

October 31, 2018

Peace be with you, dear co-workers in the field of the Lord! We cordially welcome you in the love of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ! We hope this letter has found each of you well.



Another autumn month has passed! October flew by. In Moldova, it was unusually warm. There was almost no rain. The air temperature was much higher than usual for this season. Thanks to this, the autumn was soft and dry this year. The leaves slowly yellowed and were falling from the trees. The clear sky on almost daily basis was pleasing to the eye with its unusual blue. The sun warmed the air and did not allow the warm season of the year



to give way to the coolness and dampness characteristic of late autumn.

Our ministry this month was mainly focused on labor at the university. In addition to the regular teaching of the Missiology course, I also had to substitute for the rector of our university in teaching his subject while he was away. In

addition, a lot of time was required for processing various materials on my subjects in connection with the upcoming visit of the accreditation commission, which will take place at the end of November. In addition to conducting classes in the classroom, I have to meet with third-year students after class, who are working on their thesis. As their advisor in writing this work, I must understand what they have done and assist them in this important project.

This month I was less involved in the life of the churches than in September.

Here are some of the events in the church life that I would like to draw your attention to.

On Sunday, **October 7**, a festive service was held in the Church of Bethany. Thirteen people made a covenant with the Lord by accepting holy water baptism. Most of the baptized are young people. As always, it is especially joyful to see those who join the Church of Christ. I was offered



to lead a part of the service by praying over the baptized. A pleasant end to this special service was the repentance of a woman who responded to the pastor's altar call and prayed the prayer of repentance before the Lord. Thanks be to God for continuing to bring saved people to the Church!



Sunday, **October 14**, the Baptist churches of Moldova celebrated the Feast of the Trumpets. This holiday has been held for the fifth year now. The combined brass band, consisting of more than 120 musicians from different churches of Chisinau and other cities of Moldova, solemnly (and loudly!) glorified the Lord on wind instruments. This holiday was held in the church called Renaissance. A wonderful performance of musical works alternated with short sermons on the importance of music ministry in the church and poems. This holiday gathered hundreds of



Christian brass music lovers from many Baptist churches in the city. An interesting fact is that the building, which now belongs to the Renaissance church, was a cinema in Soviet times. After the collapse of the USSR, the church acquired this building and turned it into a prayer house. Now the name of God is glorified in it. The acoustics in the building are very good. The sound of the brass band was just wonderful.

On Sunday, **October 28**, guests from abroad visited our church, Bethany. Brother Finley came from Scotland. He has a long-term friendship with the local church. Almost from the very founding of this congregation, he and the mission in which he works have provided various assistance to the church.

One type of assistance is the preparation of Christmas gifts and sending them to Moldova. Here they are handed out to poor people and children during the Christmas days at evangelistic services. Another guest was brother Omar Zook and his wife. They came from Pennsylvania, USA, to teach at a local Christian university. I was asked to be a translator for Brother Zook when he was preaching in church.



With this I will finish my short newsletter.

As always, Nina and I are very grateful to everyone who prays for us. Please continue doing so. Our prayer is that the Lord richly bless each of you in your service to Him.

Unfortunately, we hear a lot of sad news from America lately. Certain events that take place there can cause anxiety, uncertainty, and gloom in our hearts. Let the following verse of Scripture be an encouragement to all of us: **“For the mountains may be removed and the hills may shake, But my loving-kindness will not be removed from you. And My covenant of peace will not be shaken, says the Lord who has compassion on you.”**(Is. 54:10). Once addressed to Israel, the chosen people of God, these words serve as a consolation for you and me today. Much in this world that once seemed unshakable ("mountains" and "hills") is destroyed. The mercy and love of God towards us, His children, remains unchanged. May these words serve as consolation and encouragement to us.

God's blessings to you!

Your co-workers in the field of the Lord,
Vyacheslav and Nina Tsvirinko

Fall is very picturesque in Moldova. I wanted to share with you some pictures taken during month of October. I hope you will enjoy them.











