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Unfortunately, it is no longer lush and verdant here in southern Moldova, though I do think that the corn and sunflowers will do OK. I am praying for rain and trusting that God is doing His best for us ;) The wheat harvest was wonderful, over 100 bu/ac., and we have much to be thankful for!

Les flew home just last week, ending a 3-week tour during which we visited most of our projects, saw lots of friends and probably spent more time together as a team (Les, Stas and I) than we would've preferred. Especially when it is horribly hot and we are stuck in a car together.

Thankfully, James says that suffering produces perseverance, and I think we were able to bond a bit over our love for people, coffee and Jesus. It was Stas' first time to visit Vadul lui Isac and see the people with whom I am working here in the south. As we drove and visited, we had time to discuss each project and farmer's situation.

Firstly, we realized that working with farmers is a long-term and individualized process. It takes time to understand each farmer's situation and challenges, and then recognize if we can bring anything to the table. Prayer is needed for wisdom and communication. And then it takes effort on both sides to work together effectively. Cookie-cutter approaches or more seminars are not the best solutions. It takes walking with the farmer to effect change that is best for him.

Secondly, we are in process as an organization— planning the Model Farm, bringing on more ag missionaries, the kinds of assistance (info, finances, spiritual/emotional care) we should offer to farmers— all these things are being fleshed out, built up slowly, brick by brick. As we work out each issue, the most important part is that each of us stay deeply connected to the Father. He will help us figure out how to work together and move forward.

PRAISES!

- **The support that you all have given to me prayer and financial. Thank you!**
- **Great discussion and understanding among our team!**
- **Vaccinated and alive.**

PRAYER POINTS

- **Direction as Ag Connect considers a house purchase this week.**
- **Developing plans for each farmer and working together.**



Baptism at youth camp!



Les and Stas, out standing in a sunflower field



Grannies love junk food, too.