



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE RAATZ FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO MOLDOVA

Winter
2007

Moldovan Christmas Wishes!

As we approach another Christmas season overseas, we are incredibly grateful for each of you. We miss the signs of Christmas--endless music, mass commercialism, and non-stop Christmas parties. Yes...we miss them, simply because they are a continual reminder of Christmas! But we celebrate Christ's birth in a setting like the original stable--an obscure, rural village. And with your support and prayers, we are able to share the gift of Christ's forgiveness and mercy.

Thanks and Merry Christmas!



Moldova One-Horse
Open Sleigh

The girls and
their teacher
Shauna
Caldwell, our
Missionary
Associate



Thanksgiving 2007
Lots of friends and one
skinny turkey!

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The Darrins arrive! On November 1, we welcomed Troy, Heidi and Heather to Moldova as new missionaries. The team in Moldova continues to grow! (l-r; Petr Borsch, Troy, Heather, Heidi Darrin, Natalie, Lauren, Elissa, Shauna Caldwell, Nancy, Andy, Sasha Miaun)

Construction Update:

- Home of Hope: 90% completed, with tile being laid in the bathrooms. Garage roof will be started soon. We thought we had the money raised, but we still need another \$15,000. Construction costs are still rising!
- New Life Church: Central Assembly framed the building, but the structure still stands with simple walls and roof. We need another \$9,000 for next stage.
- Teen Challenge: Half of the windows are installed and we have temporary heat. We have miles to go until livable!

Ministry is more than buildings.

We cannot show the friendships and partnerships in a simple photo. Life has been living permits to receiving our container. But be. Thanks again for your prayers and support enough for your investment in the work in M

DOING THE WORK

WE DO NOT LABOR ALONE



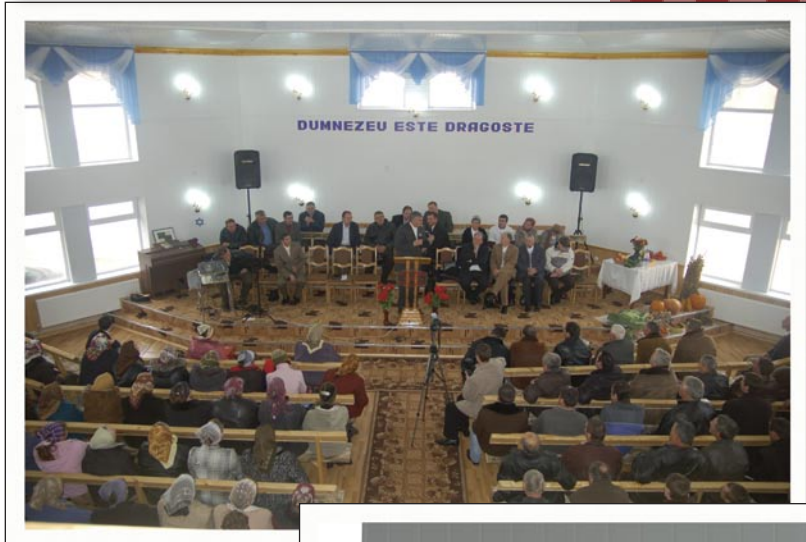
Great Falls, Montana sent a team of 21, working on the Home of Hope and constructing a building for New Life Church, all in 10 days! Thanks for continuing to support the Lord's work in our churches.

After being key supporters financially, the Minnesota W planned on painting the Home of Hope. The best-laid co plans of Moldova prevented that from happening unfort their servant-hearts merely shifted their focus to sewing HOH, painting our house, Women's Leadership Conferen an incredible blessing to us as a family. A fantastic team

In November, we celebrated the church opening in Lopatnic, a project that has taken four years to finish. But this young church is continuing to reach its village, and the packed seats reveal its effectiveness. Thanks to all those who support the work in Moldova. Your monthly support has helped build this House of Prayer!



a huge battle here, everything from we know we are where God wants us to rt. We cannot express our appreciation Moldova.



WORK TOGETHER

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Hamilton Assembly brought a great team on the tails of the other two teams, nearly finishing all the sheetrock in the Home of Hope. I occasionally hear the question whether it is better to send money or send a team.

The progress advanced by the physical labor of these groups answers that question resoundingly! They have left an impact on our nation.



M team had construction fortunately, but curtains for dance, and being l....



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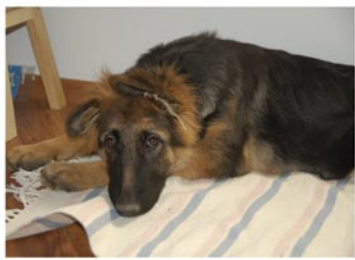
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*Favorite Shots from
Moldova*



Moldova MKs--Heather Darrin, Natalie, Lauren and Elissa Raatz. Our girls are loving their new "big sister!"



The newest member of the family... Britta, a 6-month German Shepherd pup.



The Home of Hope is being constructed by a fantastic team of men from one of our churches. We are so thankful for men of God who treat it as not simply a job, but a ministry.



Harvest time, October 2007



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