



*Tie your shoes and pray for the Hughes.*



Dear Friends,

June 21, 2018

When I sit down to write a prayer letter, there are times I don't immediately know what to say. As with most of you, probably, much of life is occupied by ordinary, regular tasks. Figuring out how to describe the work here accurately and concisely is not always easy. In thinking over our ministry the phrase "**one step forward, two steps back**" comes to mind. While attendance has still been decent on Sunday mornings, there hasn't been a lot of consistency among those who come. Thursday evening attendance has dropped off. We have had several problems come up within the group that attends the afternoon service in the village. After having a good number of kids for a weekly program, for the past few weeks, all we have had are those who live at the center. We know there is ebb and flow in ministry, just as there is in life. We know that God may be working, even when don't see visible results. It just seems we have hit one of those patches where things aren't as we'd like them to be.

A highlight of the last few months was spending **five days in Israel** with Viola's brother and a friend. Being able to see with our eyes some of the places mentioned in the Bible increased our desire to know the land that God gave to His people and, in turn, to understand His Word better.

For midweek services this month we've been having a **Bible conference**. I taught the first two weeks and answered the questions, "Who wrote the Bible?" and "Are there mistakes in the Bible?" David will teach the next two weeks. We are praying God will use this instruction to deepen people's trust in the Word of God. Next month we have two weeks of VBS planned, plus we are hoping to send a couple kids from the children's center to a Christian camp. We'd love to see the LORD work in them!

In talking with a lawyer, he recommended a course of action for our land that has the water main running through it. However, since he anticipates the process will be drawn out, he advised us to look for another property if we are ready to build. We have found one in a village three miles from Soroca that we **are considering purchasing**. If things continue, we'll share more about it next time. Thank you for your prayers and support!

In His service,  
Jacob and Viola Hughes



Our students at our last English class for the year



- For Prayer:**
1. Last two weeks of Bible conference
  2. Preparations for VBS in July
  3. Plans to semi-officially organize the church in August
- For Praise:**
1. Possibility to visit Israel in March
  2. The LORD directing us to a good Romanian teacher
  3. More clear direction with our land



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