

July 2016

There is a huge challenge ahead as most of you know, we take huge articulated trucks which is very cost effective BUT obviously take a lot of filling.

We are so fortunate in having the use of our store free of charge, we have a wonderful team of dedicated sorters, (all volunteers), who make certain everything we take is of the best quality and when this is compounded by the lovely people who collect and bring everything to the store we are really blessed and able to dispatch humanitarian aid regularly.

In the height of summer it is difficult to contemplate the next truck is likely to be the Christmas Truck. It would be perfect if we could squeeze in an extra truck beforehand but this is unlikely. It is always difficult to decide when we should launch the Christmas Shoebox Appeal and July seems far too early but we must start planning for this. In the meantime I thought it would be interesting to learn a little about families in Moldova and the life they lead.



The Struluk family struggle to survive. Dad Sasha is quite senior in years, age 65 and he has young children, Christian 13, Denis 10 and little Olya who is just four. When we visited the family a couple of years ago we could see how hard they were working, Sasha's wife Nina was saying how difficult it was, everyone was working, even the children but despite all their efforts they had nothing to eat, not even any bread. Tragically Sasha's wife died a few months ago leaving him to care and provide for all the



family and get over the emotions of losing the one he loved, his wife Nina. To compound his problems, Sasha has a wooden leg! Despite this he works very effectively in the fields and has built himself a small tractor. Life is particularly difficult for this family but it is also very hard for ordinary families. When talking to children in the village I asked, "What will you be doing in the summer holidays?", they replied, "Working in the fields. What else is there?"

Imagine how children feel when they receive lovely clothes or toys, especially water pistols, unless you're the sister!

Each truck we send is filled to the brim with the best we can collect and is so much help to all in Moldova, every truck eagerly awaited giving practical help and hope for the future.



Future open dates at Spiders Lane:-

Wednesdays 10am to 3pm	Saturdays 10am to 1pm
6th July	16th July
NOT OPEN IN AUGUST	
7th September	17th September
5th October	15th October
2nd November	19th November

Our next Prayer Support meeting will be on –

Monday 18th July – 7.30pm at St Leonard's Church, Topsham Road, EXETER – all are welcome

Future dates -

19th September 2016 and 21st November 2016



And finally we are planning a BBQ for our volunteers & their families on Saturday 30th July 5pm to 8pm at High Garden, Kenton EX6 8NJ

Just drop us an email on davidnpass@aol.com or leave a

message on 07768 408538 to let us know how many are coming – No charge - donations welcome

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Thank you

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