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Reaching out to a hurting world...

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Food packages for Christmas



During the Christmas Holidays many people find their way to the Church for fellowship, warmth and not the least to get a Christmas package to take home.



We have come to the last newsletter of the year, and another year will soon be over. At the end of every year there is a reason to look back on the year that has passed, a kind of summary of what the year has meant. From PTPI's perspective we have great reasons to be thankful for God's care over the ministry he has called us into. We marvel over and are blessed by the fact that God, year after year, has stretched out his hand and blessed the work, we are involved in. Therefore, it is appropriate to thank God for his faithfulness. But nonetheless we want to express our gratitude to you for your faithful support. We want to thank you for your prayers and also for your financial support. We know that God never owes anyone and that he loves a cheerful giver. We, together with all the recipients, want to express our deepest gratitude for everything you have done during the past year.

Before every Christmas, like a tradition, we used to make a fundraising toward Christmas packages for the socially exposed families and elderly people living in Glodeni, Moldova. This year is no exception. You can read more about the situation in Moldova in this newsletter. The fundraising "Winter in Moldova" gave \$11,500, which will help us manage the costs this winter. Thank you for your contribution! The money will for the most part be used to pay for electricity and gas bills. The two most noticeable costs.

Concerning the Ukraine, the last fundraising made it possible to pay for another month's heating of the church premises. Thank you for your financial support.

In this newsletter you also find a shorter article about advent and the coming Christmas Holiday.

With these words we want to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Our next newsletter will be in January.

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International President

A lot can be said about the present situation in Moldova with strong political forces pulling every direction, but with the current political and economical conditions people are trying to create stability and belief in the future.

One thing that is certain is, in this process the most exposed and vulnerable will suffer. An already hard situation has worsened, much due to the war in the Ukraine, that has a direct impact on the citizens in the country. Because of the heavy shelling in Ukraine, regions in Moldova has lost electrical power on several occasions. This because Moldova is connected to the electrical grid coming from Ukraine.

The difference this time is that it will affect the broad middle class. Of course their situation cannot in any way be compared with the situation in the Ukraine, but in many ways, there are similarities. Even if both gas and electricity are available, not everybody can afford to pay what it will cost. So practically, they have to go without. The risk is therefore, that they have to live through the winter without both electricity and heating.

The fundraisings we have done, mean that there will be opportunities for people to come to the church's premises that we now can keep heated the entire winter. According to resources, we will also serve a hot meal to those who come to get warm in the facilities.

For us to be able to give this help, is crucial for the most vulnerable people. The Church will once again be a light in the darkness for the most vulnerable. Already in August we sent a higher amount of support, but from November we will start to send a total amount that will cover the costs for heating and production of bread.

Christmas packages

In order to give the most vulnerable people a little sense of Christmas we will give out Christmas packages during December and January. This year Pastor Igor is planning to arrange three different gatherings. The first will be December 25, where children whose families come to Church will participate and a Christmas present will be given to each child. This will be followed by a gathering in the afternoon, the same day, for all the ones who come from poor families who have very little to eat. They will be given a food package to take home.

On January 7 the Church will invite the rest of the children from families who need extra support, families who live in a socially vulnerable situation, whose children will get a Christmas present and the families a food package. The estimated cost for this is \$2,500. We want to thank you in advance who sense the Lord speaks to you to support this financially. All the money received, will go in full towards this project.

The women's dinners increase the interest for Christian faith

Poland is still one of Europe's hardest countries to evangelize. The Catholic church keeps a strong hold on the people. The evangelical church in comparison a few years back constituted only 0.04% of the believing population.

To speak about evangelical faith can therefore be a great challenge, since it also can be perceived as frightening, since it can differ in comparison from the faith that many have. At the same time it is a living proof of what the evangelical faith can do that no other faith is able to do. It changes and transforms a person's life from the foundation.

Lidia Nowakowska, who leads this ministry, has much more work to do since she founded this organization for women. There is an increased interest from the entire country to start these gatherings. The need and interest seem insatiable. Lidia writes:

The main focus is that women from all occupations, denominations, etc., shall come together and sit down to talk about things that are important to us as women. We don't talk about things that can divide us, (there are too many of them), but what bring us together and unite.

To speak about what unites us, seems to be a winning strategy that seems to work in this format. This is noticeable when God really has opened up so many places and the women really seem to have taken the message to heart. Lidia continues:

November 19, 100 women, of all ages, came to the restaurant we had booked in my hometown Olesnica. This is an evangelical campaign that I organize every third month. It was a fantastic time of fellowship after a long time when we had not been able to meet due to the pandemic.

We were so happy that the women still wanted to come – the majority were not from our Church. This time we had a guest speaker from the Canary Islands (born in the Czech Republic) who shared her life story. It talked much about lack of love, unforgiveness and to have an abortion. During some time she was a prostitute and lived with drug abuse. This was also the theme throughout the evening, with special emphasis on forgiveness.



What can be more fulfilling than listening to a testimony about what God has done? A story about possibilities and the power of forgiveness.



Many good conversations followed.



This "angel girl" danced and performed a song based on a situation from her own life.



Lidia sings in what was the evening's musical element.

This ministry shows that when God places a vision in someone's heart and the person answers to the calling that God gives, there are no limits to what God can do. God uses us based on our abilities, but we must be willing to go. Through the Holy Spirit God gives relevant and true impulses for the time being. God never gives us something that is not usable. The tools that God gives us are formed to reach people in this time. Therefore, we can go with confidence when God calls us. The question is, are we willing

to go and reciprocate to his calling?

When we read about what happens through this forum and other achievements done through drama and evangelization, it is all about answering to the call of God. The rest God will take care of and bless and allow to grow. Therefore, we never walk alone. When God is by our side, anything can happen. The fruit of this ministry is the proof of that.

