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Changes

Recently while driving in Chişinău, I observed the many new and renovated buildings, streets and sidewalks, and realized how conditions had improved over the years that I've lived here.

Instead of paying 2 lei for the trolleybus, now we pay 6 lei. The parking lot of the Vadul lui Isac church used to have only 3 or 4 cars per Sunday—now there are over a dozen. I can purchase the national health insurance online instead of going to the regional insurance building each year. Last month I saw an Amazon Prime van in the city for the first time.

Of course, it made me wonder—do we really need to be doing ag missions here if people seem to be better off?

The question of relevance—“Is there a need for change?”—is usually uncomfortable. Who wants to acknowledge that their work is no longer needed? But it is so important to continually be asking ourselves that question—does God want us to keep going in this same direction or not? How can we best serve? Is there some other way to do things that what I am doing now?

This is still a question I am trying to gather the answer to. We as Ag Connect want to serve where and how God is directing. This summer I talked with a few ag educators (state ag schools) and am continuing to observe and prepare for the upcoming school year with the UDG ag program. The greenhouse project here at the Model Farm is taking shape, and so we will need to evaluate how to integrate that with our current projects.

Our director, Les Yoder, is now preparing for treatment for oral cancer, which we thought was in remission. This is a big change for him, his family, and Ag Connect. Our staff and board will need to work well as a team to support him and ease his workload so that he can rest and know that things are being taken care of.

I think that thing that gives me peace in the midst of change (and I know Les would agree) is that God is in control. He calls us to trust Him and be faithful, whatever changes will come. And we follow Him, knowing that He will supply all that we need. Lord, direct us!

Praises:

- Safe travels and work for my family
- Good rains for most crops in Moldova
- Christian community in Moldova

Prayer Requests:

- Les' treatment and healing of the cancer
- Stas and Aia, as they prepare for vacation Bible school here in Maximovca
- Rest and abiding deeply in the Father
- Wisdom for UDG prep, ag house construction



My family put a work team together and came to Moldova!!



The greenhouses after the work team—they will be completed this fall



My friend Cristina and I doing some outreach in Chişinău