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The uncertainty continues around the globe, but we are thankful that we can trust in a God who is never changing and a good provider. We are particularly thankful to see His care for us in how we have received several individual messages of encouragement and support from our friends and family and as well in your continued prayer and financial support.

In the last two months, God has been opening some wonderful opportunities here in Moldova which we are excited to share with you!

Personal Update:

You may remember a prayer request in a previous news letter to say that we were looking for an apartment to rent in Chisinau. For the last 3 years we have chosen to live in shared accommodation with an American family which have been close friends of ours for several years now. While we have really loved it and practically experienced the Kingdom community which we are designed for, we have felt that it was time for us to move out into our own space.

The rental market can move very quickly here in Chisinau and so we were looking for several weeks to find an apartment that suited us well. After viewing several different apartments but not finding a good match for us we finally viewed one that we could see ourselves feeling at home in, and it is common that after you view an apartment, you could be signing the contract and have the keys the very next day (which is what happened)! We are now enjoying this space which God has provided for us and have taken some time to get used to the new routines and life patterns once again.



What is the national state of Moldova?

The Moldovan borders have remained closed to internationals since the middle of March (although there is no problem getting in if you have a residency permit). In the last couple of months, the country had started to go back to more of a normal feel: commercial shops and parks had begun to re-open, however the number of cases of Covid-19 has continued to increase.

Today (Sunday 1st November) the country is having government elections and so we are waiting for the elected government to decide what action is necessary. At the moment, we are hearing rumours of lockdowns, especially since this is the pattern we are seeing across other parts of Europe but we will know for certain in the next few weeks.

OM ministry in Moldova:

We have recently had a full team meeting to discuss the way that we see God leading our ministry forward in the months ahead. The short village visits have been able to continue and the team have given many more Bibles and shared the Good News with many across Moldova.

Over the last 6 months the training department within OM in Moldova have been testing the waters with DMM (Disciple Making Movements). This is a term used to describe simple disciples who multiply (make more disciples who in turn make more disciples). The basic principle of DMMs is obedience, do we do what Jesus commanded or taught his disciple to do? This is a very challenging question to ask as for most people (us included) there are areas of our lives that we are not fully obedient to Jesus in. We have been walking through these challenges personally but also looking at how we can bring this call to full and simple obedience to the Jesus followers here in Moldova. This is particularly difficult in the current climate, with lockdown looking ever more likely and public meetings being at risk we have started to look at the possibility of going online to facilitate this process of rediscovering what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.



Prayer Points:

- The future may yet be unknown to us but God's work continues. Please pray for individuals to burn with God's passion for the world and commit to join global missions and our MDT program (Missions Discipleship Training) which runs every year from January to July.
- Pray for wisdom in our team as we plan for future ministries in this unstable climate
- Pray for the Moldovan government elections and the new government which will form

Praise Points:

- The ministry opportunities which have opened up for our team during this season
- The new apartment which God has given to us to rent
- Through the short visits to the villages, many have heard the Good News, received Bibles and committed their lives to Jesus' Kingship.
- Continued good health within our team throughout the whole of this season.