



With God, nothing is unexpected, but for us, many things come into our lives unexpected. Past experience has taught us that when life surprises us, it means that God is at work.

When the pipes originally froze, we did not expect that we would be without water for so long. After being without water for six weeks, the city pipes thawed and gave us the luxury of hot showers, washing clothes with our washing machine, and getting water from the faucet. We had to retrain ourselves to reach for the faucet to wash hands rather than the pitcher of water sitting next to the sink. We are thankful that we have running water again before my parents come to visit Moldova for the first time at the beginning of May.

Our Russian lessons continue to progress but with some unexpected benefits. While Romanian and Russian are the technical classification of Moldova's languages, many here speak "Moldovan." This amounts to Romanian with Russian words thrown in from time to time. While we are beginning to understand more Russian, we were surprised how much more "Moldovan" we are understanding. Though Russian is much more difficult than Romanian, we have no regrets in following the Lord's leading to learn Russian as well.

A couple weeks ago, all three of our children took turns over the course of ten days with a stomach virus. In order for Abby and Caleb to return to the kindergarten, they had to have a stamped medical certificate (everything here official gets a stamp).

While waiting to see the doctor, I met and began witnessing to a young man named Andre. With the short time that we had, I was able to begin witnessing to him. He was very open and wanted to hear more about what the Bible says about being saved. I gave him a Gospel tract and exchanged phone numbers with him. Like in previous incidents with others, when I tried calling him, the phone is said to be turned off or out of the coverage area. Meeting Andre at the doctor's office was not expected, but I am praying I can get in touch again and share the Gospel of Christ's kingdom further with him.

We have been witnessing to and getting to know Tania and Rustem, the Unification Church couple, for quite some time. We had them over to our house last month to further our talks about the Gospel and to find out in more detail how they believe. We finally stopped at 2 a.m. and had them just spend the night. We were not expecting the news that shortly after this, he would be leaving the country to find work in Russia. Jacob Hughes, another missionary friend of ours, and I gave him literature that we pray will help show him the truth about Christ from the Bible. Please continue to pray for Tania and Rustem.

Last fall, I met with a man named Boris one time who was helping me find a way to purchase firewood for winter. He was in a hurry and I planned to talk to him about Christ the next time we met. The next time never came. He unexpectedly had a stroke and passed away. Needing some wood for a little home project, I went

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Prayer Requests & Praises:

- Praise the Lord we have running water.
- Praise the Lord for my upcoming visit from my parents at the beginning of May.
- Praise the Lord for our health and safety.
- Pray for the follow-ups and for them to be saved (Andre, Tatiana, Sveta, Veronica)
- Pray for God's wisdom and guidance with our summer schedule.
- Pray for us to quickly learn Russian and continue progress with Romanian.
- Pray for Tania, Rustem, Vasile, Aliona, Peter, Victor, Ducia, Qassim, and Gemima's salvation
- Thank you for your prayers and financial support!

back to his lumberyard business which had not closed. I was surprised to find that the new person in charge is his wife, Tatiana. We talked for quite some time about the Gospel. She is being influenced by Seventh Day Adventist friends of hers and is very confused. She openly admitted to me that even though she believes in Christ and is trying to keep the law, she still feels guilt before God. Please pray that she will understand the good news of complete forgiveness in Christ alone.

There are some other unexpected meetings with souls that I had not planned, but God did. Please pray for the follow-ups on these and for God to do more unexpected things... Or should I say, that God would make us expect Him to do more marvelous things through us. Thank you all for your faithful prayers and for the financial sacrifices for our ministry.