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Greetings from Eastern Europe to our beloved partners and fellow laborers in Christ,

We always thank God for you, making mention of you in our prayers, knowing that it is your prayers and support that sustain us and enable us to fulfill the vision He gave us to “change lives, restore families, and transform nations by making disciples of Jesus Christ.” Two of our GMI Board Members were part of our last mission team for the summer from St. Louis Christian Center. The team had the opportunity to get a broad view of the various impacts the ministry is making. They visited a Bible School, rehabilitation centers, summer camp, elderly care center, Home of Hope, and held a women’s conference.



The cook at the Ribnica Rehabilitation Center was led to the Lord by a GMI national missionary. Released after 35 years with no place to go, he was welcomed into God's family of brothers at the Center.

The vision for transforming nations always included teaching the Christians whom God has prospered through this ministry to bless others in the household of faith. The team visited the rehabilitation center for men and women in Ribnica in northern Transnistria and we had the occasion to celebrate the manifestation of that part of the vision.

Three years ago a small group of men and women at the rehabilitation center struggled to sustain themselves on a rented parcel of land. This property was sold out from under them, but God told us in James 1:2 to “*count it all joy when you fall into various trials.*” A different plot of land was found and we relocated the men and women in separate rehabilitation centers in the general area. Just as God blessed Jacob’s flocks in a new land He has also prospered this center in this new location. Your partnership has allowed us to bless the rehabilitation center with farm animals (rabbits, chickens, pigs, goats, sheep, and a cow) and they are now self-sustaining, raising these farm animals and growing their own crops. There are presently eight men at the Ribnica men’s center who labor daily to care for the animals, crops, and each other. Perhaps the greatest miracle of all is that they have set their hearts not only to be blessed but to be a blessing to others (Genesis 12:3) in providing food weekly for 20 families in Ribnica that

account for a total of 240 people. While the mission team was at the children’s camp, they witnessed the fulfillment of this part of the GMI vision. There was a short supply of food, and the rehabilitation center became an answer to prayer, providing fresh goats milk and cheese for 100 children.



Ghiorghi encourages one of the young men at the rehabilitation center in Ribnica.

This work is led by GMI-sponsored national missionary Sasha Rusnac, who was himself formerly addicted to drugs and imprisoned. His mother prayed for him for ten years, and finally he received the Lord. Today he is happily married and the father of six children. A man of compassion, he ministers in a maximum security prison and youth prison. He established this rehabilitation center so that those coming out of prison or struggling with substance abuse would have a place to go.

GMI Board Member Jan Shine was deeply moved by what she saw here. “*I was here 3 years ago at their humble beginnings, and I am in awe of what God has done. I don’t know of any rehabilitation center in the U.S. that is outwardly focused like this, and I see the healing power of God at work in it. My own family has suffered through addiction recovery, and my heart celebrates each man and woman who reclaims their life through Christ. How exciting to be a part of it!*”

James says faith without works is dead (James 2:17). The manifestation of these loving works being done by the residents at the center is a result of their spiritual character being developed. While the mission team was there they had an opportunity to share in a time of praise and worship and also to minister to the needs of two of the men seeking deliverance from addictions. One of the young men, a 24 year old who had arrived only one week before, was wearing a t-shirt that said, “If at first you don’t succeed, try try again” but he had no idea what the English words said. After he was informed of its meaning, his somber young face broke into a smile reflecting joy and hope for his future. On the floor in the same room sat a man who had been released after 35 years in prison. He had no place to go and no hope, but he had received the Lord during a prison visit and now serves as the cook. Today

he is surrounded by a family of brothers who love and appreciate him. Please continue to uplift these men and women in prayer that God will continue to perfect that which He began in them. The center also has a need for a used tractor, which they can purchase for \$5000. Please ask the Lord if he would have you participate in this blessing.

On the western border of Moldova sits the village of Carpineni with a population of 10,000 who have not heard the Good News of Jesus Christ. Quietly on an acre of land, a gathering of forty saints praised God and prayed as the first shovel of dirt was turned to begin construction on a church building where the truth will be proclaimed. GMI sponsoring partners from St. Louis Christian Center were on hand to rejoice with the young congregation as they co-labor together to seek and save the lost in Carpineni. Only six months earlier the mission team had gathered together with Ghiorgi to pray, not knowing that 6,000 miles away a handful of families were fasting and praying that God would help them build since they had outgrown their house church space. There is no distance in the Kingdom; the Spirit of God knit our hearts together, and the plan began to unfold. Please pray for this church to be the beacon of light that God has intended for this community, that they will have the boldness and courage to overcome all opposition and go forth proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel.



The mission team from St. Louis Christian Center looks on as the first shovel of dirt is turned for the new church building in Carpineni.

Traversing along the bumpy roads of Moldova takes its toll on our van and the trip with this mission team was no exception. God protected us, but a flat tire at the summer camp revealed that all 4 tires had to be immediately replaced. Last month the van broke down twice carrying another team on its mission. We must replace the van as it is vital to our ability to get to the people God has assigned us to reach. Please pray for this need to be met and ask the Lord if you are a part of the solution.

GMI Board Advisor, Minister Vernon Lewis, summarized his observations as follows: *“It is as though an explosion in the Kingdom of God is occurring in Moldova. Certainly this is a manifestation of prayer that has opened this door of opportunity and granted Godly favor for GMI to co-labor with the Lord in proclaiming the Word and expanding the Kingdom in this region of Eastern Europe. The magnitude of the projects in terms of the fruit currently being borne and future impacts on the nation are almost beyond what we could have imagined when the vision was first penned on paper some nine years ago. Each project is being spear-headed by men of vision and of great spiritual character and integrity. Opportunities abound to increase the number of Summer Youth Camps. One site in particular, a former Communist Camp to indoctrinate youth, is now a potential safe haven to sow the engrafted Word and occupy until the Lord returns! The Bible School at Corjeuti was birthed from a God-given vision. Three years under construction and being paid for as funds are received, the pending Bible School...sponsored by a “mother” church which has trained multitudes of missionaries and planted some 20 churches in its on twenty year history...will become the premier evangelical mission training school in the country. The rehabilitation centers are already demonstrating self-sufficiency and its inhabitants exhibiting the Godly character as evidenced in their display of the biblical principle of “being blessed to become a blessing” (Gen 12:2). The Homes of Hope are thriving with orphaned placed children and already we see the impact of the Word in their lives being manifested in their disciplined, obedient lives, and display of a Godly calling in their motivation to minister at the Elderly Home in Stephenesti. To God be the glory for the things He has done!”*



A recent large baptismal ceremony in Corjeuti, Moldova shows the fruit being borne in this area.

Our own Home of Hope family is so grateful for your prayers. Three of our children (Daniel, Hadassah, and David) had a brief hospital stay as they battled virus symptoms. But God uses what Satan means for harm for good to those who love Him and serve Him. Cristina led 5 women to the Lord as they and their babies shared a large room with our children during this hospital stay. God wishes all men to be saved, but we must seize the opportunities we are given to speak the truth to them in love. Please pray for Nicoleta as she will have a major facial surgery yet this month before school starts.

We appreciate you so much, and we pray for you every day. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ sustain you as you rest in Him.

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