

September 2016

Summer in Moldova was kinder this year, last year's drought made the winter particularly difficult but with the rain this summer the harvest has been more bountiful for many. What is concerning is the general trend of the water level in many wells that has been falling. We must hope and pray this trend is reversed and good clean water returns.

The harvest in Moldova is hugely important, especially in the villages where paid work is almost impossible and people rely on all they grow to survive the winter months. The Harvest Festivals are very important and enthusiastically attended. With a plentiful harvest prices will be lower and this may help people in the cities but not so good for those who rely on the sale of produce to pay for medical and other expenses.

We have mentioned many times before prices are high in Moldova. Speaking to a Moldovan friend who lives and works in London but returned from a visit to Moldova just a few days ago, she was saying prices are higher than in London! A doctor working in a private hospital in the city could expect to receive a salary of about 4,000 lei, about £150 per month, not much when you have a family to care for. Electricity and gas prices have escalated and during the bitter winter months and the cost would be about £100 per month for a flat. It is not surprising people are giving up.



When in Moldova in May we were sad to see the ceiling on the Soup Kitchen held at the church in Orhei had collapsed resulting in its closure. We are delighted to report the remedial work has now been completed and children can once more attend the soup kitchen there. The new ceiling is very smart, much better than the original and all the children are very grateful. Our work with the

children in our various soup kitchens is very important, especially in the winter when food can be scarce. We hope to find sponsors to help with a new soup kitchen to cater for the children in the villages in the north.

The political situation in Moldova has not stable for many years and the position of President sees many incumbents. With the forthcoming election at the end of October there are fourteen candidates. Sadly many of the past presidents have allegedly made substantial financial gains from the position with little regard to the welfare of the country. We hope and pray the candidate with hope and passion for the future of Moldova will take over.

With all this doom and gloom for many of the Moldovan people our work is increasingly important to support those living in such grim conditions.

Now we are in September we hope you, and your friends and family, are thinking about Christmas Shoe boxes in order to have them ready for bringing to our store in Spiders Lane, Exmouth by the end of November.

As well as the collection and delivery of humanitarian aid & Christmas Shoe boxes we continue to support families in Moldova & Romania financially to enable them to buy some of the very basic items of food & household essentials.

**Thank you to everyone** who is involved in one way or another helping CR2EE to support those who have a great need in Moldova & Romania.

### Future open dates at Spiders Lane:-

Wednesdays 10am to 3pm	Saturdays 10am to 1pm
	17 <sup>th</sup> September
5 <sup>th</sup> October	15 <sup>th</sup> October
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	19 <sup>th</sup> November
7 <sup>th</sup> December	

Our next Prayer Support meeting will be on –

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September – 7.30pm at St Leonard's Church, Topsham Road, EXETER – all are welcome

Future dates - 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016 & 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017

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