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Reaching out to a hurting world...

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Bread and food packages save lives in a difficult time

We live in a time of great anxiety, instability and uncertainty, with a war that affects the whole of Europe and the global world market, not the least through an energy crisis. In our country we are already aware of the strained financial situation.

In times like these it is important to remind ourselves about Jesus' own words: *"I am with you always, to the very end of the age."* (Matthew 28:20) A promise that Jesus gave, that he will never leave us. In the same way God has promised to always intercede for us. He is our protection, the one who is guarding our right. The psalmist writes: *"God, our defender and our shield"*. (Psalm 84:10) As God's people we don't need to fear or worry. We have a God who always is on our side and is our shield and our defense. What a privilege!

In this newsletter we first and foremost write about Moldova. In times of difficulties it is also important to remind ourselves what God does and has done in the past. The situation is not in any way to be compared with the situation in Ukraine, but still the country is in a completely new situation. In a message to us Pastor Igor in Moldova writes: "The projects with bread and food packages are meaningful and necessary and give testimony both to the recipients and to the society as a whole." We sense that the importance of this support has never been as relevant as it is right now.

We also share a short report from Romania and the work done by Mircea Ardelean. Please, read about how God's kingdom is spread through the drama played to full houses.

We are so grateful for all that you do for us and for vulnerable people. Thank you for your financial support and for your prayers for the ministry God has called us to do. We are so dependent on God's guidance and the voice of the Holy Spirit in all that we do. We wish you God's abundant blessing!

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International President



The late summer heat still lingers for a short time in Moldova, but winter is approaching, with great hardship as a result.

Moldova is Europe's poorest country. I have both heard this sentence and it has been written several times in our newsletters. The truth is that the country has become even poorer. When Europe goes toward what many call a "war winter", this country is no exception. As we approach the cold season, I read in the Moldovan news about an increasingly pressured situation. Even if we today cannot foresee the outcome, this winter will probably go down in history as the toughest in a long time.

People are genuinely afraid of what lies ahead. Many fear a very difficult winter with shortage of food and cold housing. Two things which are individually difficult to manage. For many people this will happen this winter. Therefore, we watch with dismay what is happening. In an already difficult and exposed situation the crisis will spread, and more people will visit help centers hoping for help.

In an attempt to express what people fear, Pastor Igor writes:

"Praise be to God for the food packages and the daily bread that the needy people in Glodeni get. We live in a difficult and stressful time. The people we visit have no money for food, because the money they have is not even enough to pay their gas and electrical bills. When we visit people in

their homes, they cry and thank God and us for the food package and the bread they receive. All in need say that the products and the bread save them from hunger during the difficult times that have come. Our prayer is that God will reward and bless each and everyone who are contributing financially for bread and food. Everyone thanks you and are praying for you. May God be praised for taking care of the poor and needy people."

In and with the extra fundraising we did, we hope that we can relieve the most acute needs that awaits this winter. Our goal is that we will be able to meet the increased costs (apr. 30% increase) that await with a maintained aid effort. We hope that we don't have to back off on the aid we already give. If the Lord speaks to you to support this financially, we are very grateful. Mark your gift "Winter in Moldova" and your gift will in full go toward this need.

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Many people saved through drama

One of the Pastors we support financially in Romania, who also works with the pastor's education Asist, is also responsible for the conduct of the drama which draws large crowds to Christ. PTPI also supports Pawel and Lidia Nowakowski in Poland who also work with the same drama. Every time I get reports about the impact this drama has; I am so blessed. God uses this tool to bring people to Christ. Over the years we have seen how the drama has brought large crowds to Christ.

After a recent trip to Moldova, where the drama was performed in a local Church, Mircea writes the following:

"After a time when God has blessed us and we have seen many people receive Christ in a Church in Gotesti, Moldova, we are very grateful to have a part in the process that followed our

visit and that we now can start a new Church in the nearby town of Tiganca".

As a result of the drama that was performed, a new Church will be planted. God never hesitates to meet people for salvation. God uses every opportunity to speak and touch people's hearts. We are living in the last time, and we don't know when Jesus is coming back. He still lingers a little while, so that as many as possible will hear about Jesus and take a stand for or against him. We rejoice in what God does in Moldova and in other places where this drama is performed and for all the people who come to Christ.



The drama raises important questions about life and eternity.

A letter to an unknown

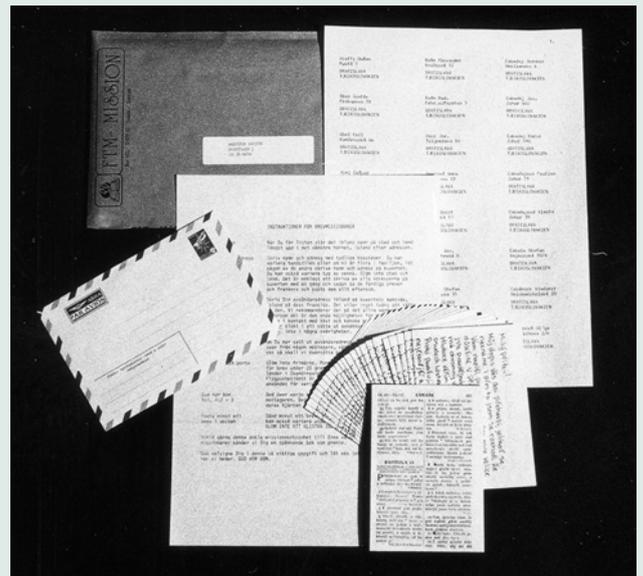
Sometimes we are told to not thrive on old victories. That we are to look ahead and stretch for what lies in the future. Plant a seed today and see it grow as time passes! All of that has some truth to it. But nevertheless we are tied to our history and it is from time to time also necessary to look back, because there we also find proof of God's faithfulness and also God's ingenuity. Personally, I fully trust God and the Holy Spirit's promptings and His guidance in my daily life. The words: "I'm with you always" rings in my mind and heart as a reminder.

I'm also confident that God has done so in the past since God never makes any mistakes and that He is the same today as he has been in the duration of time. God is always on point and on time, never too early and never too late. God also tends to show himself to us when all hope seems lost. But in God's sight nothing is lost and all things are possible. This is so because the Bible tells me so. and I have chosen to believe that that is true.

Many, many moons ago, this ministry was involved in sending small Bible portions to people in Eastern Europe that was unknown to us. This was during the time the Christian community and the churches in Eastern Europe were under persecution and if you confessed to be a

Christian, you could end up behind bars. We called this part of ministry the "letter ministry". Thick telephone ledgers were smuggled out of the countries in Eastern Europe, like Romania, Bulgaria to mention a few. The addresses were then used to send the Gospel back into the country from where the catalog originated. This was indeed a God inspired ministry. The nifty thing with this setup was that the envelope came from individuals and the letters were just as individual. Many, many Bible portions could be sent to places that otherwise would not be reached. The scripture landed literally on peoples' doorstep. What the fruit of this ministry eventually has led to, is of course impossible to know. But one day it will become clear to us the number of souls saved through this ministry.

You may ask why we share this story with you? Well, I think the allegory of this story is relevant today. When the Holy Spirit comes to us and asks us to trust Him in ideas that to us is seems a bit "crazy", we do need to trust Him and act on what he



A sheet with names, a portion of Scripture, a personal envelope became a powerful tool to reach behind the "Iron Curtain".

urges us to do. Sometimes those things are "way out there" and seems a bit off. But in those moments, we need to take a deep breath and in a step-by-step motion trust Him that can move mountains and calls back to life those that are no longer alive. God is the initiator; he will see us through as we faithfully carry out that which he has told us to do. Someday God will show us what that faithfulness has meant. Trust Him and remain faithful in that which God has told you to do. Even if it simply means sending a letter.

