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Reaching out to a hurting world...

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Christmas packages to Moldova

Once again it is time for another newsletter from us. In our part of the world the November darkness has set in, but soon we can enjoy the advent candles that spread their warm light. I believe it is extra important, when we are in the darkest month of the year, that we can welcome the advent light.

It is both a blessing and a great honor to have the opportunity to write to you who stand alongside us in our work. Maybe you are reading this letter for the first time., if so you are extra welcome. We hope this letter will be a blessing to both new and old readers.

In one way we live in a quite anxious and fleeting time. The world situation is unstable to say the least, but we, who confess Jesus, know that he is the same yesterday, today and in days to come. He is the solid rock, our fortress and our defense. No shift between light and darkness is in him. We also know that the Savior, who was born into this world, comes with a message of peace. The Christmas message that soon will be preached proclaims about that peace that passes all understanding. A peace that has been placed in our hearts.

In a few weeks we will celebrate the birth of Jesus. He is the real hope that never fails. It is about him that we proclaim; through food packages and bread the gospel about Him, who is the bread of life, is being preached. The food packages convey of a hope that never fails.

This month, as always, we raise funds for our food project. This Christmas more families will be included than we usually have. Read more about it further on in this letter. We also rejoice with our friends in Poland that they now are able to continue their work in a broader scale, after the restrictions were lifted. Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support. We pray that God will meet all your needs and that his blessings shall rest upon you.


International President



One of the families who received a food package that the Church gives out. On this picture all five siblings are gathered.

They usually say that Christmas belongs to the children. Regardless of where we live, children are looking forward to Christmas and all that it means. A time of anticipation. Unfortunately, this is not always true and does not always correspond with the reality in which many live. Christmas can, for many different reasons, be the holiday one least looks forward to.

In Moldova most social classes are represented, also a quite prosperous middle class, who usually do quite well, but lately even this group of people has been affected. Many have lost their jobs during the pandemic, which has made them quite exposed and in a vulnerable situation.

During the years we have been working in Moldova, we have closely watched how poverty has hit the already vulnerable people and how corruption worsened the situation for the most exposed people.

There is a small glimmer of hope, despite all human darkness. With the recent appointed prime minister, we can see that the future looks a little brighter, but we also know that decades of corruption will take a long time to turn around. Therefore, we want to be there for the people who need our help; the most exposed and vulnerable who struggle to cope with their everyday life.

During the years we have worked together with the Church and Pastor

Igor, the food packages we give out on a regular basis, every month, have been a great blessing. Not only because they meet an important need by counteracting the worst hunger, but these packages have also opened the door for the gospel.

Over the years we have met many people who testify to what these food packages have meant to them: "When there was no hope and I had nothing to eat, Pastor Igor came to my door and left this great gift. God really cares for me." Through these simple packages, people have experienced that they are loved and seen.

Food and Christmas packages

We know that there is another hope that shines in the darkness and it is the light of Christ. During Christmas, this light shines extra bright. Even this year we want Christmas to come with hope to people who live in Glodeni.

As in previous years, Pastor Igor is planning to hold two large gatherings. The first is held on December 25 and the second on January 7. Igor would like to give out food packages to 100 families in need. He also wants to give each child in these families a gift. The estimated cost for all this is \$4,100. Already now we would like to thank you who would like to support this project for the benefit of our friends in Moldova.

The forum for women's meetings are up and running again

We were very happy when we heard that the seminars, arranged by Lidia Nowakowska, and aimed towards women, now are up and running again in Poland.

Even here the pandemic has stopped the activities for more than one year. Now these very appreciated gatherings have started again.

When this form of gatherings was introduced in Poland, it was pretty big news. Previously no one had gathered only women like this. What started very modest in Lidia's home town, has grown to a national affair. Lidia says that she gets inquiries from almost the entire country to arrange these gatherings. The interest has grown and more and more want to see them in their home towns.

To share the gospel in the strongest strongholds of the Catholic Church is a big challenge, since this type of activity becomes a bit like a "strange bird". The interest has shown to be larger than expected. Many want to participate. Lidia writes:

Saturday, September 17, we had a dinner with close to 100 participants. It was so great to be able to meet after one year. Due to the pandemic, we had not been able to arrange any meetings and actually, we did not know how many would come after such a long time. It was really great to see such a large audience. We spoke on how to overcome discouragement and we know from the feedback, that it was a very needed subject. We ate together, we sang, and a woman shared about the death of her husband and how she was left with six children to raise on her own. Then I had a lecture (that is



The interest remains high for the women's meetings that are arranged by the forum for women, which was founded by Lidia.

what we call it) about Elijah and his time in the desert. We always end with prayer and even this time there were many hands stretched towards God.

Lidia

The need and desire to listen to the gospel and what Christian faith means, is great in Poland. That more and more women dare to come and appreciate what is being done, is very rewarding. What a great joy it is to see the way this ministry has grown. The vision that God has placed in Lidia's heart is starting to bear fruit and we are so grateful and rejoice with Lidia for the success we see in this part of their ministry.

To have a part in this context where the gospel is preached, and people receive Christ, is a privilege. In addition to this,



Pawel och Lidia.

Pawel and Lidia serve as Pastors in a local Church. They have also seen an increased interest for the gospel in the Church. It grows and reaches out with the gospel in the neighborhood in Olesnica. Please, pray for Pawel and Lidia and their important ministry, that God opens more doors for the gospel.

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Drama leads many people to the Lord

Something that we also are happy about is that Pawel Nowakowsky has been able to resume the drama that also had to be put on hold for some time. When the restrictions were lifted after the summer, they set up four outdoor performances in four different places in Poland. The latest was in Gora, where there is no evangelical church. However, in the city, there was a man, who had been praying for a number of years for the drama to come to his city.

With the help of people from Pawel's Church, the drama was set up in this place. The man was so happy and grateful that his prayers now were answered. During the days the drama was played, several people came to receive Christ as their personal Savior.

We are so happy and blessed to be a small part where this "harvester" goes. Many people have received Christ, thanks to the drama.



The drama is a great asset in the evangelistic work that is going on in Poland.

