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ALL THE PLANS OF MICE AND MEN

As the days have begun warming up (a little) and sun staying a little longer in the sky, so the activity of the little farm community of Vadul lui Isac has increased in tempo.

The cabbages were set in the ground this month. Radishes started to be harvested and the onions, potatoes and beets were planted. Tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers were seeded in trays and then young seedlings transplanted to larger containers in small, heated greenhouses called *rasadnitsas*.

The tempo of my activity has increased as well. I printed and distributed a bulletin on *Tuta absoluta* (not a joke!), a moth whose larvae tunnel voraciously in tomato leaves. Stas, Les and I have worked on the agricultural course for UDG, writing, translating and formatting workbooks and presentations. I have started my rounds to visit greenhouses—well mostly their contents and owners :)

It seems that things roll on as they usually do in spring for people involved in agriculture.

But there are things that we don't count on—the interruptions of Covid restrictions causing delayed travel, health issues that have cropped up for Les (pulmonary) and I (digestion), and the realization that I have unhealthy emotional patterns in some relationships and need counseling.

Each of these has helped me to see that no matter age or experience, I am as needy as a child. Health can disappear in an instant. Plans change and targets move. The independence that I thought was the mark of mature adulthood crumbles in the face of a simple realization. No one is totally complete, mature or ready for all that may happen in a new moment.

But underneath have been the Everlasting Arms, and in His embrace I have found rest and joy.

PRAISES!

- **The ball is rolling for UDG—1st seminar complete, on to farm visits and training!**
- **A good Christian counselor who works through Zoom/Skype.**

PRAYER POINTS

- **Deeper desire for and focus on the Word.**
- **Good team work among Ag Connect board and staff.**
- **An open heart to see what God wants to teach me about my relational needs.**



Getting ready for spring!



Just another day at the preschool...



The alcoholism of my neighbors affects their ability to plan ahead for winter.



Current & future musicians!