ike the Book of Ester, we have seen ✓ how God's providential hand works in our lives to provide for us and guide us. What a joy it is to know that the true and living God cares for us as His children.

Returning home from our trip to Romania, we were loaded with precious blessings from the Lord. The first church that we were with in Romania gave us a book with Romanian songs that actually had musical notes! The Romanian songbook here in Moldova has only words, thus the rejoicing when Pastor Cornel let us take one home.

At the field conference for missionaries, we were encouraged by the preaching and fellowship with other missionaries. The national pastor at the church in Costeiu blessed us with a stack of materials in Romanian, too.

After the conference, we drove to Cluj-Napoca to pick up a load of the Fidela Bibles. Missionary Brian Nibbe, who was a blessing to get to meet personally, helped to provide us with documentation for us to take a total of 60 Bibles back home with us. Even with doing our best to follow the Customs laws, we were praying that we would not have problems at the border. What a blessing it was to have made it through the boarder without any difficulties. We thank the Lord for providing us with safe travels and the Bibles and materials to use for the Lord.

We found that the Lord's hand of provision comes even in times of trial. Since our last prayer letter, we have had to make several trips to the hospital. Last month, due to complications with Stephanie's pregnancy, we went to the hospital only to found out that she had miscarried. While this was difficult news to hear, we found God's grace sufficient during the trial. Several weeks

after that, we found out that Daniel had pneumonia and Caleb had bronchitis. In each case, the Lord gave us wonderful doctors and care when we needed it. Even though the pneumonia and bronchitis are passed, there are still some health issues that need further tests. Please pray for the continual healing in our family.

Fellow missionary, Jacob Hughes, and I took two survey trips to consider possible locations for future church planting. In June, we headed north to Edinet, and this month we went to Soroca. While in Soroca, we preached Christ to people we met and asked questions to find out where the people were spiritually. Some we met were closed, but others were open. Some

young people had never thought of God, others were being taught the Orthodox religion in school but were ignorant of the Gospel, and some were polite but



## **Prayer Requests & Praises:**

- Praise the Lord for the Bibles and other material for future ministry.
- Praise the Lord for the survey trips going well.
- Pray for our family's health.
- Pray for God's wisdom and guidance with decisions to make this summer.
- Pray for the survey trip to the southern region of Moldova to be led by God.
- Pray for more progress with learning Russian.
- Pray for Tania, Rustem, Vasile, Aliona, Peter, Victor, Ducia, Qassim, and Gemima's salvation
- Thank you for your prayers and financial support!



City of Soroca



indifferent. Soroca has about 38,000 people, the largest Gypsy population in Moldova, two Jehovah's Witness meeting places, at least two Orthodox churches, an Adventist church, a Jewish synagogue, a Pentecostal church, and a small baptistic church that is without a pastor. We thank the Lord that He led us all and for His glory.

to visit Soroca and look forward to His future leading through visiting other locations. Next month we will be visiting the south of Moldova to see possible church planting locations there. Please pray for us to know God's will as to where we will begin our work after our furlough next year.

Next month, a young friend of mine, Robert, and his mother with be here for 2 weeks. They will help with the Ford's church's VBS and allow me time to give Robert a firsthand look at life as a missionary. Please pray that God would make the time profitable for us