



*Tie your shoes and
pray for the Hughes.*



Dear Friends,

December 19, 2016

Last month one person **followed the Lord in baptism**. We rented a church building with a baptistry and David baptized his oldest son, Caleb. Afterwards we had a time of fellowship at a local café. Thinking of the baptism reminds me of “D,” who had also expressed interest. We found out that her family is in Russia for several months, but will probably be returning sometime in the spring.

We’ve **met several people recently** through various ministries. A lady and her two daughters have come to services the last two Sunday mornings. Next, while on visitation David and I met a young man who said we could return and talk with him about Jesus Christ. (We met him while trying to follow-up with someone else.) Also, new students continue to show up at our ESL classes. May the Lord give us more opportunities to point these individuals to our Savior!!

We have a number of **special Christmas activities** planned. Christmas will be the theme of tomorrow’s ESL class. The students know that David will be leading a Bible study during the lesson. We pray that many will still come. During Thursday’s normal midweek service we will sing carols by candlelight. We are inviting friends and acquaintances to join us on Sunday for a special service. In planning for guests, our Christmas messages will have an evangelistic thrust. Finally, we have received 2017 calendars to give out. We think even these small gifts can demonstrate Christ’s love and we are praying the Lord will use them to draw people to Himself. I can imagine a few specific ways the Lord could use these calendars, but I know His ability to work is not limited by my imagination!

As I often ask- would you take a few moments right now to pray for the requests in this letter? We need the Holy Spirit to work in hearts here in Soroca. **We wish you all a very Merry Christmas!!!**

In His service,
Jacob and Viola Hughes

- For Prayer:**
1. Upcoming Christmas events and outreaches
 2. Return visit we are trying to make with several people
 3. Viola and Sarah studying Romanian; their teacher “I”

- For Praise:**
1. Baptism of Caleb Gross
 2. Still more contacts through English lessons
 3. Encouraging visits during visitation



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