



*Tie your shoes and pray for the Hughes.*



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Dear Friends,

We hope you all had a Merry Christmas and that you've begun the New Year continuing to seek our Lord Jesus Christ! In our last letter, we mentioned a village where we were distributing Bibles. Since then, we have been given the opportunity **to preach in that village** for a group of believers. David and I go out there on Sundays and he leads another study in the middle of the week. Several of them have grown children who are away from the Lord. I know they would appreciate prayers for their kids.

Like most of you, we had several **special events around the holidays**. A few days before Christmas we had an evening service in which we sang carols and read Scripture by candlelight. Then on New Year's Eve, we invited the group from the village to join us for our service in Soroca. (With a few regulars out of town, it more than helped fill some empty seats!) There was instrumental accompaniment with the hymns, our regular service, and a meal together. Afterward, David led some Bible-themed trivia games for all who could stay.

On January 3-5 we held **our first winter VBS**. Our hope was to reach out to some un-churched kids and funnel them into our Sunday school. We met for two hours a day and had Christmas themed lessons, skits, games and snacks. In addition to our coworkers' kids, we had just one girl show up the first two days and three on the final day. While we had hoped for more, two of the three had come in the summer and we are thankful for the additional contact with them. We will update you again in a few weeks- may the Lord bless you!



In His service,  
Jacob and Viola Hughes

- For Prayer:**
1. At center we visit: needs of single mothers, runaway girls
  2. Wisdom for decisions regarding long-term housing
  3. Viola's dad is having some health problems

- For Praise:**
1. Preaching opportunity in Bulboci
  2. Special holiday services remembering the Messiah's birth
  3. Further contact with girls at winter VBS



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