

# News from Oleg

and the Moldova New Hope Team

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Dear Friends,

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” ~ Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)*

That is such a great verse, filled with hope for the future and with promises of God. It reveals HIS heart for the people. I also want to have such a heart. This newsletter is dedicated to the Anti-Trafficking project that we launched this year. It is about valuing life, rescuing and reaching people that suffer, as well as helping girls from the orphanages and towns of Moldova avoid this horrible bondage. At the moment, this is among the major problems of my country and the entire world. I believe, by mobilizing the community of believers, we can make a difference – we can do something specific about this issue. We want to not only deal with the results of the problem, but also help by informing people on how to avoid getting trapped. We have, as our main focus of this project, the orphanages and the public schools of Moldova. We want to help the local churches work in these state-run institutions and with the people of their communities. What we ask of you, our dear ministry partner, is to support the effort of the churches.

As part of this letter I would like to share with you a couple of heart breaking stories of people that we’ve gotten to know – people that are victims of human-trafficking. Because it has already happened, now all we can do is help them recover from this terrible experience. Please read the stories below:

## Longing for a future and a better life...

*“In my desire to get a better life and provide a future for my children, I accepted work in Russia along with a group of ladies from my own town in Moldova – people I knew for some time. When we crossed the border someone gave us some water, which we drank, and we all fell asleep. Something had been put in that water and, as a result, we ended up in Chechnya, which was not our intended destination but where we had been transported to. There we were kept in a laboratory building. We did not know what they were doing at the time, but it was a place where women were giving birth to children and they were sold for organs to foreign countries. I was kept there for three years. Nobody knew where I was, or what country I was in. Shortly after my husband found out that I was not where I was supposed to be in Russia and it was announced that I had disappeared, he left our two children with my parents. Finally, after three years, I was released from that building by the police, and I could get two of my children that had survived and had not yet been trafficked. The police came in time; somebody had paid for my children but they were too late to get them. Now, my mother, because of what has happened to me, has gone into a deep depression and started to use lots of alcohol. Also, she hates the two children that came with me from Chechnya. Now I am 32 years old with four children. Because of severe abuse and many beatings, I have problems with both of my arms and cannot carry heavy things. Because of that I have trouble finding a job and struggle to take care of my children. I thank the local church who is taking care of me as much as they can. I hope to get over this crisis in my life as quickly as I can, for my children’s sake. I need medicine because of my health problems, food for my children, shoes and clothes for them, as well as school supplies. Thank you for all you do for us.” (Names are not mentioned for safety reasons.)*



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Please pray for this woman and for her four children. The local pastoral team of the church is providing counseling, and helping her to get over the emotional and spiritual depression she is in. We hope she'll start following Jesus, and find a future and a better life in Him.

### I found my Savior

*"My name is Natalya, and I was born on the 18th of December, in the North East part of Moldova. When I was 14 my mother and father died because of alcohol, leaving my brother and sister and I without care or supervision. Following their death, I had no chance to complete my schooling, I lived in the homes of different people who were open to providing me shelter, work and some food. For a period of four years I worked in the worst possible conditions and did the hardest labor on a chicken farm. Another place I stayed, where I was taking care of pigs, sheep, cows and even horses, I got very sick. By the age of 16, I had been raped one time by the farmer's son and three times by the farmer. They kept me for a long time in the cellar, where I had my bed. Through God's help I finally was able to run away from them and was given refuge by some other people that allowed me to stay with them. They took all of my documents away from me. They forced me to work very hard – like a slave – and were abusing me physically by beating me up. I started to wander from one home to another, but one day, in the village, I met a person who wanted to help me get back all my documents and send me to school. He also connected me with Brother Vasile from Sholdaneshty. After a short meeting with Brother Vasile where I shared my story, he invited me to come to the Transition Home. I arrived here on the 23rd of July 2009. I love the people here, I love the place, and the church. Vasile and Lucia are like my mother and father, their daughters are like my sisters. I love our Transition Home drama team, and I love doing drama in different churches. Now I am studying to become a clothes designer – I love this art. Also, the year 2009 was such an important period for me because I accepted Jesus, and I want to get baptized by the end of 2010. Please, pray for me. I thank God for the amazing gift He has given me – my life back! Thank you all who made the Transition Home possible."*



Please, pray for Natalya. She recently went to the doctor and was told that because of the abuse she went through, she needs surgery. We know God will provide help for her. Please pray with us that help will be revealed quickly.

I hope this letter encourages you to do something about this issue of human trafficking. Pray for these people, and especially for the orphans that are trafficked every year. I hope to be able to connect with you and, if you are interested in finding out more about this life-rescuing work and how you can help, please feel free to call our Colorado Springs New Hope Office.

Your brother in Christ,

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*When I think about Easter, my heart gets filled up with joy at the thought that our Lord Jesus is alive, the foundation of our faith, our hope for our life and the message of our ministry. We preach Christ about Christ who died and on the third day rose from the dead, and that's why we wanted to share with you a Moldovan symbol of this event. The colors of this symbol are red and white, meaning the blood that brings cleansing, forgiveness, and makes us white as snow. This is what we will put on every spring to illustrate that nature is coming to life; we are coming to life; there is hope for all of us because Jesus is Alive! We would like to bring more hope, see more lives transformed, more hearts made white as snow, and more smiles on the faces of the children! It is possible, if we work together! I hope you, our dear friend, will look at these colors and thank God for Christ's death and resurrection. Have a Joyful Easter!!  
Kristos a Inviat (Christ is Risen)!  
Adevarat a Inviat (He is Risen Indeed)!  
In Christ's service,  
Oleg and Marina Reutki and  
the New Hope Moldova Team*

