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

We are grateful to return from our visit in the United States to our children and our brothers and sisters in Christ who long for us when we are away. School will soon be over, and both David and Nicoleta must prepare for surgeries. David had one surgery for crossed eyes when he first came to our family, but he needs another more extensive surgery to continue to correct his vision. Nicoleta must have her nose broken and repaired to correct sinus issues which resulted over time from her burns as an infant. Both are major surgeries and the children would appreciate your prayers for their quick recoveries.



Boris, from the Home of Hope in Tiberica Meleseni, Moldova was struck in the forehead with a rock thrown over their fence.

A most urgent matter at our Home of Hope in Tiberica-Meleseni, Moldova, also needs your fervent and effectual prayer. Last week someone threw a stone over the fence into the yard where Boris, the first orphan placed by GMI in a Home of Hope, was tending the animals. The rock struck him in the middle of the forehead and he bled for two hours before it could be stopped. Boris was abandoned at the age of 5. He had been neglected and physically abused by an alcoholic parent. The authorities took him to the Cornesti Orphanage, where Ghiorghi and Cristina met him. His first foster family also abandoned him, but finally his Home of Hope family gave him the love and acceptance he needed and his heart began to heal. That this boy would be the innocent target of hatred toward Christians causes us great anguish. This is the second time someone in the village has wounded one of the children at the Home of Hope.



The Home of Hope family in Tiberica-Meleseni with a visiting missionary from America. (Back row l to r), Lilia, Ghiorghi, Anatoli and Roy Wanta from Wisconsin. The five adopted children in the front

Often in the dark hours of the night those same lost people come to the Home of Hope and shake the fence until it wakes the family. Their goal is to frighten this Christian family into leaving the village. Indeed, the children are very frightened by this. Please pray for Anatoli and Lilia that the Holy Spirit will fill them with supernatural strength, courage, and wisdom as they make the best decision for their precious family.

We know you are shocked and saddened by reading this. The heart of God is also toward the fatherless. But He has called us to a standard different than the world. To us Jesus says *“You have heard that it was said, ‘you shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do*

not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brethren only, what do you do more than others? Do not even the tax collectors do so? Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.” Matthew 5: 43-48. When we visited the family, we joined them on our knees praying for their lost neighbors. We ask you now to pray for the

salvation of many souls in Tiberica-Meleseni. This is the weapon with which we fight. May God have mercy on them that some might respond to the invitation to be His sons and daughters.

Other attacks against those we love are more veiled but no less deadly. Drug and alcohol addiction affects one family in four in the United States, and it is a worldwide epidemic. But our God is the king of second chances. GMI already assists one rehabilitation center in northern Transnistria, and now God has opened another door for us to love the most rough, the most downcast and to extend His mercy toward them.



National missionary Vadim Boltenko ministers to a man who planned to end his life.



This is one of 3 buildings that the men at the rehabilitation center are renting to live in.

Alexandru Berladean got delivered from a lifestyle of alcoholism and violence and was discipled by national missionary Brother Anatoly Gurgarov in Bender, Transnistria. He got married and had a stable life. But he was looking for opportunity and spent four years in Sacramento, California, where he was when God called him to return home and minister to those struggling with addictions. Only two months ago he returned to Transnistria and began a search for property. They were turned away by villages who did not want society's rejects among them. But as Alexandru was returning to Bender, he gave a ride to a hitchhiker, and this unexpected passenger showed them a piece of land and buildings they were able to rent to start the work.

At about that same time, national missionary Vadim Boltenko noticed a man in town who appeared to be despondent and drunk. This man received the Lord, and then revealed to the brother that he had been planning to slit his wrists and end his life that very night. Vadim himself had been rescued from a life of alcoholism and prison, and now pastors a church in Leontevo, Transnistria and ministers to the most hurting in village after village. This new convert became the first resident in the rented facility and now there are four damaged men being given opportunity for a new life.

We have the opportunity to purchase the three buildings for only \$15,000 and there are more than ten acres of land which could be purchased for only \$1,000 per acre. Growing crops and raising small animals is a vital part of restoring self-esteem as these men learn to support themselves. The project goal is to provide a healing center for 30 men and 15 women. This location is ten miles from Bender, which provides an excellent opportunity for spiritual teaching and support from The Salvation Church. Someone you know and love may be struggling to overcome the ravages of addiction. God

knows their need and hears your prayers for those you love. As you are a part of giving a second chance to these men and women you do not know, we stand with you to believe for the deliverance of that one so near to your own heart.

While you make your plans for summer vacation whether large or small, please remember the children who need a tiny bit of joy in their lives. You can sponsor a child for a four-day summer camp for only \$30. This may be the best vacation bargain to be found in the world with eternal benefits!

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit,

Ghiorgi, Cristina, Nicoleta, Hadassah, David, Leah, and Daniel Cazacu