

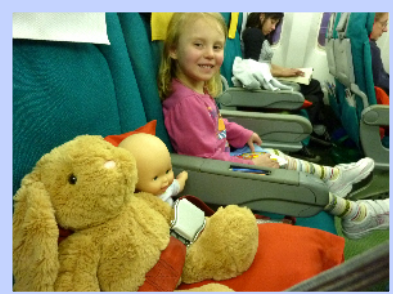


Greetings from Moldova! What a joy it is to finally be here. We want to first thank each of you that were used of the Lord by your prayers and/or financial support to get us to Moldova. We pray there will be fruit that will abound to your account.

BIG FEBRUARY UPDATE

Here is a quick update on the specifics that we asked you to pray for this month.

1. Overall, our trip to Moldova went very well. We made each flight, had no delayed or canceled flights, the kids slept almost the entire overseas flight, and all of our luggage made it to Moldova with us. God was gracious to us.



Abby had some friends to sit with on the plane

2. Please continue to pray for our housing situation. Our initial plan may have fallen through. There are several nice places for sale, but few decent places for rent. So far, the places available have either a kitchen with no bathroom or vice versa. We are praying for a place with electricity, indoor plumbing, and a kitchen. There are no rental advertising books here. It is all word of mouth.

3. & 4. God has provided an excellent language teacher for us. Daniel Ford (the missionary who is helping us get settled in) has found us a lady who teaches English in the public schools here and has also taught Peace Corp workers Romanian. Please pray for Aliona as she teaches us and for us to have an extra measure of grace in learning the language quickly. Pray also for her as we seek to reach her with the Gospel.

5. Pray that we will find a good, used van. The hunt is still on for a vehicle. We have narrowed it down to two different types of

vehicles. We need wisdom in choosing the right vehicle for our family and ministry.

6. Pray for a smooth transition for our entire family into the Moldovan life and culture and for spiritual strength. This will be an ongoing request as we go through different stages of adjustments. I have started driving here and am learning my way around. Daniel has also allowed me to preach a couple times in the church plant here in Hincesti. Stephanie is learning much from Emily Ford about grocery shopping and cooking in Moldova. Until we find a home, we are currently living with the Fords, which has been a blessing. We are very thankful to the Lord for them.

QASSIM

I did get to meet with Qassim and his wife the Monday evening before we left for Moldova. We spent most of the three hours talking about the Gospel and the source of true forgiveness through Christ. His wife is so hungry to learn more of the truth, but I believe Qassim is at a standstill for the time being. He believes that there is forgiveness for sins through doing good deeds in life, which is the same error that the religions of the world teach. **Please keep praying for the seed of the Gospel to continue to go deep and eventually bring fruit.** Lord willing, we will continue to talk over the phone and answer questions that they have.

RESIDENCY PERMIT

The first two weeks here in Moldova have been spent working on our residency permit application. Without a residency permit, we would have to leave Moldova on May 3 and not return for 90 days.

The process began with getting an official statement of residency at a Moldovan address. Then we spent two days going to the government's immigration medical clinic for health exams for a health certificate (included a chest x-ray for TB, a test for Hepatitis, blood test for AIDS, psychiatric exam, and a couple others). Next we had to have all of our American documents (birth certificates, college diplomas, etc.) officially translated into

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Prayer Requests & Praises:

- Praise the Lord for new support from Smethport BC and our home church increasing our support.
- Praise the Lord that Daniel's passport came in before we flew out.
- Praise the Lord for safe travels and all of our luggage making it to Moldova
- Praise the Lord for providing us a qualified Romanian language teacher.
- Pray for Qassim and Gemima's salvation.
- Pray for our residency permits.
- Pray we find a home and vehicle.
- Thank you for your prayers and financial support!

Romanian. All the above documents, along with a residency application and fees, were then given to a lawyer. He has submitted all of this to the government, and now we are awaiting approval. **Please pray for the residence permits to be granted to our entire family.**

ADDRESS

I know that in the near future, you may want to know what address you can use to mail things to us. The Post Office will be the best way to send any letter or package to us. Please use the following Moldovan P.O. Box address for the next year or two:

David Gross

C.P. #45 (this is the P.O. Box number)

Or. Hincesti 3401 (city & postal code)

Republic of Moldova, Europe



Daniel started smiling the past couple weeks. I guess he is just happy to be in Moldova.