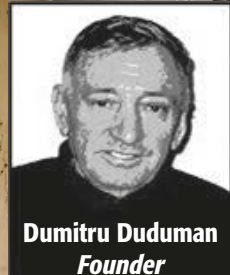




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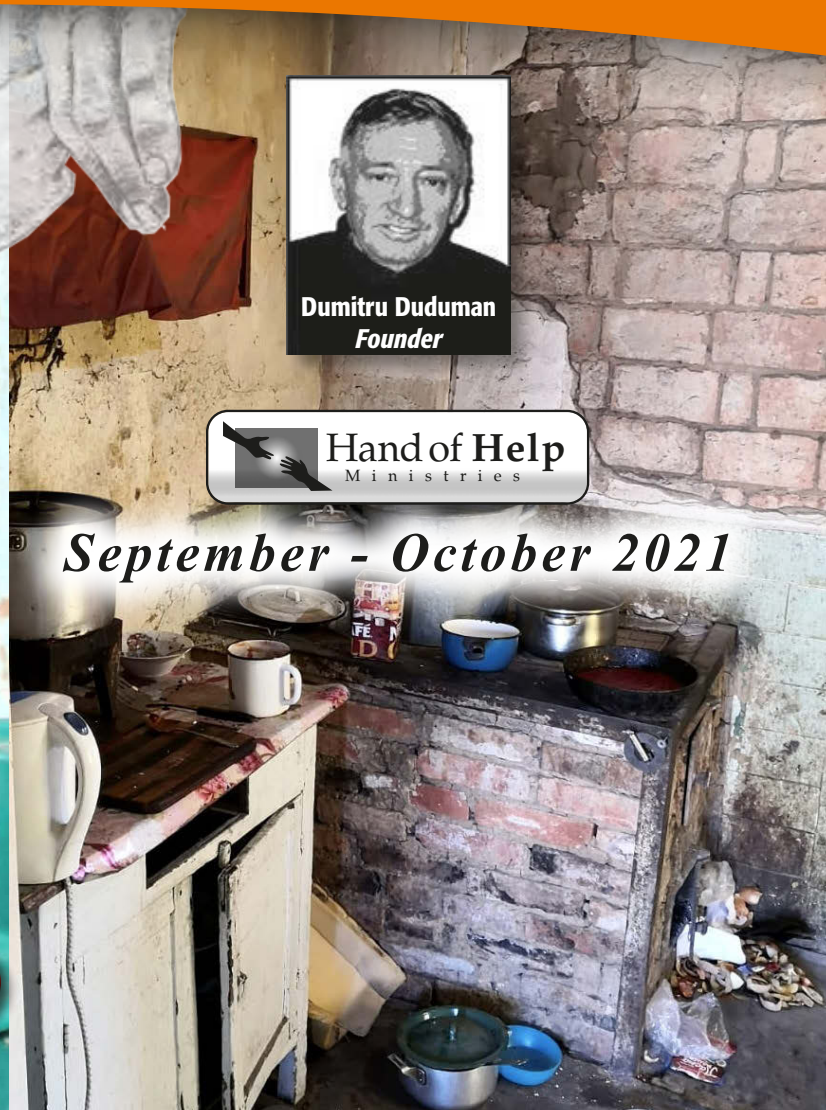


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# Praise the Lord!

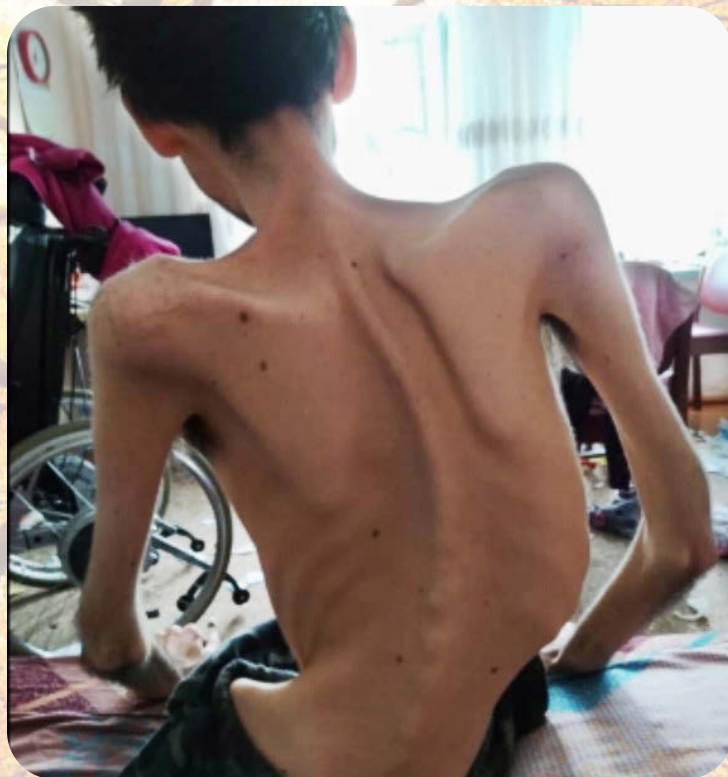
Andrei and Elisabeta Pascar live in Petrovka, Odesa, Ukraine, with their three children. They were temporarily allowed to live in a home without any heat and with multiple roof leaks.



Elisabeta's stepfather, who is crippled and confined to a wheelchair, struggled with depression for years. One day, as he was once again thinking of all the things he couldn't do, he started compiling a list of things that he could do. He came up with seven things that he could still do and started doing them! He could still speak, so he began preaching the Gospel! He started sharing the Good News with anyone that would listen.

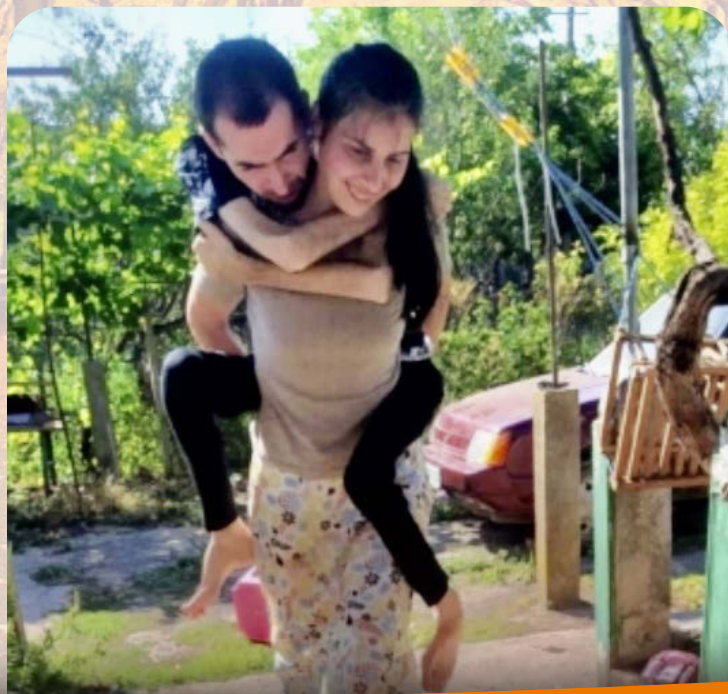
Having dealt with depression while focusing on his infirmity, he started to reach out to other disabled people within the community, trying to fill a void in the life of those often neglected. Little did he know that one of the gentlemen he would be mentoring, Andrei, a young man with muscular dystrophy, would soon be his son-in-law.

Elisabeta witnessed her mother's example of lovingly caring for her paralytic stepfather, and the decades of self-sacrifices had prepared her to help in this way. She recalls that as a child, while watching her mother serve, she



would say to herself, "I want to do that someday. I want to take care of someone who cannot tend to themselves."

After a short courtship, Elisabeta wholeheartedly agreed to marry Andrei with the full knowledge that she signed up for life as a caregiver to her husband.





A few years have passed, and Elisabeta is even more committed and in love with her husband. “Of course, I would do it all over again. I love him”, she proclaims as she shows our team the patient lift she uses to get her husband in and out of bed - a life-changing blessing that was given to them by visiting missionaries.

The Lord has opened their eyes to the truth, and they can hardly wait to be baptized together and raise their children in the fear of the Lord.

Our prayer is to help build a home for the Pascars that would provide shelter and warmth for them and their children and add some accessibility features that will help Elisabeta care for her husband. We estimate this project to be around \$25,000. Thank you for your prayers for this need.

When our team asked how long he had been in a wheelchair, Andrei responded, “I have been this way since age 15 but praise God I have a wheelchair. Thank you, brothers!”

Just as Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God even after intense flogging, praise that led to an opportunity to share the Gospel with their jailer, we pray that the praise that resounds from Andrei’s crippled, prison of a body would be used for many opportunities to speak to others of our Lord Jesus.

Regardless of our pain, affliction, heartache, or struggles, may we be found praising our Savior! May our witness be such that many would inquire, “What must I do to be saved?”

Praise Him!

Daniel Boldea



# If the Lord Wills, We Shall Go

High-structure individuals like myself are being challenged and tested during these very unpredictable times. For example, to go through the trouble of planning an international multi-stop missions trip weeks in advance only to have it canceled by the airline, or worse yet, by the false-positive rapid COVID test taken at the airport by an individual with as much medical training as Doogie Howser, on the day of your scheduled departure, adds a level of stress that never existed before.



Our proper response to these situations has always been in the Book. “Instead you ought to say, *‘If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.’*” James 4:15

If the Lord wills, we shall travel to Romania and Ukraine in December, leading a team for two weeks. Our brothers in this hard-hit area of the world need our prayers, encouragement, and support.

It is surrendering our plans into the Omnipotent hands of our Sovereign God, making them solely contingent on His will, that can bring about resolve.



Philippians 4:6-7 “*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*”

We long to continue being ambassadors for Christ, imploring them on Christ’s behalf to be reconciled to God.

The pictures included in this article were taken during our last trip to the area in the spring.

We are grateful for your continued prayers and support of this work.

Trusting in Him,  
Daniel Boldea





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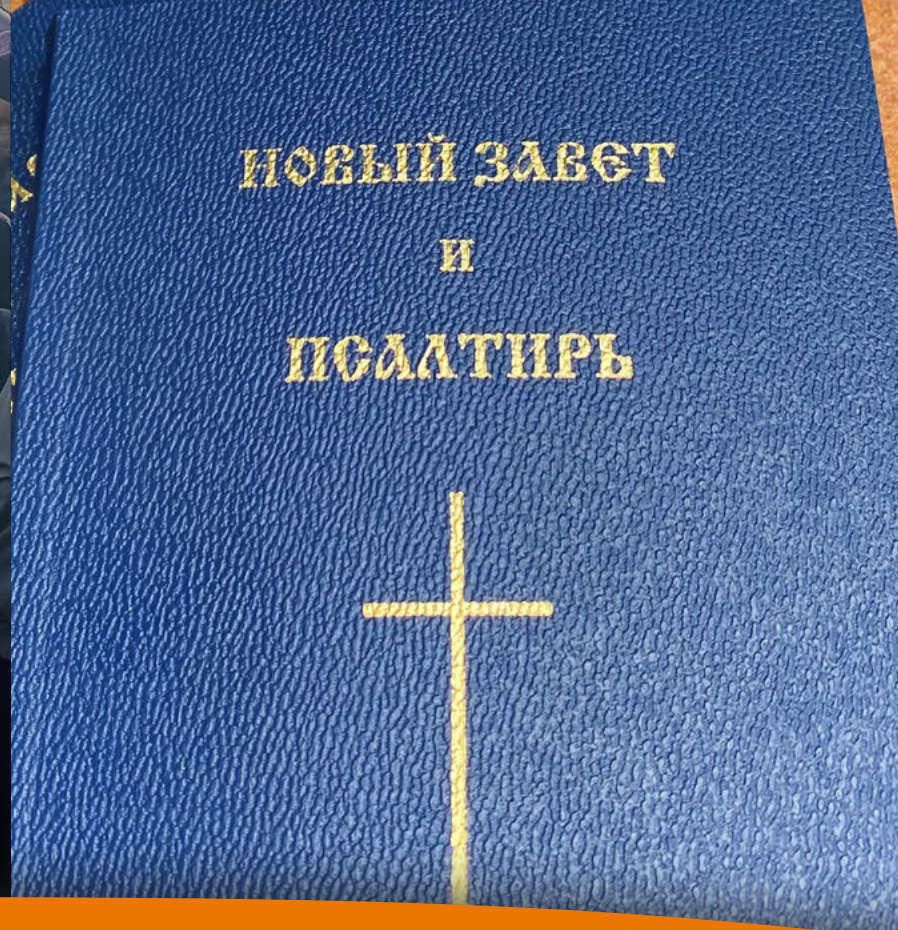
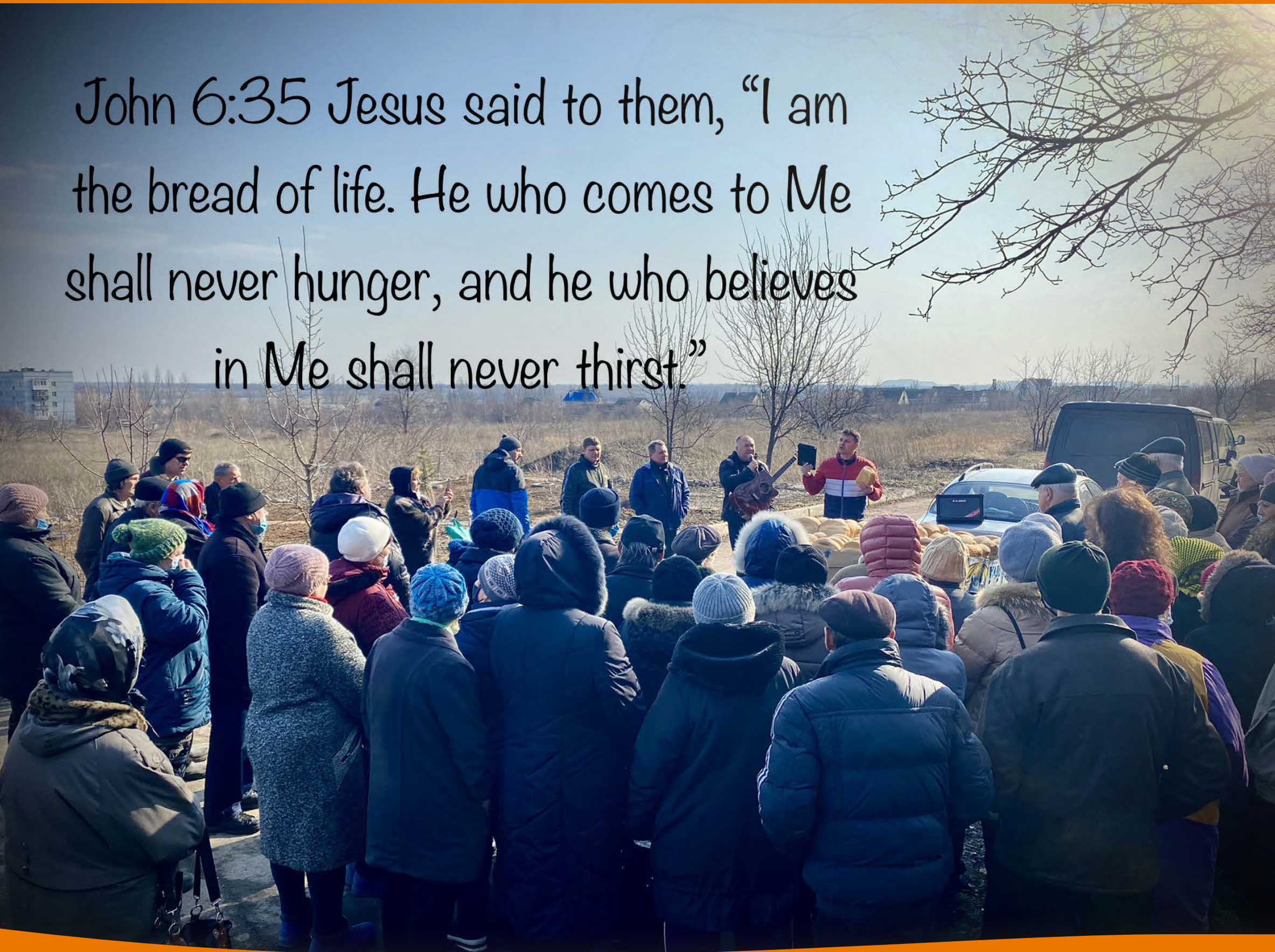
*-that the Holy Spirit would draw many to salvation through the proclamation of His Word.*

*-that the missionaries are granted strength to persevere during these difficult times.*

*-for wisdom as we plan our trip and surrender it to the Lord in prayer.*

*-for provision as we desire to be a blessing and distribute firewood, food packages, and fund Gospel-centered projects.*

John 6:35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst."



# An Uphill Trek

Ion Lupu and his wife, Violeta, are no strangers to hardship. The Lupus have struggled to get by for most of their lives, but with God's help, hard work, and determination, they have never gone without food for their children. They live in the remote village of Cristesti, Botosani, along with their six children. Dumitru, their oldest child, is ill and can only help with small chores around the house while supervised.



Ion is a hard worker, and he excels whenever the opportunity to earn some money for his family comes around. At times he has had to leave the country for work but acknowledges how difficult it is to leave his wife to take care of the children on her own.



The Lupus live in an old home that has seen numerous decades, and Ion has been diligent in taking care of their only shelter from the elements, patching things up the best they could.

Their most urgent need is replacing the asbestos roof that is as old as the home and has large cracks and holes, water inundating the house even with the lightest rain. They had rags pressed into the gaps in their roof as if somehow they would stop the water from coming in. Brother Ion is able to do the work but could not afford the materials on their minimal, survival-only income. The materials for their roof are around \$2,200.

Given the age of the home, we don't believe it can withstand the elements for many more winters.

After meeting with them and speaking with their pastor, and seeing their consistent work ethic, we would like to build a good home that will serve as a safe dwelling for this family for decades to come.



Thank you for petitioning our Father for this need.

May God richly bless you!

Pastor Mircea Boldea Sr.

# Child of the Month

Mihai entered our family in the fall of 2017 along with his siblings, Cristian and Maria. The children used to live with their parents; however, after their divorce, the court granted their mother sole custody, and they were separated from their father, who went abroad in search of work.



Soon afterward, financial difficulties changed the course of their lives. An orphan herself, adopted at the age of two, the mother lost both her adoptive parents, housing, income and job. Desperate and alone, she took her children and moved to a local housing center for single mothers in need. However, this proved to be a temporary solution. Fearing they would end up on the street, the mother asked the local authorities to find a place for her children while leaving the country to find work.

Her desire is to be able to return and offer her children a home. However, until then, having no other relatives that could take the children into their care, we were asked to step in and welcome Cristian, Maria, and Mihai into our family. We immediately noticed that, in the light of so many changes, the children missed school numerous

times, and they required special care and attention – not only pertaining to their education but also emotional support and personal time dedicated to helping them adjust to their home.

Mihai (or Mihaita as we like to call him) stole everyone's heart the moment he stepped into our center. He is incredibly charming and knows how to get his way. Our biggest challenge now is attempting to quiet him down long enough to complete his homework assignments. He can talk for hours without taking a breath.

Would you please keep Mihai in your prayers? We have been given the responsibility to nurture him from such a young age!



During these very years of early childhood, we have an opportunity to form a child and help him prepare for independent life, teaching him the principles and rules that will guide him forever. May every good thing that he learns here stay with him for the rest of his life, and may God help us teach him His ways and follow in His steps.



# Answered Prayers

Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude towards our God for the immediate provision for the projects we presented in our last newsletter! We would also like to extend a sincere thank you to all those who sacrificially support the continuation of this work – we do not take your generosity for granted.



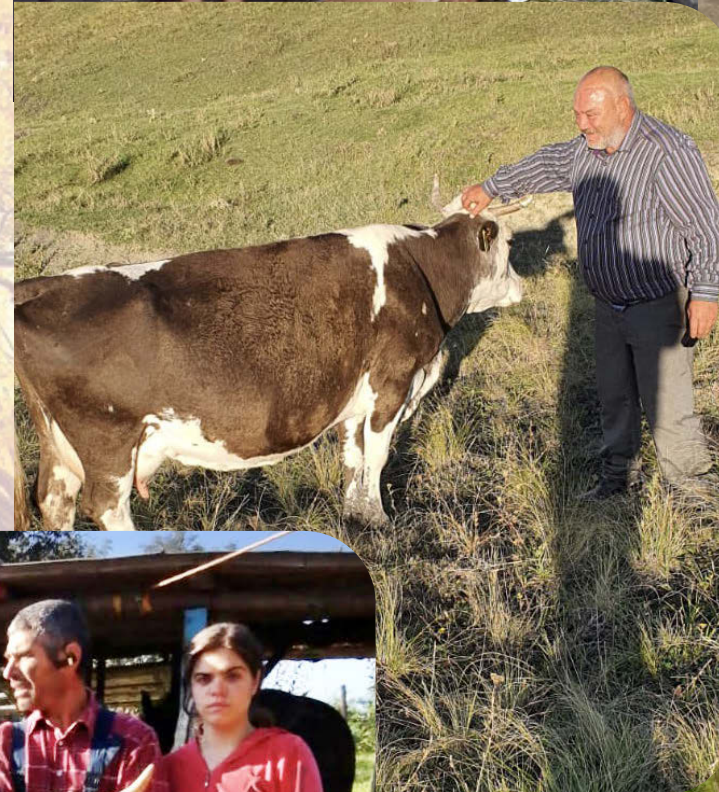
The church project in Serebryanka has also been fully funded. However, we are waiting for the paperwork and the legal transfer of the property before the renovations begin.

Multiple cows were also purchased for hurting families – a tremendous answer to prayer!

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The church in Bakhmut was purchased, and the wonderful congregation is already meeting for regular services; praise God! The church building offered to the congregation for only \$25,000 was assessed at over \$375,000. Only God!



# Dear Brethren,

Isaiah 5:20, *“Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!”*

Matthew 18:6, *“But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea.”*

Some of the harshest words in the Bible are reserved for those who would either attempt to deceive the children of God or redefine evil to mean good and good to mean evil. All men are born with an innate understanding of what good and evil are, and to corrupt that understanding to the point that good is looked upon as evil is attempting to corrupt God's very creation.

Of all the things the Bible tells us will occur during the last days, the one thing that troubles me the most is not the wars or rumors of war. It is not pestilences and earthquakes in various places. It's not even the foretold persecution of the saints. The one thing that troubles me most is an exponential rise in the number of false Christs, false prophets, and nefarious individuals who will use guile, sleight of hand, and outright deception to deceive, if possible, even the elect.

That's a tall order to be sure, but if it were not possible, the devil would not be trying so hard. Would you go all out, expend countless resources, employ armies of individuals, and run propaganda on a loop if you knew with certainty that your failure rate would be 100%?

Say what you will about the devil, but he's not dumb. He undertakes no purposeless action, and if he knew there was no way to deceive believers, he'd go straight to attempting to bludgeon them into submission.

Yes, believers can be deceived, and many are deceived. In their deceived state, they believe they are doing the

will of God when actively denouncing and decrying those who would stand on fundamental Biblical doctrine and refuse to be swayed by modernism in all its varied forms.

Knowing that evil men and seducers will wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived, the question that we must answer is what do we do in the face of it?

The best way to counteract deception has always been to know the truth. If you are rooted in the Word, and the truth lives in you, then try as he might, the enemy can make no headway in his attempts to deceive you.

It is when believers neglect the constant feeding of their spiritual man with the truth that deception can worm its way in and do harm.

If you know the truth and are well acquainted with it, you already know the importance of having your armor on in the fullness thereof. Nobody puts on armor to get a scone and coffee. Armor is put on in preparation for battle, with the full expectation that war is certain.

We have been given all we need for victory. We have been warned of battle far enough in advance to have no excuses for not being prepared. Soon the battle will be upon us, and we will see the mighty hand of God at work. Let not your heart be troubled, do not fear, and do not be dismayed. God will uphold you with His righteous hand.

Hebrews 13:5, *“Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”*

With love in Christ,

Michael Boldea, Jr.