



Newsletter

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Thoughts From Afar

“God has called us to build His Church, but that Church is people. If we can build the Church by restoring one broken girl at a time, we have accomplished the task to which God has called us.”

THE Chief Actor in the historic mission of the Christian church is the Holy Spirit. He is the director of the whole enterprise.

John V. Taylor

A Sense of Urgency....

The words of Jesus declaring the harvest ripe and ready are often repeated. At times, those words can lose their impact, their sense of urgency. Yet we are reminded of the urgency every time we receive a call from someone looking for help. The phone call comes regularly, a young girl broken by traffickers. She is looking for help and for someone who can show true love.

We are so grateful for the hundreds of people who have given time, energy, and finances to open the new ministry home. We are pushing through to the end, trusting God to help us finish.

Would you consider adding the Home of Hope to your monthly missions support? We have the opportunity to impact lives the world considers beyond hope.

[please designate Proj. 6976 to World Missions address below]



We are experiencing all the last minute, unexpected additional expenses. Would you and your church consider helping us through the finish line?

Finish Line Needs:

- Kitchen: \$4,000
- Furnishings: \$5,000
- Garage Door: \$3,000
- Security System: \$1,500
- Bathroom Fixtures: \$1,500
- Landscaping: \$2,000
- Monthly Board: \$1,000

The Church is taking the front position to fight the issue of sex trafficking. Thanks for being a part of the solution. We need our monthly partners!

“What has God given YOU to help build His Church?”



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WHAT HAS BEEN KEEPING US BUSY LATELY?



Ministry = Relationships *Serving our country*

We have not simply been constructing buildings, but building relationships. Our daughters are beginning to help minister, whether building or face-painting. Our improving language allows us to share deeper. And time allows us to share life and ministry with Moldovan friends.

We are so thankful for the team God is bringing together for the country.

(some photos on left: ready to start well project, Helena team, Rapid City team, Bismarck team, youth camp, children's ministry in Cojusna, baby dedication, preaching and building)

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ur vision for the next twenty years can be framed in one rhetorical question: **How much can one church transform their village?**

Vision

Daring to Believe God-Sized Dreams

We are dreaming for:

- Deeply transformational churches
- 130 new church plants
- A finished Teen Challenge Center
- Home of Hope finished and funded
- Internship program with 30+ interns
- Monthly Convoy of Hope outreaches
- Community Transformation
- Nation-wide Rangers established

Moldova's hope lies in the Church. We believe our churches can become the key to changing this country. As we work together as a team, God will **transform** our country!



Workteams

It has been a busy 2008 with five teams already coming this year, from women's teams, to painting crews; youth camp work to construction teams. As we partner with the Moldovan church, we have ministered, built, and served.

We have another 20+ church projects; we will be waiting for your arrival!

Thanks to: Bismarck Evangel Assembly, Rapid City First, W. Florida District, Wilmar, & Cold Spring churches, Helena Neighborhood.



Home of Hope *transforming lives*

We are proud to announce that the *Home of Hope* is opening! There is a waiting list of women in need and we are excited to see God begin His transformation. In addition to the actual home construction, we have:

- Established a great staff with a passion for the ministry
- Completed 10 weeks of staff training
- Completed the Romanian translation of the after-care curriculum, *Hands That Heal* (Russian translation in process)

You are a part of bringing hope! We will keep you informed of Christ's miracles and the ministry needs.

Andrew & Nancy Raatz

Missionaries to Moldova

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Photo Wall!



We had a wonderful time serving and working with the church in Mihaileni. There is such pressure to finish the building, and we were able to nearly finish the sanctuary, giving the church a huge dose of encouragement. The Church is people, not a building, but the act of a team of Americans helping build was an enormous testimony to the entire village.



Elissa joined us in Mihaileni, learning construction skills, riding horsecarts, and surviving an ancient sidecar motorcycle.



God is so faithful to continue to bring together a team for the work in Moldova. Shauna Caldwell (l) gave last year to teach our girls. Sara Tady (c) has arrived for the next two years as a Missionary Associate, and Lauren, Natalie, Elissa, and Heather Darrin are not just MKs, but missionaries.



In Cojusna, we were working with the local church to bless their village, cutting the soccer field grass...with scythes. I enjoyed a little rest with some of the men of the church. That is HARD work!



The team in Moldova now consists of: Troy and Heidi Darrin, the Raatzes, Wendell and Patti McClung (loaned to us for 3 months!), Sara Tady (2-year assignment), Corrina Holcomb (arriving this fall to teach girls), Vali & Adriana Lungu (future MAs), and another upcoming couple.