



The Gross Family to Moldova



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Building. This word brings different thoughts and words to mind: progress, teamwork, cost, investment, and plain old work. The past couple months have been characterized by this word “building.”

BUILDING ON PAST PREACHING

I had mentioned in our September prayer letter about my follow-up visit to the village of Zgurița to share the Gospel with the family who lost their 4 year old son to a drowning accident in August. Jacob and I were asked if we could deliver a bed that someone had donated for that family. The wife and teenager son welcomed us, gave us a delicious meal, and then allowed us to talk more about the Gospel.

The wife, Ana, told us that in addition to us talking with them, the Adventists and Jehovah’s Witnesses have also visited them. She said she is confused and wants to know how she can know who is teaching the truth. We talked for almost 2 hours on this theme with her and her son, Andre. Both were very open and attentive. We shared the importance of God’s Word being our basis for truth and how to weed out false teachers. **Please continue praying for other open doors to talk with this family and for God to open their eyes to the truth.**

In November, I had the privilege to preach for a pastor friend’s church’s evangelization like I did last year. The Lord gave grace with my Romanian. It just flowed. Another man preached after me and gave the invitation, and a man named Valera came forward and publicly testified of trusting Christ that night. The pastor from another village who had brought him told me that he

had been witnessing to him for 5 years. **Please pray for Valera since he lives with family who are opposed to anything other than Orthodoxy.**

BUILDING A PLACE TO MEET

We did decide on a place to rent for the church to meet. It is in the middle of town, near all routes of public transport, and has two rooms, a restroom, and a heating system. The storefront was recently remodeled, except for the floor. The owners allowed us to tile the floor and reimbursed us for the material and labor. We enjoy having a place to meet for Sunday mornings, Thursday



evenings, and for meeting with individuals. **Thank you for praying for us to find a good place to rent and for us to have good landlords.**

BUILDING OUR HOUSE

Right before Thanksgiving, we finished our indoor toilet room! Also, we have a construction team working to finish the upstairs of our house. Lord willing, it will be finished by New Years. Stephanie, Ana, and I are sleeping what will become the dining room, and the other children are sleeping in what will be the living room. Everyone is very excited at the prospects of actually having bedrooms. We will also have an office/guest room. **Please pray for the work to finish**

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well and for the talks I have had with the workers about Christ to grow.



BUILDING NEW CONTACTS

The first electrician hired to work on our upstairs was seriously injured at another location, causing serious burns on his face and arms. Jacob and I have visited him a couple times in the hospital and began witnessing to him and his wife. Other men in the hospital room have heard us speak and have also been given Gospel tracts.

Another man I have witnessed to before but did not want to hear it has opened up to discussing the Bible recently. **Please pray for Sasha and Vasile (the electrician) as I continue to talk with them about the Lord Jesus.**

BUILDING OUR FAMILY

With joy we announce that we are expecting a little boy. Our seven seater car will be full, Lord willing, in April. So far, the baby seems to be healthy. **Please pray for Stephanie and this little life and for us to grow as parents.**