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Wrapping Up

I am no longer getting people asking to buy tomatoes. You might've thought that it would've stopped when I tore all the plants out of the greenhouse...but it didn't.

Moldovans love a good pickle—pickled watermelon, picked apples, pickled cabbage and yes, pickled green tomatoes. They are made in a sort of fermentation process, like homemade sauerkraut. The “muraturi” is a somewhat artistic process and develops best at a low temperature and slow fermentation.

I did not make “muraturi” but have had enough work to make canned applesauce, pasta sauce and apricot jam. There is a deep satisfaction in seeing the jars of canned goods lining the basement or pantry shelves. It probably has something to do with that womanly characteristic of security. Or maybe just that I am half-squirrel and will be well-fed and happy all winter.

As I was away in Scotland and returning to Moldova with my to-do list in hand (since I have a week before flying back to the US), I thought about how much I love getting things done. Accomplishment is esteem-building and gratifying. It is good to see the results of our labor.

However, in my case the satisfaction of cleaning up the greenhouse (thanks Mom and Dad), finishing canning season or even just keeping up with my schedule can cause me to lose sight of the satisfaction of accomplishing real work—the things that God is calling me to.

Sometimes I need to relinquish the idol of accomplishment in order to comfort a friend. Or talk to someone I don't really like, but who needs God's love. Or even to leave 10 min. earlier for an appointment so that I don't need to rush.

We do not know what echoes our actions have in eternity. But God does. So may my joy be in accomplishing the things for which I am sent, even if they seem small.

Praises!

- Got to Scotland and got back in one piece.
- A friend had a room for me since my host family needed the bedroom I rented.
- We will purchase a 3rd plot of land tomorrow.

Prayer Requests!

- Final autumn UDG tour—orchards—Sat.
- Several farmer meetings this week.
- Traveling to the US with a Ukrainian refugee who will live with her daughter.



A tiny little quail chick—my host family has an incubator and are starting a small farm



Oct. UDG farm visit—dairy sheep!



Enjoying the hills of Scotland