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Blessings of the Lord Jesus Christ from Eastern Europe!

Thank you for your continued support and prayer. We would like to share some praise reports of what the Lord is doing in Eastern Europe.



Every year we are blessed to celebrate the National Missionaries' labor at the water baptisms. The commitment of the people who have chosen to follow the Lord is very special. It is a major decision to deny the Orthodox religion and be baptized in the Christian faith. While Eastern Europe was in the grip of Communism, Christians were forced to meet and be baptized in secret to avoid persecution.

In America, we do not face such strong opposition and cannot fully comprehend the gravity of



this drastic decision. The Orthodox Church christens a child around 2-months-old and begins to engrain the teachings before actually understanding their religion. It becomes a traditional way of life rather than a choice made with sincerity.

Ghiorghi was able to speak in Corjeuti, Moldova where about 40 people were baptized in a small river. The hillside resembled a Biblical scene and was covered with families watching loved ones on this special occasion.

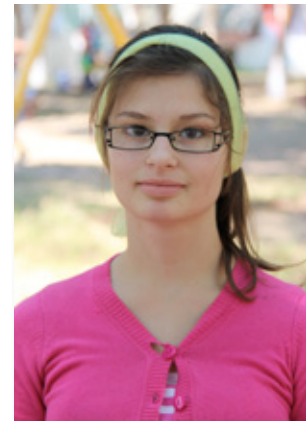
We believe in investing in a younger generation for the hope of a nation. At least 50 percent of the children who attend

the summer camps are not from Christian backgrounds. Many come from villages where new Christian churches are being planted by our National Missionaries. It is amazing to see the dramatic change in the children's personalities after just a few days in the Christian camps. It is such a blessing to see the majority of these children accepting Christ during the camp's altar call.



The children who attend these summer camps provide an avenue for ministering to their families and friends. However, for some of the children this is not an easy decision to accept the Lord. Many are persecuted for their decision to leave the Orthodox Church.

Nicola is an amazing girl who attended the Cimiseni Summer Camp. The father is always beating her and her mother. As a result, Nicola suffered a mental break down while studying in Ireland and was placed in a mental institution. She allowed a Christian man to pray for her healing even though she was raised in the Orthodox religion. She was healed and started attending a Pentecostal church when she returned to Moldova but was soon met with much persecution from her family. She is constantly told that she is evil and doing wicked things when she reads the Bible but she remains strong in her devotions. Throughout her life, Nicola was taught that God exists but He is not really part of our lives, He's just hanging "out there" somewhere and we pray when there is something major that we need help with. Now, Nicola is experiencing the love and constant presence of God in her life and she is so full of joy even though she is daily persecuted for her faith.



We can see the results of the summer camps, even in the children from the *Homes of Hope* who attended this summer.

It brings us so much joy to see Boris, Veronica and Anatol respond to the altar call and accept Christ. Ghiorgghi said, "It brought me to tears to see Boris giving his life to the Lord. As you may know, Boris was in the Cornesti orphanage with no Mom or Dad." His biological father and only present parent



was a severe alcoholic. He would often leave Boris outside chained to a doghouse while he drank. One night Boris' father never returned. He was found frozen to death after drinking himself into a coma and Boris became an orphan. Boris was soon known as the worst kid in a government-operated orphanage. He was hated by most of the other orphans and the older children would beat him. He became extremely violent as a result of this treatment.



During one of Ghiorgghi's frequent visits to the Cornesti orphanage, Boris finally cast his tough demeanor aside as he wept over Ghiorgghi's shoulder. Boris pleaded to find a home and cried, "I want a mom, a dad and grandparents." GMI's *Homes of Hope* project was birthed through this heart-wrenching encounter with Boris, whose cry still speaks for many other orphans, each with their own story yet all desiring a family. GMI continues to find

Christian families to lovingly raise orphans as their own children. These children are disciplined and taught valuable life skills they would never develop within an orphanage.

GMI sponsors a team of 15 people to travel to a village and help the underprivileged children, elderly and lead evangelism meetings. In Ocnita, Moldova these teams will meet people tending the fields or in a market and invite them to attend evening evangelism meetings in the village. There they will

hear the gospel, then are given opportunities for salvation and healing.



We praise God for Veronica's healing during an evangelism meeting in Ocnita. She was beaten by her husband and lost hearing in her left ear in addition to a thyroid problem.

The village of Birnova, Moldova also held it's first evangelical meeting this month. Some national missionaries organized the meeting in a soccer field by going door-to-door and inviting people throughout the village to attend this public meeting. About 50 people made the decision to follow Christ that night.



As a result of these evangelism meetings, new churches are planted and the existing churches are revived and inspired to grow. We thank the Lord that through these teams, villages are awakened and shown the love of God in practical ways. The cost to sponsor an evangelism team is \$1,500 per week.

We are honored and thankful to the Lord for your continued prayer and investment in the work of Eastern Europe. All of these things are made possible through your generosity. We appreciate your prayers for the continuing summer camps and lives that are being touched by the gospel.

Love in Christ,

Ghiorgghi, Cristina, Nicoleta, Diana, David, Lia, Daniel & Timotei Cazacu