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## Adjustments

While writing the last newsletter, I was thinking about how our work needs to be able to adapt and change as society changes. I am sorry if I made anyone wonder if Ag Connect wasn't relevant—I have thought about this but realize that we have a unique opportunity, through farming, to support the church and impact the world. Onward ho!

As I talked with the professors and teachers in ag schools, they mentioned the lack of interest in agriculture—because many kids think it is dirty, hard work that doesn't take any knowledge or education. While soil is Moldova's greatest natural resource, the young people of today are not encouraged to consider agricultural professions.

Another great opportunity is with students at UDG, the Christian university. Being able to support oneself after graduation while doing ministry in Moldova or Central Asia is critical—and a trade or skills that provide income (like farming) can be developed during their weekends or summer breaks from school.

Although the IT sector, dental clinics and money sent from family abroad are helping to grow the Moldovan economy, farming is much the same as it was 20 yrs. ago. In the States where soil health and no-till are common terms to farmers, here there is still a focus on tillage, pesticides and getting as big a crop as possible with as little fertilizer as necessary. Basically, the fertility of the soil continues to decline.

These open doors for work make us very excited, but it is critical to seek God's wisdom and leading in order to not lose sight of the fact that we are working for His kingdom, not just "better farming practices". The UDG students and Moldovan teenagers need to know God first and their calling second. Moldovan farmers need to know God, and sharing farming knowledge is a way to build bridges and share His love and truth with them.

Pray with us, for wisdom in working with God in His field, to build His kingdom.

Dochina, a friend, shows off a Gospel bracelet being used in outreach

## Praises:

- Les' cancer was able to be removed w/ surgery
- Cooler weather after an incredibly hot August
- Open doors and opportunities!

## Prayer Requests:

- Les' bodily healing and for the family to be able to get rest as well
- Wisdom and understanding as I get to know the students and UDG better
- Staff and finances for the Model Farm
- To slow down and walk with God at His pace :)
- Clarity in registering a business and managing the greenhouse vegetable enterprise



Stas and Aia's house church hosted VBS in Maximovca



Bringing a kitten to a friend with too many mice in her house

