



The GROSS Family

serving Christ in

Moldova



"...pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified..." - II Thess. 3:1

We are missionaries to the country of Moldova in Eastern Europe, sent out by Heritage Baptist Church in Cordova, TN. We have been serving there since 2010. We are currently church-planting in the northern part of the country in the city and region of Soroca, working together with Jacob and Viola Hughes. We are working to start a church in Soroca and have been working with a group of believers in the village of Bulboci, too. Each week we also hold a children's Bible Club just north of Soroca in the village of Cosăuți. In addition to our midweek prayer and Bible study meeting, we also hold weekly evangelistic Bible studies and discipleship in Soroca and two other villages. Our hope, prayer, and desire is to bring these works to maturity and train Moldovan leadership.

We count it a privilege to represent not just our sending church, but other like-minded churches who have partnered with us in making disciples for Christ in Moldova. Thank you for taking the time to look through the information below and for considering partnering with us through prayer and/or financial support. We are independent Baptist, conservative in music, and believe in promoting a vibrant personal walk with Christ and holy living. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me at the number or email on the back of this page. Thank you and God bless you.

He is faithful,

David Gross



MOLDOVA QUICK FACTS:

COUNTRY:

- Republic of Moldova
- Former Soviet Union country, established in 1991
- Located between Romania and Ukraine
- About the size of Maryland

PEOPLE:

- Around 2.5 million people in the country and over 1 million living and working outside of Moldova
- Languages – Romanian (official) and Russian

RELIGION:

- Over 95% Eastern Orthodox

ECONOMY:

- Poorest European country
- 40% of Moldovans are farmers

TESTIMONIES

David was born and raised in Canton, Ohio. Growing up in a Baptist church and Christian home, he heard the Gospel and trusted in Christ as his Savior in 1987. Acting on the guidance of his church's leadership and his desire for full-time ministry, he attended Pensacola Christian College to pursue a B.A. in Pastoral Ministries and minor in Missions. He then attended seminary to earn an M.A. in Bible. While in college, he met Stephanie, and they were married on August 7, 2004.



Stephanie grew up in Heritage Baptist Church in Memphis, Tennessee. As a child, she trusted in Christ as her Savior and later surrendered to missions at age eleven. After graduating from a Christian high school, she attended a Christian college where she received a B.A. in English Education and Teaching Art as a minor. She has ministered through singing in the choir, teaching children's Sunday School, participating in special music, and homeschooling their five children.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

We believe in Scripture's inerrancy, infallibility, and verbal, plenary inspiration. We believe that God has kept His Word pure and has providentially preserved it throughout time to be the sole authority for faith and practice of all mankind. (We believe that for English speaking people, the King James Version is God's Word and best reflects the original languages of God's preserved Word. We use the Fidela translation for Romanian and the Synodal translation for Russian.)

We believe in one holy, almighty, all-knowing, sovereign God, eternally existent in three persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. We believe that God created all that exists in six literal days and continues to be actively involved in His creation.

We believe that man was created perfect and without sin. We believe that Adam, tempted by the fallen angel, Satan, chose to disobey God and brought sin and death into the human race.

We believe in the deity, virgin birth, sinless life, death, burial, bodily resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ into heaven.

We believe that the only means of salvation and reconciliation with God comes through repentance and personal faith in Christ and His atoning work on the cross and His resurrection. Salvation is not merited through one's good works, church attendance, or baptism. Once a person accepts Jesus as his Lord and Savior, he is immediately born-again, a child of God, and is indwelt by the Holy Spirit. We believe that "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." We reject both unbalances of Armenianism and Calvinism.

We believe that those who die lost shall suffer eternal punishment in hell, but the saved shall spend eternity in heaven.

We believe that the local church is God's chosen tool for spreading the Gospel and instructing believers until Christ returns.

We believe in a pre-tribulational, pre-millennial rapture, a literal seven year tribulation, and a literal thousand year reign of Christ on earth.

We believe in separating from current trends, groups, and philosophies which undermine the authority and authenticity of the Bible and its teachings. This includes Neo-orthodoxy, Neo-evangelicalism, modern tongues movement, and the Ecumenical movement.