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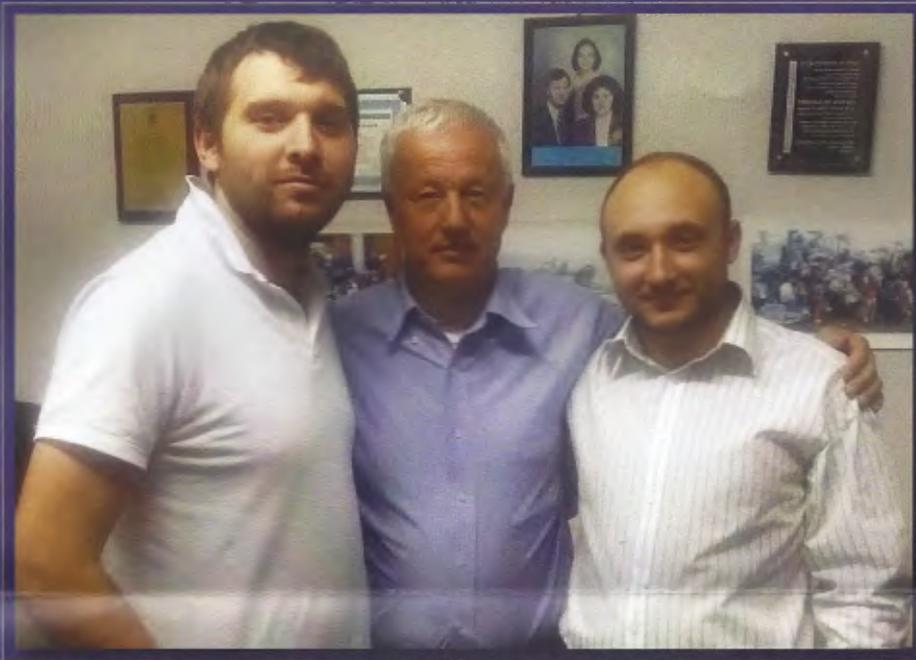


She is one of many in Moldova waiting for our help.

As the airplane was crossing Lake Michigan and flying over downtown Chicago to land at O'Hare International Airport, many, many, many memories of the past 26 years ran through my mind. In 1990, we left Chicago as a family, to move to the middle of nowhere because we answered the "call"—to go to the mission field of Romania, Moldova, Siberia, India, and Central America.

There were two important elements we prayed for and said if giving up a good steady job and a great Christian Romanian community and deciding to live by faith only, through all this, just one soul would hear about our loving God and salvation through Jesus Christ, it would be worth it. I have shared, repeatedly, that vision with many churches, communities, family gatherings, and on our radio network.

Only God knows how many have really been touched, especially by our radio ministry, printed literature, and also by thousands of humanitarian parcels and other projects that we have done in the last 26 years.



These two young men, Victor and Vasile, were among the orphans raised in our children's home in Chisinau. They both showed great interest for technology.

Now, Vasile (right) is married, has a child, and for the past seven years has been our main engineer at LSM Radio Network. Victor is also married. He and his wife are expecting a child, and he assists in fulfilling the most complicated technical needs at our radio network.

Summer is here; winter has been gone a long time ago. Winter is always the most challenging time for our ministry and the workers of the Little Samaritan Mission. It is during this time when the weather is harshest and orphanages/institutions and families are in greatest need of food and heating, that LSM is most active working efficiently to meet these needs.

As you know, LSM has 2 branches of service; humanitarian relief always distributed with the Good News and the Christian radio ministry and printing of Christian literature. If there are funds, we purchase coal, food, we do improvements/remodeling in schools, orphanages, we continue the After-School Program, we help desperate families or children with special medical needs and many other projects. But when resources are limited, we cannot stretch far and our breaks for those whose needs are not met or we must delay helping them.

My guiding principle for 26 years of service has always been to not let anyone go away crying when he/she knocks on our door for assistance.



This woman was planning on using this stack of corn stalk to keep her home warm through Moldova's harsh cold winter, until Little Samaritan Mission distributed, coal, wood, and food items.

The other branch of LSM is the Christian radio ministry. Radio requires funds for electricity, renting towers and satellite, transmitters, salaries for personnel, producing, broadcasting, and so many other expenses to be on air. This summer we have reached one of the lowest financial points we have had in over 26 years of ministry. Funds are so low we cannot even provide for next month's payments, as mentioned above.

I'm writing this newsletter to you with the hope you will pray for this situation. Yes, for the last years I thought that changes in Moldova, with economic reform, reduction of corruption, opening up to the European Union, would bring some prosperity and LSM wouldn't feel the burden of so many needs and thus, could concentrate only and mostly on the radio because we are the only Christian radio network in the entire country. However, this has not been the case for those living in rural areas, seniors, and impoverished families. By the time you receive this newsletter we will celebrate 22 years, since we opened our 1st Christian radio station in Chisinau.

There is no other organization with such large infrastructure and low budget to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ across the nation, helping to shape the moral fiber and character of generations. LSM has been granted the privilege of this ministry, but we face the financial challenges of our reality today.

When I landed in Chicago, I thought I would go to some of my former friends who are now wealthy and they could maybe help us to get through this summer until Share-a-Thon, our annual radio fundraiser, in the Fall. But you know, the strength of our ministry today is not from big donors, but little by little from our supporters, donors, and most of all, from prayer support.

LSM distributed much-needed food items, school supplies, and clothing to this widow and her family. The handmade quilt was gifted by a community of Mennonite Christian women in Michigan, making it a long way from Michigan to this family in Moldova. Over the years thousands of similar quilt were donated by this caring community to Moldova.



Summer is easier even for this elderly woman. For the winter, she received a visit from LSM workers and was blessed with coal, wood, and food to comfort her body, and a portable solar powered radio playing LSM's Radio Network to comfort her soul.



One of the recipients of the Mother's Day Oncology Project for children fighting cancer. More on website.



For the past 26 years, LSM has been providing clothing, shoes, food, and means of heating and spiritual nourishment for thousands of children in orphanages, adults in institutions, schools, and impoverished families and

seniors, and we continue to do so! Yet, lately there are more and more poor children in villages that need our help because the state's orphanages are being shut down everywhere, leaving the children in worse circumstances even than when they were in orphanages. Last week, we shipped a 40 foot container filled with backpacks filled with daily necessities and clothing to Moldova to be distributed in October of this year. We are still in desperate need for funds to pay for the shipment of this 40 foot container.



After-School Program

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So instead of appealing for funds, I ask you to pray for this ministry more than ever before, for LSM to continue with God's blessings, after 26 years till the Lord comes or until there's no possibility to serve, or no possibility to broadcast the Gospel of Jesus Christ, through radio. We are in a new global era in which the definition of family is under attack and Christians are constantly targeted to stand up for what they believe.

Will you pray and share this need with one other person? Only together we may unite, with one voice, to our God for His guidance and provision to continue this ministry founded by a young family with a vision to serve the Lord, more than 30 years ago. We thank you.

For His Glory!

Florin PindicBlaj, Founder/President
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