

March 31, 2019

Dear our co-workers in the field of the Lord, friends and relatives!

Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ!

By the grace of God, we spent another month serving Him. March was a busy month in our ministry. Let me share some of the events of this month.



During the funeral service at Isus Salvatorul church

This month began with a sad event for us. After a long illness, one of our friends, Galina Tsaregradskaya, went to the Lord. She was only 47 years old. We met her and her husband, Sergei, here in Chisinau. Galina and Sergey turned to the Lord as adults. From the moment of her conversion, she gave all her physical energy, all her heart, to the service of the Lord and His Church. She worked with children

and women. During the funeral, on **March 2**, many good memories were remembered about Galina and her ministry. I was asked to give a sermon during this service, which was held at the church of *Isus Salvatorul*.

In Moldova, **March 8** is a state holiday and is actively celebrated by the population. Flowers on this day are sold literally on every corner. Men eagerly buy bouquets of flowers for their lovers. However, Nina and I were not in a festive mood due to health problems that Nina suddenly had on that day. But by the grace of God, after a few days everything returned to normal. We are sincerely grateful to the Lord that He restored Nina's health and she feels well again. We thank those of you who pray for us and especially for our health. We believe that through your prayers Nina's health was restored so quickly.



Speranta Church Building

On **March 17**, on Sunday, we visited one of the Baptist churches in Chisinau - *Speranta* Church, which means *Hope*. I was invited to give a sermon. The service in the church is in Romanian, so I preached in Russian with translation into Romanian. There were many prayers during the service. There are more than 200 members in the church. The community conducts active missionary and social work, and supports the

ministry in rural churches. We were pleased to be in this community.



A prayer for children before they go to classes at the Sunday School for Children.



After service, at the Bethel church, Chisinau.

**March 18 - 25.** The most important event of the month of March was the visit to Moldova of Pastor Dr. James Cecy, who serves as senior pastor at *Campus Bible Church* in Fresno, California. He is known to many as a regular speaker at the European Forum. Dr. Cecy has visited more than 30 countries, conducting seminars with church leaders. We have known him since 1991. In response to our invitation, he came to Chisinau and held a series of seminars both at the university for all students and teachers (March 20-21) and for the ministers of the Baptist Union of Moldova in the southern and northern regions (March 22-23). The topic of the seminars was the preservation of moral purity in a morally decaying world. Both the students at the university and church leaders received the seminars of Pastor Cecy very positively. Few dare today to speak on such topics as openly as Brother Jim does. He is the author of several books. The seminars in Moldova were built on the basis of one of them, *Purity*. This book has been translated into eight languages,

*War.*

including Ukrainian and Romanian. The participants in the church leaders seminars were very pleased to receive this book in their own language. The visit of Pastor Cecy to Moldova concluded with participation in Sunday worship services on March 24th. In the morning he preached at the church of *Bethel*, in which the service is conducted in Russian. I also participated in this service by preaching. In the evening, Brother Jim preached in the church of *Isus Salvatorul*. Since the service in this church is conducted in Romanian, Brother Valery Geletsky translated his sermon into Romanian. Both in the one and the other church, those present were richly blessed listening to the preaching of Pastor Jim Cecy. We are very pleased that Jim could come to Moldova and serve the people of God here.



During a meeting with the leadership of the Union of Baptists of Moldova



Both sermons and workshops of Dr. Cecy were dynamic, emotional and incendiary.



University students listened attentively to Dr. Jim Cecy when he expounded a difficult topic about moral purity.



During a workshop with fellow ministers in the Bethany church at city of Balti



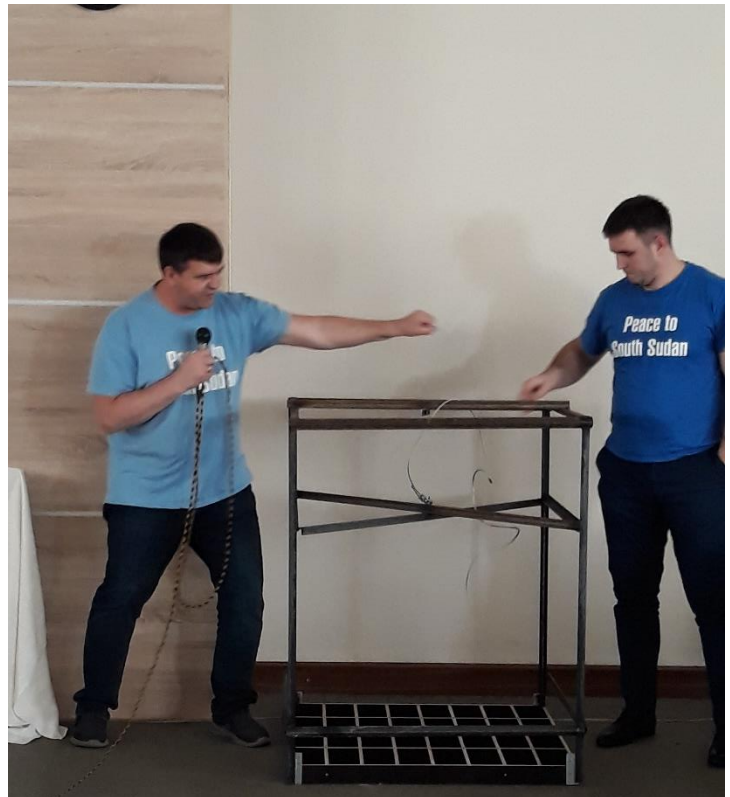
Pastor Cecy's last sermon in Moldova at the church of *Isus Salvatorul*



On Saturday, **March 30**, a meeting of the participants in missionary service in South Sudan and Uganda was held in the church *Voice of Truth*. Over the past couple of years, the Missionary Department of the Union of Baptists of Moldova, led by Igor and Svetlana Mordvinov, organized several short trips, first to South Sudan, and later to Uganda, to refugee camps from South Sudan. During this meeting, testimonies of the participants of

Anna, the mother of five children, enthusiastically shares about her trip to Africa, which was the fulfillment of her cherished childhood dream.

these trips shared about what prompted them to go on such an unsafe journey and what impressions they had from these trips. Without exception, all testified that these trips became a great blessing for them, transformed their inner world and changed their outlook on life. And of course, these trips brought a great blessing to those who were visited by these missionary groups, which consisted of both Moldovans and Slavic immigrants in America. Nina and I were impressed with how the Lord is working among the refugees from South Sudan who are now in Uganda.



The brothers demonstrate a brick making device, which they designed and brought to Uganda, to a refugee camp from South Sudan.

On Sunday, **March 31**, I was asked to preach the Word of God during the evening service in the *Bethany* church, in Chisinau.

As I'm sure is clear, March was a very busy month, full of different events. And this is in addition to regular university teaching! We are sincerely grateful to all who pray that the Lord will grant us physical and spiritual strength to participate in all these events.

May these words of the Apostle Paul be a blessing for all of us in the new month: **“Therefore, we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. For this momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal”**

(2 Corinthians 4:16-18).

May the Lord bless all of you richly!

Yours in Christ

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