



APRIL/MAY 2016 PRAYER LETTER Maranatha Baptist Church

What a blessing it has been to watch how God has been working in people's lives this year. As He works though, we are also aware of how our enemy, Satan, is trying to hinder the growth and the work that God is doing. April was filled with a lot of spiritual warfare. We were thrilled to watch the church come together though and make the difficult decision to exercise church discipline. After having stood united on this decision, we have seen how the people in the church are coming together in unity and in faith. **Spiritual growth is taking place and the people themselves are sensing that the church is becoming like a close family of believers.**

Unlike the churches in the West, Moldova didn't celebrate Easter until May 1st. In order to prepare our hearts for Easter, all of our worship music was centered on the cross and Christ's sacrifice for the entire month of April. Our small worship/music team is starting to grow in confidence and they loved being able to lead the songs about the cross. **Our Easter celebration was a wonderful time of remembering that our Savior who died for us, is no longer dead, but rose again and lives in us.** Traditionally here in Moldova, people take two or three days off to celebrate Easter, so on the Monday, we headed out to the forest to have a picnic as a church family. It was neat watching people mingle and never get stuck in a little click, but instead getting to know each other better.



Along with spiritual growth, we have had a couple of months full of construction at the church. At the beginning of April, we began work on the outside of the church building, which up until then had just been left neatly roughed in and unfinished. We were able to get stucco up on the building, build some outhouses for use during conferences or Vacation Bible School (since we only have 2 bathroom stalls inside the building), and finally we are finishing up the parking area and sidewalks around the building. We still have a few small things that need to be finished around the outside of the church and then the last major project will be finishing the main auditorium which has just been roughed in to this point. **Thank you to each one who has given over the years to help us build the building! Thank you also to each of you who have prayed and are still praying for the spiritual growth of the church!**



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Praises

1. Growth in the church
2. Tabitha turned 4

Prayer Requests

1. Continued growth
2. Construction project
3. Wisdom as we lead and teach

