



As the season here in Moldova changes to summer, our schedule changes, too. Several ministries at the Ford's church pause during the summer months, and we will be able to focus more on studying Russian and making several important preparations for our second term. Though our schedule changes, our need for your prayers does not.

Thank you for praying for Andrei and I to get in touch once again. I had called his number for three weeks before I was able to get a hold of him. He had gone to Russia to seek work but returned unsuccessful. We were scheduled to get together, but he ended up finding work here and has since been unable to meet. **Please pray for the Lord to work in his heart and for a time for us meet again.**

At the beginning of May, my parents came to visit us for the first time and stayed ten days. They were able to experience firsthand how life is here in Moldova when you have to try to get something fixed. On the way to the airport to pick them up, our car started overheating. After adding antifreeze, spending another day changing the thermostat, and putting the car in the shop for 5 days to get the gasket head changed, we were able to get our car back and running the day before they had to go home. In spite of the unexpected issues with the car, we enjoyed showing them Moldova and the work here.

During their visit, I was able to meet a young man named Aliosha. I started talking with him, wanting to share the Gospel with him. As I soon found out, Russian is his first language. Between the little Russian I had learned and his little Romanian he knew, we were able to talk some, but not enough to talk

about Christ. Another missionary friend of mine (who has been studying Russian longer than we have) and I are working on our second attempt to meet with him. **Please pray for us to clearly communicate the Gospel with Aliosha in his native tongue and for him to be saved.**

In preparation for our first church-plant after furlough, we are working on gathering materials, Bibles being one of them. We have concluded that the Fidela (Faithful) Bible is the best translation available. It is a fairly new translation



Mom and Dad's Romanian lesson with our teacher



David talking with Aliosha

done in Romania by a team headed up by missionary Brian Nibbe. Due to the complications of trying to ship them all into the country, we will be personally picking up a portion of our 200 copies in Romania and combining this trip with BIMi's field conference only several hours away from the Bible pick-up. **Please pray for safety in our travels and for us to make it into Moldova with the Bibles without problems at border.**

Without going into many details right now, **we would ask you to pray**

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Prayer Requests & Praises:

- Praise the Lord my parents had a great visit with us here.
- Praise the Lord for progress with Russian, but pray for further progress.
- Praise the Lord for regaining contact with Andrei, and pray for him to follow through on his end for us to meet.
- Pray for the follow-ups and for them to be saved (Andrei and Aliosha)
- Pray for God's wisdom and guidance with decisions to make this summer.
- Pray for us to have no problems bringing in a portion of the Bibles into Moldova.
- Pray for Tania, Rustem, Vasile, Aliona, Peter, Victor, Ducia, Qassim, and Gemima's salvation
- Thank you for your prayers and

for God to grant us wisdom as we seek some options and answers to other preparations for next year and even further for next term. This need for wisdom includes everything from location to legal advice. We believe that God will lead and make His way clear and known as we seek His face. We just ask that you would join us in these prayers.

Our first semester of Russian lessons comes to a close on June 4th. We are finding Russian more difficult than Romanian due to the words being so long and many of them not resembling the English equivalent at all. For example, "train station" is: Железнодорожный вокзал (zhe-lez-nah-dah-ROZH-nuh-ee vak-zal). With your prayers and God's grace, though, we hope to have this tool of the Russian language to use in giving the Gospel to others here. **Please pray for us to master this summer what we've learned this semester.**