

## December 2020

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As we expected, after the last election, the country has gone back into lockdown till 15<sup>th</sup> January. Here is Eastern Europe we also celebrate the "Old Christmas" which takes place on 7<sup>th</sup> January – so the extended lockdown is to be a preventative measure for this long holiday season.



We have bought some handmade Christmas cards from our friends fundraiser and have been working on writing and handing these out to our new neighbours! We pray that as we get to meet new people, God will show us the needs in this new apartment block and enable us to create new relationships here.

We will be spending some precious time with our American friends (that we used to live with) over this season. In the new year, they will be moving to South East Asia with OM, so we will make the

most of all these last moments that we still have with them.

We are very thankful for our home church who have been so supportive of everything that God is doing here in Moldova and are so encouraged by their motivation to be actively involved. This last week, we received a package which was *filled* with hand stitched blankets, hats and scarfs! We intend to give these to our team mates who live in the villages so that they can distribute them to those who are in need.





Our team have continued to deliver training for individuals online, food packets, firewood, clothing and Bibles.

## Prayer Points:

- For wisdom over the new Prime Minister of Moldova as she leads the country through these difficult months
- For our efforts to make connections with others in the apartments around us
- For health over our team and wisdom in how to carry out ministries
- For two Moldovans to be trained through our 5 month Missions Discipleship Training which starts at the end of January
- For our final month with our close friends before they leave and for that final farewell time

Praise Points:

- We have now began to settle in to our new apartment after calling in some professionals to properly set up the hot water and electricity!
- This season of being with friends and celebrating Christmas
- Those who have been able to receive support and Bibles from the OM projects