



The Gross Family to Moldova

Running for President

No, you will not see my name on the ballot in the weeks to come, but I thought it was interesting how much the presidential candidates and missionaries on deputation can relate with each other.

Both travel from state to state.

We can relate with the presidential candidates being in a different state every week to two weeks. In our nine months of full-time deputation, we have added over 21,000 miles on our van and visited over 35 churches in ten different states.

With all the traveling, we praise the Lord for the safety He has given us. God has also kept our van running well and taken care of maintenance needs. In Powhatan, VA, a church graciously provided us with new tires and front brakes. Please continue to pray for our safety and for our van to keep running well.



Both are seeking support. Candidates are now frantically raising financial and voting support from the American people. The media loves to show the percentage that each candidate has gained in recent polls. We praise the Lord for being at 37% now but know that number needs to continue to increase. Please pray for churches we have visited already to be able and willing to begin supporting us financially.

Both are seeking to convert people. Until the final ballot is cast, the candidates will seek to persuade each American to vote for him or her. While we are in our pre-field ministry, we are also seeking to persuade men and

women that they are sinners needing salvation by faith in Jesus Christ from the wrath of God to come. Within a month, we have had the privilege of sharing the Gospel with two different men from Russia.

On our way to Shining Light Baptist Church in Blairsville, GA, we stopped at a playground for our children. I noticed a man there that looked like he was Russian. A little later, I heard him speaking in Russian to his wife. I greeted him in Russian and began a conversation with him. After my Russian ran out in a minute or so, we switched to speaking in English, which he knew very well. I found out that his name is Ephraim.

My next question was, "Are you Jewish?" I became very excited when he answered "yes."

We then talked for over an hour as I took him through the Torah (Old Testament) and pointed him towards his Messiah, Jesus Christ. He listened intently and asked questions. At the end of our conversation, I asked him if he was interested in having a New Testament Bible. Praise the Lord that he did! He told me that I have given him some things to think about. Please pray for Ephraim to accept Jesus Christ as his Messiah and Savior.

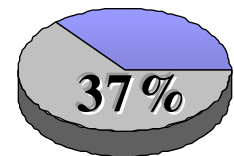
While each presidential candidate seeks to work for a temporary kingdom on earth, God has called us to work for Him in building up an eternal kingdom.

October 2008

Prayer Requests & Praises:

- Pray for us to reach 50% by the end of this year.
- Pray that the churches we have presented our ministry at will vote to support us financially on a regular basis.
- Pray for Ephraim to accept Jesus as his Messiah.
- Pray for good health and safety in our travels.
- Praise the Lord for new supporting churches:
 1. East Baptist Church
 2. Victory Baptist Church

Support Level:



Our Itinerary:

- Oct. 1 – Leesburg, VA
- Oct. 3-5 – Westminster, MD
- Oct. 8-12 – Powhatan, VA
- Oct. 15-19 – Clay, WV
- Oct. 22 – Murray, KY
- Oct. 23-26 – N. Canton, OH
- Nov. 2-3 – Clarksville, TN
- Nov. 5 – Livonia, MI
- Nov. 6-9 – Flushing, MI
- Nov. 10 – Heath, OH
- Nov. 12 – Columbus, OH
- Nov. 16 – Walkerton, IN
- Nov. 19 – Radcliff, KY

