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# News Bulletin



*One of the families visited during Christmas to receive a food package.*

## Dear partners and friends

**W**e would like to start this letter by wishing you all blessings from God. What can be better than sending and wishing each other the blessings of God? We hope the Holidays have been great. For our part the Holidays have been good and now we are looking forward to the New Year that we just have started. Our prayer is that this year will be a blessed year.

### Moldova

In this newsletter we would like to direct our attention toward Moldova and the work we are involved in. During last year we came in contact with people who in a special way touched our hearts. One of them is Valentina whom we met in April of last year. She was very ill with what turned out to be cancer in the genital area. We also met Vladimir who is in need of prosthesis. We will get back to his situation in the coming newsletters. These people have touched our hearts. They are going through different difficulties in their lives. But first a few words from pastor Igor and the events that took place during Christmas last year.

### Christmas in Moldova

As many of you know, before Christmas we sent money for food packages. We would like to give a short report from the Church about this. We are so grateful for the work the Lazars do among the people who receive the food packages, not only for Christmas, but also during the rest of the year. On Christmas Eve they visited several families, shared the message of Christmas, prayed for the people and also handed out food packages. For the Christian Church Christmas is an important holiday. We have the privilege to eat until we are full and live under good conditions. For many of the people in Glodeni they don't have this privilege. Therefore, the food packages are a concrete way to change the situation for the ones who receive them. They are a question of survival. Pastor Igor writes the following:

### Jesus came together with food packages to the needy

Praise God for the food packages that are a great joy in people's lives here in Glodeni. We arranged a Christmas program for all who received food packages. Many came and the poor people got a good Christmas. One of them was



*Many wanted to listen to the Christmas message.*

Svetlana. She is a mother of four. The joy showed no boundaries when she received the food packages. Now she was able to give her children a better Christmas. Another woman, Nadedja, also a mother of four, thanked God for the food package. Later she gave her life to Christ. From us a big thank you to all the people who made this possible. May God bless you all.

*Pastor Igor Lazar*



Some of the people who received food packages.

Also PTPI would like to thank all of our supporters who make this possible. When the basic needs are met, people open their hearts to the gospel. The work that the Church does has created a solid trust for the Lazars and all the work the Church does among the inhabitants and they are today free to preach the gospel. As an organization we are not able to meet all the needs we encounter. But last year we met some people whose situation touched us deeply.

**Valentina**

As many of you might remember last year we helped Valentina with money for her cancer treatment. We met her in April of last year after her children came to Church for some Easter activities. Later on we visited her home with a food package. She is a mother of three. Because of a lack of money and the impossibility to travel to the hospital for further tests she never got started with the treatment. In April when we met her, she had had severe pain for the past eight months. She gets some help from the children's father but besides this she gets no help from the authorities. Valentina's sick pension is 287 Moldavian Lei which is \$15/month.

During the past year Valentina has visited the hospital in Chisinau twice. After our visit last year we arranged for her to get health insurance so they could start the treatment. The health insurance has paid most of the costs for her treatment. Valentina is now at home. According to the doctors, she is in too bad a condition to continue the treatment. She has been advised to eat healthy, which is hard since she cannot keep the food down. The doctors give ambiguous answers about her continued prognosis, but say the tumor is growing. She has, as far as the medication has lasted, been given painkiller every four hours. It is both pills and injections. But the family does not have the money needed to give her the pain relief. We don't know what her situation means, but the prognosis is not good. But until her situation stabilizes and the treatment can start again, we want her to be pain

free. Also, if this is her last time in this life, we want Valentina to be free from pain. Right now she needs medication every four hours to be pain free. Our hearts break for this mother. As far as possible, we would like to do what we can to support and help her and her family.

**Conclusion**

There is a lot to be thankful for. Let us not lose perspective, but reach out beyond our comfort zone and give our support to those who struggle, both in our surroundings as we feel led, and also for the people we have not met, but that we can read about here. In closing, our prayer is that God will richly bless you. Again, thank you for your prayers and financial support.

The Lindberg family



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**Project of the month**

When we wrote about Valentina the first time, we raised money for her cancer treatment. The health insurance in her name has covered most of the cost for the treatment. Some of the money we raised has covered the costs for food and transportation. Food is normally not included during a hospital stay. We have also helped pay some other debts connected with her treatment and hospital stay. Recently we have sent money for pain medication and some hygiene articles. The medication will last for two weeks,

but we would like to cover the costs for her medication until her health situation improves or her situation changes. The cost for her medication is \$280 per month. Today the medication needs to be picked up in Chisinau which is a trip of 217 miles. Besides this there are other costs connected with her family. If you feel led to support Valentina and her family, we would be very grateful. We will get back with an update when available. Thank you for your support. Please mark your donation "Valentina".

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