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We are still pinching ourselves that we have been home in Moldova for two months. In a way, it seems like we've always been here. Stephanie asked if she could write the prayer letter this time, so you get the pleasure of hearing from her: **WHEN THERE'S NO WALMART...**

Proverbs 31:14, "She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar." Thank the Lord, I don't have to go far to get my food. Many of you may have prayed for me, as the wife, to be able to adjust with the cooking and buying groceries and so forth. This is actually one of my favorite events of the week: getting out of the apartment by myself and taking the short walk to the piață (market) and small, local grocery stores to get whatever I may need. It gives me a chance to practice my Romanian without depending on David to speak for me. So this is an answer to prayer also. Life is interesting when one cannot read half of what is on the box. Over here it may be written in Romanian, Russian, Polish, German, or another European language. Sometimes eight different languages appear.

IN A GOLDFISH BOWL...

Hîncești has a small town feel to it. Everyone knows everyone and everyone's business. Everyone knew about us shortly after we arrived and even knew where we lived. Consequently, we are getting to know many people and making new friends.

Just last week I was glad that everyone knows everyone because my wallet was stolen in the grocery store. I watched the surveillance video with the manager for half an hour before we saw the culprit. To my relief, the manager said he knew her. I got my wallet back within two hours of losing it. Our God keeps watching out for us.

One day on my way home, I passed a Moldovan grandmother who smiled and greeted me in English. It was a very strange

occurrence because no perfect stranger will smile at you over here, and why was this Moldovan lady speaking English to me? Ironically, this same lady, Ducia, lives in our apartment complex and invited us to dinner a few nights ago. I then found out that she was the lady who had greeted me. She is a sweet widow, but she is Orthodox



Ducia and our family

and needs the Gospel. **Please pray for Ducia's salvation and for us as we seek to share with her the message of peace with God through Christ.**

RESIDENCE GRANTED!

The biggest answer to prayer came this week when we picked up our immigration cards and green cards (work permits). The immigration cards are able to be renewed two more years before we must completely go through the application process. The green cards must be applied for each year, though. We thank all of you who prayed so much for our residence/work permits.

LECȚIA DE LIMBA ROMÂNĂ

We have praised the Lord over and over again for providing the perfect language teacher for us. Aliona teaches in a very professional, organized fashion, which has been vital for me in particular to be able to grasp the language. We are progressing and adding more and more to our vocabulary each week. **Please continue to pray for us as we continue our lessons.**

HOME SWEET HOME

The apartment the Lord provided for us is fairly small to most Americans (about 550 sq. ft.), but it feels fairly spacious. We have been pleased with its good condition and the convenient location to everything we might need. It also has a modern heating system, which solves another concern of ours. It has been so nice to not live in a van

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Prayer Requests & Praises:

- Praise the Lord we received our residency permits!
- Praise the Lord that we have a car and a home.
- Praise the Lord for advancements with the Romanian language.
- Praise the Lord for a new supporting church: Trinity BC in Secane, PA
- Pray for continued learning of Romanian.
- Pray for Tudor, Ducia, Qassim, and Gemima's salvation.
- Pray for the Ford's church construction here in Hîncești.
- Pray for us all to get over colds.
- Thank you for your prayers and financial support!

anymore or live out of a suitcase as we have the past two years.

In this gigantic move across the world, the Lord has helped us through all the changes and needs that we've experienced as a family. We had asked prayer for our children, that they would adjust well. They seem to be settling into our new home now, so thank you so much for your prayers.



Our kitchen/dining room

We thank God for your care and prayers for us. May God richly bless each one of you and give you much treasure in Heaven.