



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

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We enjoy having our garden. We like different aspects of the work but enjoy seeing the growth and prospect of harvest the most. The last couple months have been that kind of enjoyment in ministry. As with our garden, the harvest is often in danger of disease or pests that desire to steal the fruit. **Please rejoice with us in the development of fruit but also pray for wisdom in tending to these precious souls so that there will be fruit that remains.**

I would like to give you some updates from our last prayer letter. Victor, though still with volatile health issues, recently received a motorized wheel chair, which has been a blessing to him. David, the 80-year old, will be coming back to Soroca, Lord willing, some time this Spring. After passing out invitations, doing a week of Facebook Ads, and having the door unlocked and place heated each Wednesday evening for seven weeks, no one came to the new Soroca Bible study. Though this is discouraging, the Lord has other plans for that evening (more of that below). "Love" has continued to come to both services each week and the evangelistic Bible study with Jacob and Viola. What a joy when she invited a newly retired friend of hers to start coming, too. She has also joined Love in the services and study. We thank the Lord for using her already to draw others to God's Word. Lena and Vania have not returned yet from Russia, but **please pray for Vania to start coming to services upon their return.**

For 9 weeks (middle of January to middle of March), we held weekly Bible studies in the village of Visoca with the group that Eli has been bringing to our Soroca services. Being with a mix of believers and unbelievers who are seeking truth, the studies included topics like salvation, Bible study, and prayer. We enjoyed the time getting to know them better and hearing their questions during the studies. **Please pray for them to take the next step of faith from where they are now.**

For March 8, International Woman's Day, we held an outreach for the women in Soroca. Seven Moldovans came, only two of them believers. Another two of them came a couple weeks to our midweek service. **Please pray for lasting fruit from the event.**

For a long time, we had been praying for Iulia and Ioana to start coming weekly to the Sunday service in Bulboci. They had trusted Christ through my Bible studies in the village a couple years ago. After a couple years of discipleship, they still were not coming to services, though. I stopped meeting with them each week and encouraged them again to come on Sundays. With the encouragement of another believer who has been discipling them, too, they have now been coming faithfully for several weeks! **Pray for this growth to continue and for them to take the next step of baptism this year.**

Around the time I stopped trying to start the Wednesday evening study due to no one coming, the Lord brought a young man into my path. He speaks English very well and has been meeting weekly with me. It started with questions about God and is now a Bible study on Wednesday evenings. **Please pray for "V" as he seeks truth and to believe or not in the God of the Bible.**

Like we did for celebrating Christ's birth, we are planning to do programs about Christ's resurrection at the Soroca penitentiary and in the village of Bulboci. **Please pray for the Lord's blessings and for fruit from these outreaches.**

Thank you for your part in our lives and ministry here in Moldova. May you have fruit added to your account because of your part in giving and praying.

