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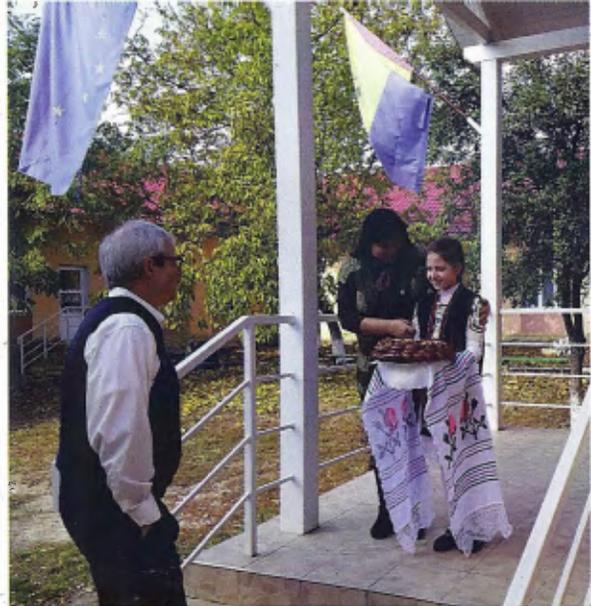
## SHARE-A-THON 2016

Our upcoming Share-a-thon (November 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>) is LSM's annual fundraising event. We hope our listeners, families, and churches will respond with their pledge of contributions, enabling us to continue with this very important radio ministry, reaching so many in remote areas of the country. In June, we barely had enough funds to pay for electricity and to continue our radio ministry. Thankfully, God provided. We are still short now, but by the time you will receive this newsletter we will prepare for Share-a-Thon, by praying that God will touch the hearts of faithful listeners and will bring new supporters into the family of the Little Samaritan Mission.



### *A Journal of Florin's Mission Trip in Moldova*

Hardly an hour passes in a day of my life without thinking, praying, or trying to do something in connection with the ministry of LSM in Moldova, when I am in America. This time after a trip of a night and a day, finally the airplane crossed the border of Moldova. Pastor Bob, who is from a large Church in Hickory, came along with me, in part to see the work of Little Samaritan. As we approached the Capital city he looked through the window and asked: "Are those the lights of Chisinau?"

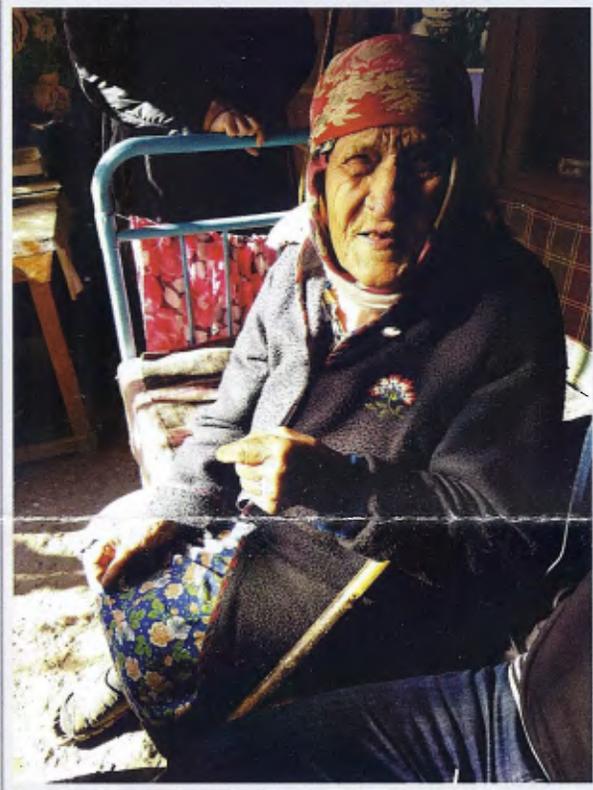


Traditional Moldovan greeting with bread and salt at Bolohani After-School Program.

As I replied, "yes, they are the lights of Chisinau"...the sound of those words triggered in my mind a memorable prayer I made 27 years ago in September of 1989, when coming for the first time with Lidiana to Moldova. As we drove in that morning and reached Chisinau, we stopped. It was at dawn and the sun was not up yet, but looking to the city I saw the lights in many buildings and I prayed: "*God help us to bring your Gospel, your message of love to every home where we see the lights.*"

I told Pastor Bob about that prayer and how God has fulfilled that prayer vision. Now, through Little Samaritan Radio, that message is all over the Capital city, all across Moldova, and even in a neighboring country, as well as across the world, through the internet radio.

The next day we went to a village school in Bolohani, where the children are involved in LSM's After School Program. They welcomed us with bread and salt, a tradition to honor special guests, plus a live brass band. I felt very humbled. We were visiting, encouraging, and distributing a Christian book, which was just newly printed. We left with their smiling faces in our memories and music of their band in our ears.



Heading to an orphanage for the handicapped, we stopped on the way to visit a 90 year old lady. She lives alone because she was never married. In her small tiny house Pastor Bob needed to bend his head to enter, not because he is so tall, but because the ceiling was only a



little over 5 feet high. We brought food because I heard from our humanitarian worker that she only had a pantry of dry bread for 5 days and she was soaking it every day in water to survive. In her so-named pantry, were a couple of jars of pickled vegetables. That was all of her provisions for the entire winter, but she kept telling us, repeatedly, how she was encouraged by the LSM radio, day and night.

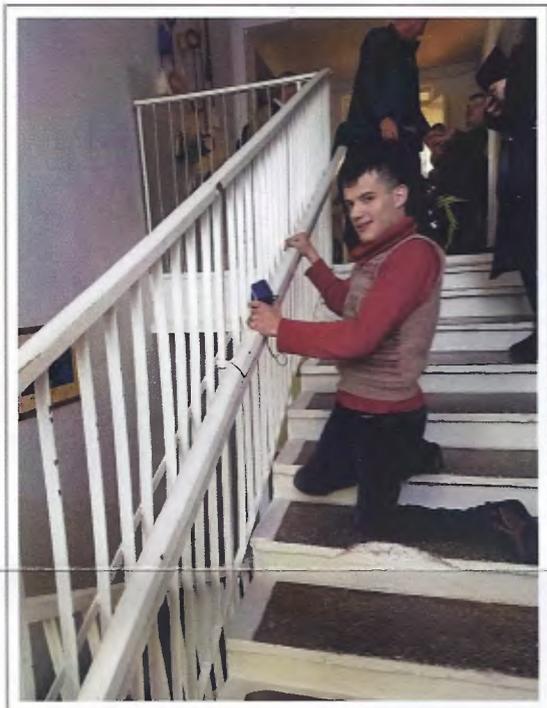
Our next stop was at the institution for handicapped boys. There, we delivered diapers, wheelchairs, and dry food. It was not easy to go through their bedrooms to see their crippled human bodies and, difficult to understand, gestures trying to communicate and express their gratitude for our visit. A personnel took us in a special room where they were doing crafts. It was unbelievable to see the talented paintings, handbags and so many other crafts they made.



One particular boy who was walking on his knees, as most of them do, and who had only 2 fingers, created a beautiful painting. I approached a table to see another child, Vasile. He had a shining, bright smile and he was knitting a special carpet. He was listening to the LSM Radio and knows our programs, our songs, and the people working at our radio, by name. Not



knowing who I was, I asked him, "what do you dream about Vasile"? And he said, "I have a dream to visit LSM Radio one day and to meet brother Florin." I asked, "why didn't you go till now?" He said, "I don't know if that is really possible." Then I told him to call brother Florin and he could arrange for you to meet him... Someone dialed my number, put the phone on speaker and handed him the phone. Without looking, I exited into a corridor to answer, and then while maintaining the conversation, I re-entered the room, without him realizing that I was next to him. He was thrilled just to speak with me on the phone. When I said to him, "see Vasile, God did a miracle; he didn't take you to brother Florin, but He brought brother Florin to you, right here!" All of us were happy and laughing. By the time we were leaving and going down on the cold concrete stairs, I stopped for a moment. I noticed he was coming on his knees down the stairs with one hand holding the rail and with his other hand holding the blue radio, which is tuned only to the LSM radio station. How much impact our radio ministry has...only God knows.



The 3rd day we drove 3 hours to another orphanage to distribute Face of a Child packages. The children were physically healthy, but many had mental health problems, easily noticeable. Again, they welcomed us with bread at the door of the orphanage. Our tradition is that you take a piece of bread and dip it in the salt. As I usually do, I broke a big part of the bread and I started sharing with each child, telling them it is not communion bread, but I pointed to the symbol of LSM: 2 fish and 5 loaves of bread. I told them about how Jesus multiplied the bread and was repeating the same miracle for us, day by day. I told them how God has multiplied our resources and provided what we have needed for the past 27 years of our ministry.



By the time we entered in the auditorium to distribute backpacks, there was a big radio filling the room with a Christian message from LSM station. Before distributing the backpacks, we prayed and they wanted to have a special program for us. Pastor Bob was surprised because all

the songs and poems were what they learned from previously tuning into our LSM radio programs. I'm sure by the time Pastor Bob returned to the U.S., he realized the importance of the radio in reaching the entire country of Moldova, and impacting the lives of so many people through this ministry.

Now in Moldova, like in the U.S., they are having national elections. The geopolitical situation places Moldova between the interests of Russia, to the North, and NATO, to the West. This has created a climate of bitterness and division among the people. Economically, Moldova is still considered the poorest country in Europe. Most of the labor force left long ago, to work abroad. Those who remain here are disappointed with their corrupt leaders. Personally, I was hoping by this time that Moldova would have developed economically to a level that we no longer would be needed to provide humanitarian support. But as the bitter cold winter comes once again, our LSM office will be flooded with requests for coal, heating, food, and medical assistance.

The holiday season is fast approaching. For Thanksgiving, we meet with family and friends to reflect on the blessings in our lives and Christmas brings the joy of Christ's birth into our hearts. We ask you to remember the children and the people of Moldova. Through your generosity and love, God has provided for their needs, giving LSM the opportunity to serve for over two decades. Thank you for your faithfulness and for your support. Our prayer is that as long as God gives us the privilege to serve the children and the people of Moldova, you will partner with us to do so! May God bless you abundantly!

For God's glory, Florin PindicBlaj

