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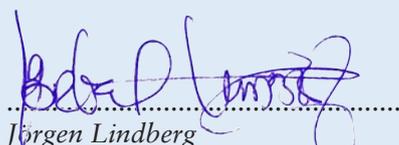
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News Bulletin

Reaching out to a hurting world

Welcome beautiful May! The month of May is usually a nice spring month. But right now the warm and nice weather seems to be in another place. Spring means that buds burst forth. What seems to be dead, wakes up to new life. Spring is the time of resurrection. The Easter message to us means that we through the death of Jesus can receive eternal life. Jesus comes to us. Through death to life, comes Jesus' call for repentance. The words of Jesus at Lazarus' grave are a reminder to us: *"Jesus told her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. [a] Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying'".* What was lost forever gets new life through the life and death of Jesus. No one can give man what he deep down longs for; hope faith and fellowship. Faith lifts man into the proper context, where life gets a deeper meaning and we will see our own life and others through the eyes of Jesus. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me.

During the month of May I went to Moldova for some days. After a longer time at home for a time of recuperation I am picking up my travel again. After our vacation last summer I was diagnosed with chronic asthma. This is something that I probably have had for quite some time, without being aware of it. Therefore it is a joy, now when I have regained my strength, to be able to resume travel. In our next newsletter we will share some glimpses from the trip. Until then, this is our newsletter for the month of May. Thank you for your prayer support and your financial gifts. You are very important to us.


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Jörgen Lindberg
International President



Some of the children coming to Children of Promise.

Greetings from Children of Promise

One of the organizations we support is Children of Promise (COP). It is led by Sami Mitra, a devoted man who is driven by the desire to help the less fortunate in society. The organization works mainly among the Roma population. COP runs two centers that offer help with school work, and also teach music. The concept also includes teaching the children practical skills. At the center in Cheru they have started a venture aimed at teaching the children about cultivation. Below you can read Sami's greeting.

Last Sunday we celebrated Easter. In connection with this we were busy handing out our Easter packages. We visited all the families who have children coming to COP. Right now we are working on an inventory of the family situations whose children come to us. In Cheru (Keru) we have just started a workshop where we teach gardening. We have divided the field behind the center into two areas. In one of them we have plowed and prepared the ground to grow alfalfa. On the other half we have planted 30 walnut trees. We have even started to build a green house on the upper part. A few years ago we prepared by installing a large water tank that collects



A visit to one of the families.

rainwater. The purpose of this venture is to teach the children how to take care of the plants we grow. I will keep you posted on how this project progresses. May the Lord bless you for all that you do to bring his work forward, all for the glory of God. We are praying for you and your great work.

Sami

To improve and get an education is the only way poverty and alienation can be broken. The work that COP does is long-term. Maybe we don't see an immediate result, but we know that the seed that has been sown one day will bring fruit. The Word of God speaks that we should train up a child in the way he should go. What is being done at COP is to translate this Bible word into practical action. We think this is vital and well worth supporting.

Greetings from Alex Thoderasco

For you who have followed People's work in Moldova, probably remember Alex, or "Sasha". He is the orphaned young man who we, during a number of years, helped to a better life. Recently we received a short greeting from him. It is fantastic to read what God has done and does in his life.



I would like to tell you that I am doing well. Right now I am in Moldova. I decided to get a driver's license and to take a class in photo shop and web design. God has been very good to me. Slowly I learn God's will for my life. Now I understand better when God speaks into one's life.

I am living together with a friend who is a Pastor in a newly started church in Balti. It is located in an area with a large number of Roma populations. I also work voluntarily in the Church as a cleaner. Please, help me pray for the people who come to the Church. Most of them are Roma and are not saved.

During a short period I helped a good friend to hand out food to street children. It is frightening to see the conditions they live under, the clothes they wore and the language they were using. I know it too well, since I have experienced it myself. But now understand how far the Lord has brought me. I am so thankful for it.

To be able to manage financially I do some translation work and sometimes work as a property manager. Last spring I even worked as an interpreter for an American lady and her husband. It was a very important event in my life. By this I understood that I need to improve my English.

There is still a lot that I don't understand in my life. Someday I hope I will have a well-paid job in Russia. I would still love to study at YWAM, but it seems that the Lord is taking me on a longer journey than I first thought. I want to thank all of you who have prayed for me and supported me financially. One day I will repay everything by helping someone who is need of help, just the way I once was.

Newsletter via e-mail

Alex



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Help reaches the poorest



The Church was filled several times during Easter.

When we receive reports and greetings from Moldova, we are reminded about the Word in 1 Corinthians 15:58: "So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless". It is particularly the last part in this text that I have in mind that "our effort is not in vain". No evangelical work is in vain. What we do for the Lord brings reward, in this life or when we reach our heavenly home. The work in Moldova is no exception. It is not easy, but has over the years shown its importance and that it makes a difference in people's lives. We see it in the Church and in the number of people who have been baptized. In August they are planning yet another baptismal service. What a joy!

Over the years many lives have been touched by the work the Church does. Please, read Igor's greeting below:

Through the grace of God and his mercy we were able to arrange gatherings for orphaned children and widows. This happened during two Sundays, April 14 and 21. The room was filled with poor and needy people. All of them got to listen to the gospel, the message about Jesus' death and resurrection. When we did an altar call, five

people responded. We thank God for this opportunity. After the service we handed out bread and food packages to about 80 people. Many of them were encouraged to pray and in their hearts seek the resurrected Savior. Praise the Lord!

In the beginning of April I was contacted by the president for the Blind Association in Glodeni. They wanted help to organize a gathering in the Church. I was also contacted by the mayor's secretary. People came to these gatherings and even here we had the opportunity to hand out food packages. Many poor people came to these gatherings and the Word of God was preached. I would like to mention one mother in particular, Nadia, who has four children. She prayed and confessed that the Lord has cared for their needs by getting some of these food packages. Many who came were discouraged and sad. Before Easter they had no food, but thanks to the help from the Church, they were able to go back home, filled with joy for what they had received. Now they had something to eat during Easter.

With love
Pastor Igor

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