

June 2017



News from Hugh in Moldova -

I am in Moldova at the moment and the story is the same everywhere I go, no work, no money. Those fortunate enough to have work are paid pitifully low, criminally low. For example, Vica is a mother but also cares for her two younger brothers and two younger sisters. VICA and her husband work hard to support all the family but it is impossible. Vica has a job at a shop and starts at 8.00am, not too early but she finishes at 11.00pm and is not allowed a break during the day. She works every other day. For this work she is payed the princely sum of 1,000lei per month and this works out at about 20 pence an hour. Prices in Moldova are only slightly lower than in England and clothing much more than Primark.

In the city of Balti there are several clothing factories but it is rare to find one who treats their staff well. Most will pay very little and one factory run by a Romanian company demand their staff arrive on time and wait outside to be called if needed. If they are not called they will not be paid. They are expected to wait all day and if they leave they will not be allowed to return.

With such impossible conditions it is not surprising so many are working abroad and sending money home to their struggling families at home. Last month an astonishing 86.33 million dollars was sent through the banking system from other countries to private families, not business. This figure does not include amounts brought in cash when visiting.

It is these huge figures being earned abroad and sent home that gives Moldova the impression of improvement. In the cities now there are many restaurants and cafés, places families may go with their father or mother when they return for a few days each year. Sadly, as we know all too well some never return nor send money home.

We should be sending the Summer truck in July and with all the hard work put in by the team who works hard in our store and with thanks to those who generously donate we hope the truck will be crammed full as usual, but there is still a lot of work to do.

See website for details - www.cr2ee.org.uk

Open days in 2017 -

**1st Wednesday in each month
10 am till 3pm
also**

**3rd Saturday in each month
10am till 1am**

**** Except August ****

Future dates:-

Wednesdays 10am to 3pm	Saturdays 10am to 1pm	
	17 th June	
5 th July	15 th July	
NOT OPEN IN AUGUST		
6 th September	16 th September	
4 th October	21 st October	

Our next Prayer Support meeting will be on

Monday 17th July 2017, 7.30pm

at St Leonard's Church, Topsham Road, EXETER

Come and join us to hear more about the work of CR2EE

Thank you

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