

The Zama Family and Neemia (Nehemiah) Charity Newsletter (Moldova) – May 2024

Dear friends,

It's my joy to provide you with a short update on our ministry in Moldova. We have been very busy for the past several months and will continue in the same pace in the summer.

Asea was one of our dearest elderly who AO Neemia has been taking care of by providing hot lunches, donations of diapers, and heating supplies during winters. Over the years the entire Zama family was able to develop a very nice relationship with her. Often we were drawn to her kindness, cheerfulness, and peace that she always exhibited. Asea was a godly woman and really suffered when her health deteriorated and she was not able to attend the church for worship and fellowship. During her last few months, her health worsened and she was bed ridden. Because I have been very busy during the past several months, I couldn't go to visit her very often. But not long ago, I felt that I had to go to bring her lunch and to see how she was doing. She was in bed and looked very weak. I was glad to see her and I noticed that she tried to smile even though I could see that she was in a lot of pain. The first thing that she asked me was to give her a cup of water from which she was able to take only two sips. Like in other situations, giving an elderly a cup of water is a symbol of serving God, and it is a way that God humbles me and at the same time helps me understand how privileged I am to be at the right place at the right time. The cup of water that I offered Asea is God's voice who tells me in Matthew 25 "I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink". I am very emotional writing these words and I know that I don't deserve for God to give me the great privilege to serve Him, but my good Savior allows me to do so.

Seeing the pain and suffering that Asea was going through, God's Spirit led me to tell her the following words "Asea, God loves you and wants for you to be with Him in His Kingdom. He will take you home soon". I prayer for her and she said Amen. I was certain that God was opening the heaven's gate and Asea was going to be with Him. I left her home sad but with peace in my heart. After two days I heard that Asea went home to the Heavenly Father. I looked up and I thank God again for allowing me to be close to Him and that he uses me without any of my merit. I thank God that He is full of love and mercy!

Through this newsletter, I would like to inform you that we are continuing to minister to the elderly by offering hot lunches three times per week to 65 individuals in 5 villages.



Also, we received a van as a donation from one of our partners, Johanniter, from Germany and we started a new social service – offering free transportation to individuals who are in wheelchair living in 10 villages in Glodeni County. As I was writing this newsletter, I received a phone call from a family who needs transportation for an elderly woman who is blind to go to the county offices to finalize some documents.

Also, it's the end of the school year and we are working very hard planning and preparing for the summer camps for children and youth. For this summer, we have planned to organize 7 camps and would like to offer children and youth the opportunity to have a good time together and hear the good news about Jesus.

My family is doing well. A few days ago we finished harvesting the first honey crop (it took several days). With God's blessing we were able to harvest 400 kilograms of acacia honey (let us know if you want some☺). Our children are at the end of the academic year. Our older son, Matei, will be finishing 9th grade and we have to decide where he will continue his high school studies. We are still taking care of my mother who has been bed ridden for more than two years and her condition has not improved.



Please let us know how you are doing and let us know of any prayer requests. Also, we would appreciate your prayers for the following:

1. Summer camps. Please pray for wisdom in planning and implementing the camps, for the volunteers who will be helping with the camps, for our friends who will be coming to help. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will work in the hearts and minds of the children and youth who will be attending the camps. This year, we will organize camps in 6 different villages. For the first time, this summer we will organize a camp in a village that has never had a Christian camp.
2. For wisdom to decide where our son, Matei, should to continue his high school studies.
3. For my mother's health.
4. For strength and energy that I will be able to deal with many things during the summer.
5. For the new Peace Corps volunteer who will be coming in our village to be a person who loves Jesus and that will be able to help in our ministry.
6. For a quick recovery of my foot (I sprained it two weeks ago and I have been on crutches for several days).

With much love in Christ,

Victor and the Zama Family