

# MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE RAATZ FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO MOLDOVA

Winter  
2006

This Christmas season, we are so thankful for God's multitude of blessings. We are grateful for those that sacrifice for the work in Moldova. We are thankful for those that pray and give of themselves. We are thankful for scores of friends that have opened their homes and their lives, allowing us to reconnect for this window of time.

And more than anything, we are thankful for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, and the hope and purpose He has given to us.



## Early Christmas Gifts!

- Sacrificial gift from Southwestern University students toward Home of Hope.
- Incredible offering from Minnesota women.
- Time with great churches and pastors.

What more could a missionary ask for!



# Our Mission & Vision:

- Home of Hope
- Church Planting (200 new churches over the next 5 years)
- Convoy of Hope
- Teen Challenge
- Leadership Training



Thanksgiving with cousins  
Megan, Natalie, Lauren

## Guess where have been s



## Prayer

## Requests:

- Travel Protections
- Monthly Support
- Future Missions Teams
- Upcoming Services
- Moldova Living Permits
- Home of Hope finances



Alaskan Hunting Trip with Kevin & Kenton Moos, Dave Raatz, Andy

## Support

## Report:

Still needed:

- \$1000 of monthly support
- \$50,000 for church plants, outreaches, Home of Hope



MK Friends: Elissa & Becca  
Lashway



Making Memories  
Going to the Minnesota



ns: Brooke,  
& Elissa

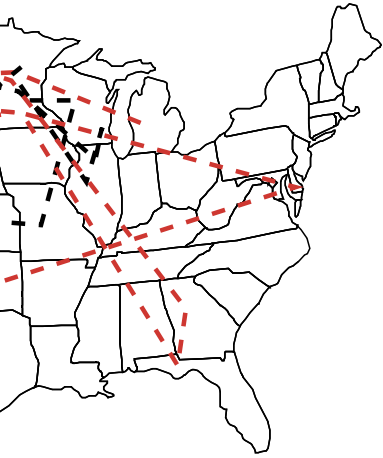


Superfriends: Nancy and her  
friend Darcy Weidman



The girls and our old dog, Widgeon.  
She is 14 but still living!

# Are your missionaries so far?



We are keeping busy, sharing about God's work in Moldova, from church planting to the Home of Hope for trafficked women. Our travels have taken us from east to west, through 17 states, to churches, schools, and homes. It is a joy to **report** about Moldova, **raise** prayer and financial support for the future, and **reconnect** with so many friends.

Our goals this year are those three things....and to return home to Moldova next summer.



Natalie celebrates her 7th  
birthday on September 3



ies:  
a State Fair

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We purchased this unfinished house to be the future Home of Hope.  
We are raising the \$80,000 to finish the home.

## Focus #1

We have five primary focuses of ministry in Moldova. One of those five priorities is the Home of Hope, the restoration ministry to women who have been trafficked into prostitution.

The reason we are traveling this year is because we know that only Christ can provide true healing. We aren't traveling for the joy of seeing America. We don't preach because it makes us feel good. We aren't in America on vacation.

We are here to prepare for our return to Moldova...and to see Moldovan young girls meet the healer---Jesus Christ.