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CHANGES, CHALLENGES

March was...crazy. I do feel a little embarrassed that this newsletter will not be filled with pictures and tales of helping refugees from Ukraine. As I prepared to move and worked on the greenhouse, I tried to pray for those affected by the conflict.

Because Les was not able to enter Moldova, we adjusted our plans for visiting farms and the UDG training. Many of those farmers—Dancu, Antonesti, those in Vadul lui Isac--were also busy with caring for refugees. We are managing to do some UDG training online and have prioritized meeting the needs of the soon-graduating 3rd year students.

I moved to Maximovca, a village 15km distance from Chisinau, and am living with a businesswoman, a recent widow who has lived in the community for more than 30 yrs. Stas and Aia had contacted Nelia and she was open to housing me and has been an unexpected gift. She is very easy-going, curious and bossy when it comes to making me eat...a lot.

It has been challenging that she has opposing views on the conflict in Ukraine and does believe that the conflict is the result of Ukrainian stubbornness in pursuing ultra-nationalism and ties with the West in frank opposition to Russia. It is very interesting to hear her views, and I try to take time to read up on the things she mentions in support of Russia's perspective. She is not a Christian and yet we have a good time together.

Stas, Aia and I continue to work—Stas and Aia with community and refugee outreach, and I with the greenhouse (pictured above). Stas and Aia take bags of food to refugees, host meals and times of fellowship, and have a real gift for care and outreach.

The house is coming along, the work in cement and wiring and plumbing—houses here are not built in a week—cement takes time to dry! The greenhouse work has been tedious and yet I enjoy it!

PRAISES!

- **The tomato plants are alive.**
- **A fairly smooth transition to a new village.**
- **UDG students wanting to learn!**

PRAYER POINTS

- **Igor and Vera, they do not feel ready to start a business at this time**
- **Ukrainians and Russians!!**
- **Good connections for Les as he presents the Ag Connect vision in numerous venues.**



Bob is my greenhouse sentinel



Nelia and I in her garden



True friends! Angela and Marina, from Vadul lui Isac, came to Maximovca to help me get the greenhouse ready. I think I wore them out.