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Reaching out to a hurting world...

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Summer camps in Moldova

For a couple of weeks we are now back in the office after having our summer vacation. We have had a good vacation that offered both rest and a bit of travel. Always fun to meet new environments and cultures. We hope that you have had a good summer so far. After having had some heavy rains, we hope for some sunny and warm days. Although it is not quite Autumn yet, it feels inspiring to face the work of Autumn, with all that it entails.

Two trips are currently planned. During September, I look forward to returning to Moldova, where we have supported the work for 13 years. Much has happened in these years, but we feel that there is still much to do. During October, there will also be a trip to Romania. There, too, we look forward to meeting our friends and those we collaborate with. The trips are an important part of the work we do. It ensures us that the projects we support continue in the way they are intended to operate. We also like to keep a personal relationship with the people that we do projects with. Keeping a strong bond to the people you connect with is an antidote to corrupt and immoral behavior.

In this issue we also write about the summer camps that were in Moldova. Once again, we have been able to gather a large number of children for a meaningful free time during the summer, for which we feel grateful.

We also share a report from Mircea Ardelean, who visited the Ukraine to perform the drama he is working with. Amidst the horrors of war, the gospel reaches people in great need. We are grateful to God for the work that He is doing and the fruit that we see from this work. Many people get to meet God for salvation. Thank you for your continued support, both in prayer and through your gifts. In this way, the work can continue. The need is great, so your gifts are still significant.

Boris J. Jansz
International President



During the summer, two summer camps were held at the Church. A much appreciated and much longed for event for many of the children during their summer break.



We feel such joy and gratitude that we can hold these summer camps year after year. Children of varying ages come to these activities.

In a time characterized by a lot of uncertainty and anxiety, the Church with its various activities stands as a safe fortress in the middle of society. The war in the Ukraine has affected the country of Moldova in many ways. Not the least, it has created anxiety among many children, that the war will also reach them and their families.

This year the Church had hired a large inflatable slide which became very popular. Various outdoor activities were arranged, both on the church grounds, and also in the

nearby park. The days also meant having gatherings where the children could listen to teaching from God's word. It is important work that is done to give these children a good start in life. Not least when they may not have the opportunity to do so at home. The majority of these children come from families that are socially disadvantaged in one way or another. As we did last year, we were also able to offer them both breakfast and dinner before they were dismissed to return home. We know that the seed sown will bear fruit one day. Therefore, it is nice that we can invest time and effort in reaching these children. Eventually, we know that we also reach their parents. On behalf of the children, we say thank you for your contribution to this event!



The inflatable slide was a popular activity during the camp.

Drama was set up in Ukraine



Members from the congregation play the various roles. They also took the opportunity to distribute help to the people who came.

During the summer, Mircea, one of the pastors we support, visited Ukraine to set up the drama together with a local Church. A drama about the spiritual life or death of man, about heaven or hell. A drama that in many ways puts your life "on the line."

For many people in the Ukraine, life is about just this; life or death. The war affects many people who are refugees inside the Ukraine. This is how Mircea writes:

"To the sounds of sirens that scorched us with their loud howl several times a day and caused panic and a lot of anxiety, I together with the congregation managed to give hope of salvation to many people. So far, about 800 UDPs have come to this place from the areas destroyed by the bombings to seek shelter. They found this congregation and can thus also find faith in Jesus, our rock of refuge, as the psalmist writes: "Be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me. Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me." Ps. 31:3-4

It was such a great joy to be able to talk to some of those who moved to this place and to the Church. To be greeted by a warm smile, a hug or a tear of joy from those who are suffering so much these days. Single mothers with

3-4 children whose father is far away fighting for the country and elderly people seeking peace and quiet, now in their old age. People staring into nothingness, living without hope and struggling with all sorts of complicated situations. Many who came with sadness in their hearts because they lost someone in the war - and are now looking for a new fresh start in this part of the country.

The Church is where it should be! With devoted people, that with one hand is helping people in need and with the other helping them fix their eyes on God!

It was overwhelming to hear them pray with tears, asking for salvation, forgiveness and deliverance! May the Lord bless us all."

Mircea Ardelean

More than ever, people need to be reached by the power of the gospel. We thank God for this opportunity to be able to support Mircea in his mission.



The Church was absolutely packed with people that were touched by the power of the Gospel.

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