



The GROSS Family

serving Christ in

Moldova



"...pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified..." - II Thess. 3:1

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I struggle to write some prayer letters due to there not being much exciting to report on. This is NOT one of those prayer letters. Read and rejoice with us for what He is doing here in Moldova.

Tamara, the one battling cancer and a host of other problems, had a brother named Nicolai. He was born without developed feet, living his whole life as an invalid. My heart sunk when she told me this year that her brother had cancer and was not expected to live long. I visited him and shared the Gospel with him, leaving him to think about what I had shared. A few days later, Tamara called me enthusiastically to say he called on Christ to save him. In just a few months, he passed away. I thank God for the chance to share the Good New with him before it was too late. **Please pray for Tamara as she continues to battle physical, emotional, and financial needs.**

In September, I was in the States for 2 1/2 weeks to attend a Deliberate Discipleship Retreat. This was the first time I had been back to the States other than our furlough every 4 years. I have been trying to attend one of the retreats by our mentor over the past three years but without success. In addition to being fed spiritually and encouraged by the fellowship with other men, I surprised my mom for her birthday and spent three days with my parents, brother, and his family. God opened the doors for many opportunities to share the Gospel on the way to the States and on the way home to Moldova.

While I was in the States, the children came down with a cold that has now lasted two weeks. Simeon also needed medical attention due to lumps that started developing this summer but had increased in number and size. The doctors in the capital did not know what the cause was. They had us do a multitude of blood tests and recommended we see a dermatologist. On Monday, we saw the dermatologist and found out they are callouses that developed due to his shoes being too tight and rubbing on certain spots on his feet. **We are thankful that it ended up being something minor rather than something more serious as some were speculating.**

Jacob and Viola have started evangelistic Bible studies with two Russian-speaking individuals, a young lady from Soroca ("N") and a young man ("V") from a village where we pick people up for the Sunday afternoon service in Bulboci. **Please pray for these two to continue seeking the Lord and come to faith in Christ.**

The Sunday after I returned, we had the privilege of baptizing three Moldovans, our first time to baptize Moldovans. The two ladies, Iulia and Ioana, are the two that trusted Christ a few years ago through our chronological Bible study, and the man, Volodie, is the brother of a lady who used to attend services before moving to her brother's village. **Pray for these three and for the Lord to add more.**

Tomorrow, Wednesday the 11th, we will be starting an ESL/Bible Club in the village of Bulboci at the library. We have



the permission of the mayor and school director, which has been encouraging. We plan to have 30 min. of English lessons and 30 min. of Bible. This will give us a more consistent influence in the lives of the people. **Please pray that the Lord will bless this new outreach in Bulboci.**

Thank you for your prayers and support!