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Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ,

More than 8 years ago when the Lord put it in our hearts to minister not only to the spiritual needs but the physical needs of the orphans in Eastern Europe we had a very humble beginning. Our budget for distributing shoes for Christmas was for only fifty pair. I went to the owner of the shoe manufacturing plant and shared the need for shoes at a reasonable price. He asked me what I was going to do with them. I told him they were to go to orphans in Cornesti and he asked "How many children are there?" I said "120." He responded, "How will you handle the other children who do not get shoes?" We had no answer. He said, "We will match you pair for pair." I remember that first shoe distribution when a little child took them in his lap and inhaled the smell of "brand new" and seeing his smile. It is a heavenly feeling to touch the life of a precious little orphan. Because of the gifts that come from you, our dear partners, we set a goal of 1,000 pairs of shoes in 2010, and the Lord moved in your hearts. We give glory to the Lord for all of you as you participate in this ministry.



At this first shoe distribution 8 years ago we had a budget for 50 pair. The Lord blessed us in 2010 with dear partners who provided for 1000!

There were many testimonies and thanks sent back to you, and I will share just one of the stories that touched my own heart. The Varcaci family has 9 children. When the mother was 6 months pregnant with her ninth child, the doctors said she had to abort in order to save her own life. She refused, trusting the Lord for His decision. She gave birth to a healthy daughter who has brought great joy to the family. As I heard her testimony last year, I agreed to help their local church with construction materials to put a toilet in the house as the children were continually getting sick. When I was putting together the 2010 list for shoe distribution, the Lord brought them into my mind and I added them. The national missionary went to their home to deliver the shoes. He cried when he learned that they had only one pair of winter shoes in the entire family, and those belonged to the father. Recently, two of the older sons became ill and needed to see a doctor. One boy wore the shoes in the morning and took himself for treatment, then he returned home and the other boy wore the shoes and took himself for treatment. A week later they repeated the process for follow-up care. The national missionary asked "How do you go to church?" The mother replied with tears in her eyes, "We take turns. The oldest son goes on Sunday, the father goes on Wednesday, and the younger son goes on Thursday." We presume that the younger boys and girls did not get to go to church or to school at all unless there was no snow and they could wear their summer shoes. With great joy they expressed their gratitude to the Lord that they will be able to all go to church together. The Lord knows the distress of his children and He hears their cries. We want to express thanks to all of you, the ones who prayed and the ones who made a great sacrifice to give. Please pray for the shoe manufacturer, Brother John, who sells us the shoes at his cost. Ask the Lord to bless John, his wife Renata, and their five children as they have been a blessing to so many.



The Varcaci family took turns wearing the father's winter shoes, the only pair in the household. They had to go to church one at a time.

To expand the Kingdom of God, GMI partners help national missionaries establish local churches and build modest worship centers for the new believers. Enroute from his home to his first church plant in Leontiev, Transnistria, National Missionary Vadim Boltenco was frequently traveling through a village named Gradinta, which means "kindergarten" in English. He noticed a lot of children hanging around in the small community park with nothing to do. He stopped and asked them if they knew anything about God. They did not. So he got out his guitar and began to teach them some songs of praise, and continued to minister to them in the park as he traveled through. He started to cry out to the Lord for these children, knowing that if they are not reached with the Gospel while they are young, their hearts will be hardened after they start to taste the things of this world. Vadim knew firsthand the lure and destruction of the world's ways. A life of alcoholism, drug addiction, and crime eventually landed him in prison. There he heard the Gospel and received the Lord. Today his life is radically transformed. He is happily married to Lulia, a father to four children, and serving the Lord as an evangelist and pastor and one of our sponsored national missionaries.

Vadim noticed an abandoned Jehovah's Witness building and learned that after many years of effort they had no converts and had given up on Gradinta. He approached his overseer, Pastor Anatol Gurgarov, about planting a church. Pastor Anatol had no extra resources to give him, but he asked his congregation in the Salvation Church in Bender to fast and pray for a miracle from the Lord.



The family of GMI sponsored National Missionary Vadim Boltenco, who quietly set aside a portion of his own income in faith, believing God for a church building in an unreached village.



Carpenini is open for services while they complete the work. We are believing God for 4 more churches to open their doors in 2011.



By the grace (divine favor) of God, our five oldest children became U.S. Citizens on January 31. Come celebrate with them at the Annual Partner Banquet.

By faith and without telling anyone, Vadim began to set aside part of his monthly support from GMI to purchase that building. When he had \$400, he approached the owner of the Jehovah's Witness building and offered his down-payment toward the purchase of the building. They agreed on a price, and then the Body of Christ came together to establish this work. The Salvation Church members sacrificially gave \$2000. The United Pentecostal Union gave \$3000. And GMI gave the remaining \$1800 to complete the purchase. While the abandoned building needs remodeling, the structure is solid and they decided to open up the building and begin services. The first Sunday twelve children and two parents came. Week two they had fifty. By the third Sunday, 70 children flocked around him and they began to bring their parents. Only the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ draws people from the darkness into the Light. Heat, fencing, and benches will cost at least \$5,000. Pray for this new church in Gradinta and pray for Vadim. He wants to relocate his family between the 2 churches in Leontiev and Gradinta. This church plant is a great testimony to the power of faith and prayer with fasting. God honored submission to authority and working as a team, with local Christians putting up 80% of the funds. We are so thankful for the partners of GMI who faithfully give so that we can respond when the Lord is moving. All glory is due to the Lord. We thank you for your continued prayer for each location and for any part you may want to play in completing this faith project.

We are believing God for another four churches to be built in Moldova this year. We have already purchased land and built a foundation in Rotunda, and purchased a house for remodeling in Ivanovca. The church in Carpenini is holding services, but needs about \$5,000 to be fully complete. We are believing God for resources to provide buildings in Grenauti and Sarata Veche. In each location, GMI helps to purchase materials, but the local saints use their own skills to construct buildings or remodel, and are thus fully invested in the success of the new churches. If you would like to personally come and visit these local congregations, please contact the GMI Office.

The Lord favored us with a miracle adoption for our son Timotei. In December his adoption was approved by the Child Protection authorities in Romania, and the Romanian Passport Services and the U.S. Embassy all responded speedily to provide a visa for Timotei to come to the U.S. with the rest of the family. We thank the Lord after many years of prayer, fasting, and believing, He gave us six children. It was the desire of our hearts that someday they would become part of America. We believe God will continue to have His hands on this precious nation as long as we obey Him, trust Him, and serve Him with all that we are. Shortly after we arrived, it was time for the children's interview for U.S. citizenship. We arrived at the Immigration Office in St. Louis the day the big snow storm was coming. The authorities were so kind (and anxious to go home). Quite unexpectedly, they interviewed the children as a group, processed our papers on the spot, and found an officer to do a private swearing in. The five oldest children became U. S. citizens! We are so thankful to the Lord. He made a way for them to be part of America. Please pray for them to honor the heritage of the greatest nation on the earth. As the pilgrims came for true freedom, the freedom of religion, so we want our own children to be the light of the Gospel in this nation without compromise. We will return to Eastern Europe in April to do the work of the Lord. Some day our children may give their lives to serve God in America or to other nations and people.

Thanks to all of you who have welcomed us into your homes during our stay in the United States. God has blessed us with a great many

wonderful friends. Eleven years ago, the two of us left America to serve the Lord. Now eight of us return and traverse the land in our van. Though we love you, we can't get to all of you in person. However, we want to invite you to our Annual **Partner Banquet, "As For Me and My House, We Will Serve the Lord," at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Bridgeton, Missouri, on Friday, March 25, at 6:30 p.m.** We will introduce our family to you, and we will celebrate a wonderful time together.

We love and appreciate you.

Ghiorghi Cazacu

Together with Cristina, Nicoleta, Hadassah, David, Lia, Daniel, and Timotei