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The Lord knows

Last week I had one of those just-before-sleeping worry explosions. The kind that occurs when one finally lays down to sleep, which is when all subconscious problems come to the surface of the brain and start swirling through the thoughts. One is too tired to try to stop them, but somehow also awake enough to understand them.

Most of the time these worries center around the expectations I had for the day (or week) and how far short the real accomplishments had fallen, the theme of which can be extrapolated to your entire life 😊 “My tomatoes are sick . . . my life is a series of failures.”

As I was trying to escape the whirl of worries, another thought stole into my mind: “The Lord knows.”

You see, most of you think that I live and work alone. I don't. Apart from the dog and 2 cats, God lives here with me.

A few hours later, I woke up and saw a message on my phone. A UDG student that has worked for us from time to time was asking if I had any work for a few days. Did I ever! Then in the morning during quiet time, I came across this verse:

“...the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. . . God saw the people of Israel—and God knew.” Ex. 2:23-24

It reminded me that no matter what happens, God sees, cares and wants to lead me through it. So the juggling of vegetable growing, no-till planning for farmers, visiting old people, greenhouse construction and managing 2 summer interns isn't my puzzle to figure out. It's my opportunity to listen and watch for God's direction, and rest in Him.

The Lord knows. . . and so my work can be a joy, even if the results don't look like I planned. The Lord knows. . . so I don't need to have a perfect strategy and plan for everything. I can rest. Of course that isn't easy to do, but it is the goal. To listen to Him, and become more like Him in this world. He is good!

Praises:

- Medina and Shahzoda (Tajik sisters) have been good workers and a joy to host.
- The harvest of vegetables is beginning, things are not too bad :)

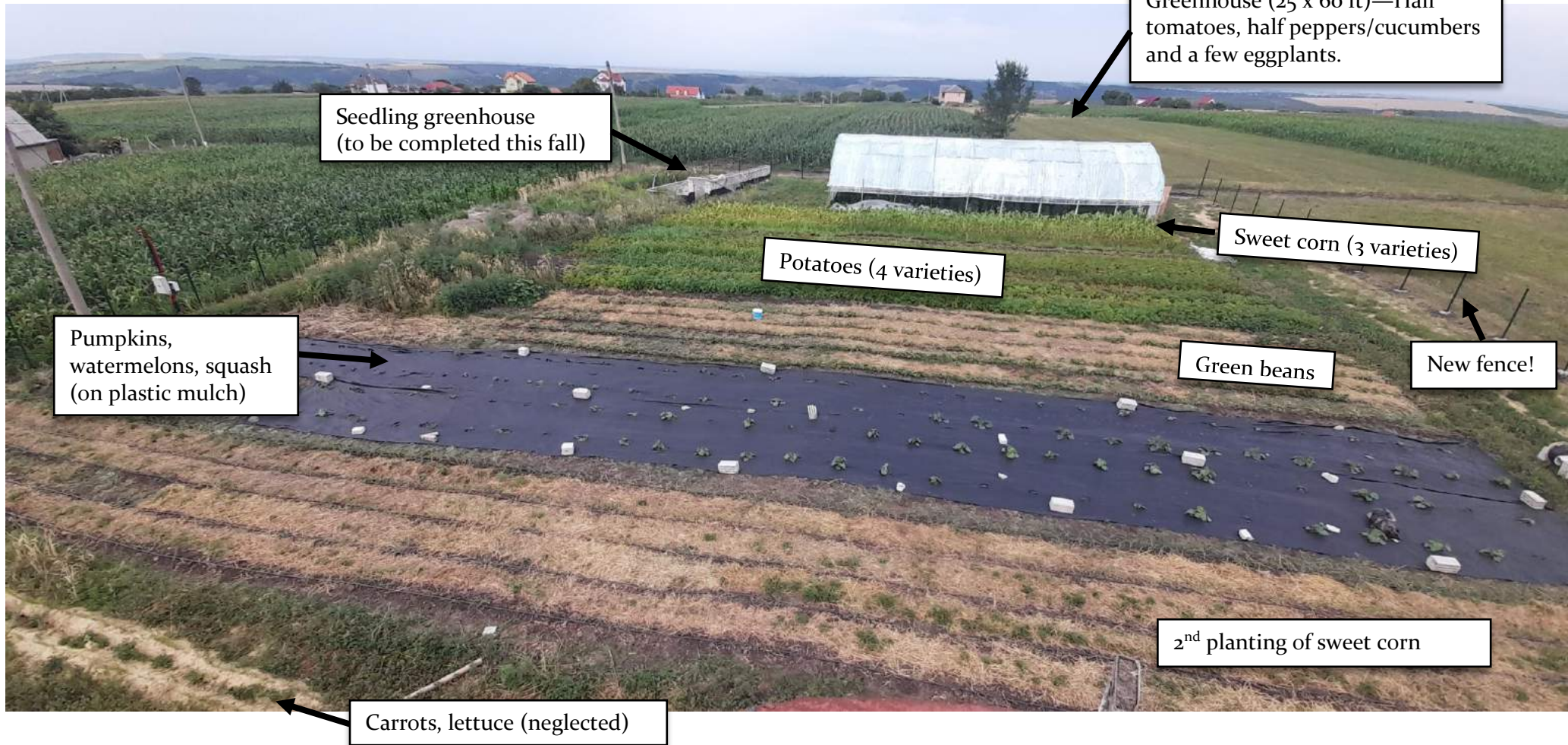
Prayer Requests:

- For focus as I work on a summary of the work/opportunities in Moldova, and a strategic veggie plan.
- Workers in the harvest field for Ag Connect.
- To rest (physically, emotionally and spiritual)
- VBS in Maximovca, July 8-13



Vegetable Project Layout (1/2 acre)

Here is an aerial view of the vegetable farm. Not from a drone, just from the top of the water cistern we installed this spring.



We have been praying and searching for an older couple or small family to serve as house parents for 6mo. – 2yrs. here at the farm (so I can concentrate on the veggies). Any interest or questions, contact Herb Graybill, Ag Connect director (717-989-5809)

Thank you all for helping me work in Moldova! If you would like to be involved financially, I am praying for 15 monthly supporters of \$50/month. This will help me make up the gap between giving and my salary. If God prompts you to be part, please contact Julie Z. (570-837-0333)