

CONNECTIONS

AGCONNECT NEWSLETTER | WINTER 2019



UPCOMING EVENTS

MOLDOVA AGRICULTURE FUNDRAISER BANQUET

MARCH 20, 2020
SHADY MAPLE SMORGASBORD

TRIPS TO MOLDOVA
MARCH & JUNE 2020

This has been one of the best growing seasons we've experienced in our 15 years working with farmers in Moldova. While the year got off to a difficult start—a very dry fall, limited winter moisture, and a cool, wet spring—abundant rains through mid-summer resulted in great yields for corn and sunflower. For example, the dairy farm in Dancu experienced record corn silage yields. And even though the cool, wet spring affected some of the fruit and vegetables, in general, those crops did well too.

Farming still isn't easy in Moldova, but a good harvest provides abundant food for both family and livestock. A good crop also provides opportunities to sell, even if prices aren't the most exciting. We are encouraged that production was not the biggest problem faced by farmers in this part of the world, and we are thankful for God's provision.

Looking back on 15 years of using agriculture to share God's love in Moldova, we are thankful for and encouraged by many things. The early years were focused primarily on survival; helping people produce enough food to feed themselves and their families. While that is still very much a part of the ministry, today we are able to help people begin to thrive; building agriculture enterprises that help them avoid the working in another country to earn enough income to provide for their basic needs.



Education, technical support, on-farm visits, discovering better methods of growing crops and raising animals, and providing financial assistance are the primary activities that the ministry is focused on. Along the way we are able to bring hope and encouragement, providing funds for the kindergarten, helping purchase water filtering systems, and other forms of humanitarian aid.

The ministry continues to grow, and there are abundant opportunities to increase our outreach. An outreach in Ukraine started in 2019, and the plans are to expand that in 2020. God has provided more people to help with the work, but we are in need of even more people and resources. We are currently trying to raise \$30,000 towards the expenses of the ministry and for upcoming projects.

Blessings,

Leslie D. Yoder
Founder/Executive Director
AgConnect Ministries



SPECIAL NEEDS

AgConnect Ministries is looking for an individual to be responsible for Communications (website, newsletters, prayer letters, etc.)

There is a great need for another agronomist who would agree for a 2 year or more commitment to serve in Ukraine.

Contact Leslie Yoder at
717-278-8539 if you are interested.

GIVING

Tax deductible receipts are available when donations are made out to:

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