



Imagine carrying around a large stack of cards with a different word written on each one. When you want to say something to another person, you must dig through your stack and try to pull out the right word, one at a time. At times it would feel like a fun game, but at other times like a mean trick. Sometimes you feel frustrated because you can't find the right card you need quickly enough. Sometimes the person listening to you get's frustrated and impatient as he or she waits for you to find the next word.

Thus is the task of learning another language. We are not carrying the stack of Romanian words in our hand but in our head. After fourteen weeks of Romanian lessons, we have a conglomeration of words, verb endings, and grammar rules floating around in our minds.

As our first semester closed last week, our focus this summer is on "pulling the right card," at the right time, and with greater accuracy and speed. Stephanie has practice sessions with different Moldovan ladies, one of them being our neighbor across the hall, Catia (Cot-ee-uh). This single young lady will be going to America soon to work for several months and wants to practice her English with Stephanie. Please pray for her as Stephanie gives her the Gospel.

This past Sunday evening, our language professor came with Stephanie to a special ladies meeting hosted by a group from America. We had included the Gospel as much as possible in our Romanian homework and in discussions with our professor, Aliona, but Stephanie was able to go through the entire Gospel with her

while at the ladies meeting. She did not make any decision to repent and trust Christ alone as Savior that night. Please pray for the Lord to continue working on her heart and to show her her need for Christ.

I met with Tudor again last month and went through the Gospel with him one morning over coffee. He has still not come to grasp with the fact that we, as sinners, cannot do enough good to clear our guilt before God and escape His wrath and judgment. I will be meeting again with him in a week or two. Please pray for Tudor's salvation.

Our lack of being fluent in Romanian makes witnessing a challenge, but we are praying for God to bless in spite of this fact. Please pray for our continued progress in understanding and speaking in their heart language.

#### **MOLD-ova**

We recently had about two to three weeks of rain every day, resulting in very high humidity and the growth of mold in our apartment on the walls. Now the rain has passed but the temperature has been in the 90's. Thanks to Victory Baptist Church in Maryland giving us a special offering, we were able to purchase a portable unit that is a dehumidifier, AC unit, and heater. The mold is now gone and under control and we are much more comfortable in the summer heat. Thank you very much!

#### **A BROKEN HEART**

With heaviness of heart, I ask for you to pray for a young man from our church named Igor. He does not have a father in Moldova nor does he have any brothers or sisters. His mother died this past Thursday in the summer heat.

**June 14, 2010**

#### Prayer Requests & Praises:

- **Praise the Lord we have completed the basic Romanian course (the advanced course will begin this Fall).**
- **Praise the Lord for two churches increasing our support.**
- **Pray for Igor as he recovers from his mother's passing away.**
- **Pray for continued learning of Romanian.**
- **Pray for Catia, Tudor, Aliona, Victor, Ducia, Qassim, and Gemima's salvation.**
- **Pray for the Ford's church construction here in Hincești.**
- **Pray for our children to learn the language.**
- **Thank you for your prayers and financial support!**

Seeing my friend in such agony of heart has been the most difficult time I have had here in Moldova thus far. He was saved only a few years ago but has grown much since then. He has a zeal for the Lord and plans on serving the Lord in full-time ministry. Please earnestly pray for him as he grieves. Pray for him to remain close to the Lord and continue following God's plan for his life. The evil one would love to destroy him during this vulnerable time.

**100%**

With two churches increasing our support recently, the Lord has brought us to 100% of our monthly financial support goal. With inflation, devaluation of the dollar, and older children to feed, our needs will increase, but for the time being, we have full support. Thank you to each of you who have sacrificed to bring us to this goal.