



December 2021

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We want to wish you and your family a very wonderful time this Christmas celebrating together!

Settling in and gearing up!

After arriving back from the UK, you might remember that we mentioned we were taking on some different responsibilities this year. We thank you for your prayer in this area. We are enjoying the people we work with and all the new skills that we will have the chance to grow.



It has been an excellent week: We are very thankful that we finally have been able to install proper internet to our apartment (we had a year-long temporary fix until finally somehow someone somewhere pulled the right strings with a good internet provider!); We have had the first snowfall; we have decorated for Christmas; we have collected our sending churches Christmas project and are getting ready for a great holiday time.

We have been so pleased with how our sending church have blessed the ministry in Moldova this year with financial aid towards the relief work projects and with sending 12 FULL boxes of hand knitted warm clothing, stationary etc. We can't wait for our friends in the villages to deliver these gifts to those with great needs! We love that we have such a supportive team of people who pray for us as a couple and for the ministry of OM in general.

2022 Perspective

When we read about those who went out to spy the land in Numbers 13, we see that the majority focussed on the giants that they found. Only two came back and shared a fair representation of what was found – they included the reality that there are giants but also God's goodness in showing the fruit which is growing in the areas. As we look into 2022, I was challenged by this perspective to look ahead with reality about the expected trials but as well to see God's power and potential to overcome and offer his good gifts to His children. What possibilities lie ahead for you in 2022?



Stories from the villages

From our last newsletter you may remember that we shared the story of a son who refused to allow the offer of food packets to his elderly mum. Well, we thank you for your prayers! Our team member reported back in the last few days that this son has recently met them and was delighted and thankful that his mum could receive such help.

Prayer Points:

- Give thanks for the Christmas project from our sending church. Please now pray for wisdom in organising its distribution to those with need in the village
- We expect two new international individuals to join the team in January. Please pray for them as they say farewells to their family, gather documents together for a residency permit and travel during these Covid years. And for Andy who is in contact with them to support them throughout this process.
- Continue to pray for protection over good health!

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