages to their chests and some snuggled up with their bundle as with a precious loved one. The heart of God is moved by the orphans and the abandoned. He is Father to the fatherless and we know He was smiling as each of his elderly children received these gifts of love. We praise God for His wonderful works and for faithful partners who reach out to the lonely.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our Annual Partner Banquets this month. The Dallas Banquet will be held on April 17th at the Dallas Renaissance Hotel and the St. Louis Banquet on April 24th at the Crowne Plaza/Bridgeton. We want to celebrate you and all that God has done through you in Eastern Europe.

May the Lord prosper you even as your soul prospers,

Ghiorghi, Cristina, David, Diana, Nicoleta, Leah, and Daniel Cazacu