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Reaching out to a hurting world...

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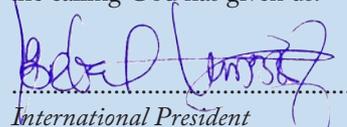
The month of March is to some the first month of spring. Only the knowledge of this, makes us thankful, that life returns. A new resurrection when God's creation once again is brought to life. The days are getting longer since the light lingers a little longer. In respect of weather, we are definitely heading towards brighter days. Hopefullt this is also true regarding the pandemic; the more people who are vaccinated, the fewer fall ill. Also, as we spend more time outdoors, it will also help to stop the spread of the virus.

The situation in the countries where we work is still, in many ways, difficult. Pastor's have died and many have been infected. The borders are still closed to foreigners, unless you have tested negative. If not you are mandated to a week long quaranteen, before you are let out.

We have mentioned this earlier, but we feel the need to repeat it. It is probably going to get worse, before it can turn around and get better. We have written about this in several of our newsletters and we believe that the aftermath can be more difficult than it was during the actual pandemic. Exactly how it will be, is hard to predict. But in the context, we work, we know the needs are already mounting and we now are faced with an even greater need for help.

To the best of our ability, we hope to be able to alleviate the need also after the pandemic is over. In this newsletter Pastor Igor once again writes about the situation in Moldova. It is still difficult, but he sees how the Church plays a more important role for the vulnerable and exposed. Please, read Igor's greeting in this letter.

Thank you for your prayers and financial support. We distribute the funds according to the needs we see and after your expressed desire. Thank you for your continued support for the ministry God has called us to do. We believe God will lead us into an interesting time. Thank you for standing alongside us in the calling God has given us.


International President



The education for lay pastors has become a great success. Many pastors and spiritual leaders come to take part in it.

In the vision God gave People to People Int'l and which is part of the foundation for the ministry, God speaks clearly about the need of education for the pastors in Eastern Europe. God also speaks about to support the spiritual work in the countries in the former Eastern Europe.

Of course, much has changed since this vision was given to Oliver Lindberg on January 10, 1978. At that time, the countries were closed, and the Word of God could not be preached freely. The evangelical church was persecuted, and Christians were oppressed and some were even put in prison for their faith.

For PTPI, pastor's improvement in the Word of God has always been important. The difference between then and now is that God's Word is available in a whole different way. Not everyone was able to read the Bible back then, because there were hardly any Bibles available. Very often one Bible was shared between many people. If you were blessed to have a Bible for a few days, they did not first and foremost read the Bible. No, it was copied by hand, written word for word, until you had one part of the Gospel or a complete New Testament.

Now we are living in the digital age, when everything is available, and the Word of God is in "our pockets". You can read it on your smart phone, which has been the property of almost everyone.

The proclamation of God's Word must be able to take place in many ways. The most important thing is that it is being shared and that there is an opportunity given to immerse yourself in God's Word.

Education is not all, but it helps to build a strong leadership and a spiritual platform which contributes to build the kingdom of God.

In the vision that God gave Oliver, God says the following: "I have called you and your wife for a special assignment, to support pastors and churches in the Soviet Union and the countries in Eastern Europe".

The methods have maybe changed, but the need of improvement in the Word of God remains. To enable a younger generation to obtain a deeper knowledge in the Word of God, is pivotal for the expansion of the kingdom of God, that this can continue.

Having a clear vision of what need to be done in order to expand God's kingdom is crucial. Here we recall the words of the book of Proverbs 29:18 "Where there is no vision, the people perish". In these, last days, we need to step up our efforts, help to equip the church and equip those that will bring in the harvest of souls. There is a clear vision and an awareness that God has given this vision. The work done through Asist is therefor of great importance for Romania. Let us keep this work in our prayers.



A time for questions where the Word of God can be deepened.

Moldova in the wake of the pandemic

More and more we see what the presence of the Church means for the people who live in Glodeni. We clearly see how the perspectives have shifted during the ten years that have passed. From being a phenomenon that was going on in the margin of people's awareness, the position of the congregation is now in the center of people's minds.

Of course, there are still many prejudices about the evangelical belief, whose presence has not always been looked upon with gentle eyes by the ruling politicians or the ORthodox Church. But today the situation is different. The Church has, thanks to its social engagement, won the local authorities' trust. Today one counts on the efforts of the Church and they are considered invaluable.

This fact is something that pleases us very much. The main task of the evangelical church, apart from preaching the gospel, is to stand in the gap of the vulnerable and those who have no voice in the society. Igor has sent the following greeting to us.

Dear brothers and sisters, thank you, in the name of Jesus, for the financial support we receive here in Glodeni, Moldova. Now when we all are going through difficult times, for the people in Moldova, who already before the pandemic lived a difficult life, life is even more difficult now. In addition to people with Covid-19, there are others who are hungry, suffering from diabetic or are having heart problems. We visit many widows and care for orphans. They are all benefitting from the bread and food packages. The orphans who have nothing to eat, come to the Church to get fed, in the name of the Lord.

People have great trust issues. There-fore, they come to the Church hoping to find refuge in God. The Church premises have changed in to a "Bethesda-bath", where all in need find comfort and salvation. Currently all authorities in Glodeni are asking us to be with them and help and care for the poor, the orphans and the widows.

Now the Church has become a place of refuge, where they find salvation in Jesus and food for their empty bellies.

We thank the Lord for the bread and food packages which lead people to the kingdom of God.

Pastor Igor Lazar

Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least... Several orphans come to the Church to get a meal.



Five siblings, the youngest is not present in the picture, get a food package.

To share the Word of God with the children, is an important part of Pastor Igor's work.



There is infinitely more to be thankful for. God is present amid difficulties and his love is shown through both bread and food packages. Two important tools God has given us. They give us an opportunity to visit the people, to pray for and with them. Over the years we have seen how God has changed many people's lives. A lot remains to be done, but we thank God for what he has done in the past and continues

to do among the inhabitants in Glodeni, Moldova. Soon we hope to be able to begin the remodeling and extension of the property, which we believe will be a blessing for all the people who live in Glodeni. The need for help will not decrease, that is why we believe this is an important investment that is right in time. Thank you for your continued support!

