



A New Heart-Song

Greetings dear supporters of Mission Without Borders!

The Joacabine family live in Hijdieni community, Northern Moldova. Parents Dumitru and Daniela educate and raise their two biological sons as well as care for Dumitru's brother's son, as his brother is currently in gaol. Many years ago, Dumitru had an encounter with a Mission Without Border's Coordinator who organised an evangelistic meeting for people in their village. The 'Jesus' movie was presented and Dumitru was offered the New Testament. Despite this outreach, Dumitru was determined to live his destructive life. He was addicted to alcohol and often quarrelled with his wife. The children were scared and often trembled with fear when they saw their drunk father.

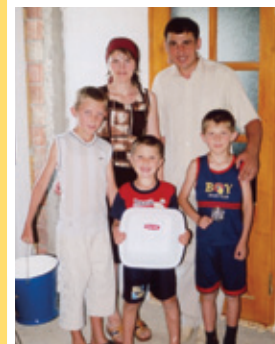
Once Daniela asked the Family-to-Family (F2F) Coordinator to visit their family and told him about their problems. The F2F Coordinator met with Dumitru and encouraged him to change his life's priorities. After a while, the change in the Joacabine family was plain for all to see! Dumitru quit drinking alcohol and worked hard for his sons' welfare. Even though they used all their strength to earn money to support their family, their poverty was crippling and affected every area of their life.



Joacabine's new family member!

In 2005, the Joacabine family was enrolled in the Family-to-Family program. After many discussions, studying and applying the F2F Curriculum and prayer, the family recognised and received Jesus as their Saviour and started to attend the local church. "The Church is the only place I am truly at peace. In God's presence, I feel comfort and strength. It is the place where I am able to grow spiritually," said Dumitru. He started

to involve himself in various church activities and share the Gospel with his friends and neighbours. Last year, he was appointed a deacon in the local church. His wife, Daniela, is a skilled Sunday School teacher. They willingly use all their gifts for God's work and God's Glory and are thrilled they can do something to enlarge His Kingdom! Dumitru and Daniela are also



The Joacabine Family

committed Mission Without Border's Christian Input volunteers and regularly visit Costesti Children's Home, teaching weekly Bible lessons. "I am very happy God uses me in this way. I have already become great friends with the children and they eagerly await the Bible lessons," Daniela said graciously.

The Joacabine family's life has been transformed thanks to their very generous Australian sponsors. The enormous help has provided them with a cow for food, construction materials

for internal and external renovations of their two-roomed house and recently Dumitru was able to have surgery to restore his diminished eyesight. One Special Project that is blessing not only this family, but those in the community, is a saw purchased to cut wood. They use it for their own needs and also help their destitute neighbours. As he cuts wood for his neighbours, he shares the Gospel and encourages the families to attend church. "In studying the Bible, I have concluded that I have to love my neighbour as myself. Therefore, I consider it a privilege to help my fellow neighbours, just as Mission Without Borders helped us", shared Dumitru.

The Joacabine family is grateful to MWB for the support offered, for inspiring them to take courage and for giving them counsel. They now have a new Heart-Song – praising Him for making them His children and offering them new life!

Our Family-to-Family ministry is comprehensively helping families change their lives for the better. Would you consider helping our ministry this month? Your gift will enable us to reach out to families in the communities we work in, in our six field countries - Albania, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Moldova, Romania and Ukraine. Regular assistance to families through our Family-to-Family sponsorship program (4 sponsors at \$35/month are found for each family) is meeting the Spiritual, Educational, Emotional and Material Needs (Our S.E.E.M. framework) of families like the Joacabines. It is amazing to see the transformation, see them renewed with purpose and reach out to others in their community. We have many families waiting for sponsorship now! If financial assistance is not possible, please do not forget to pray for the families and the Coordinators who care for them, walking with them as they continue to struggle with poverty and change their lives for the better.



Renovations have improved their humble home



The eye operation was successful

'Gift in Kind - Operation Cover-Up' Update



WE NEED YOU!

Do you live in Sydney and have some spare time? Would you like to enjoy great fellowship while contributing practically to our ministry? We have a new warehouse and air-conditioned packing room, and lots of 'Gift in Kind' that needs sorting, packing and organising. **We also need help in the warehouse itself - we have a particular need for volunteers who are capable of lifting heavy boxes in our warehouse.**

Melbourne Container on its way!

The first container from our Dandenong Workshop is on its way to Eastern Europe! Many thanks go to Jenny Grainger, Morag Thorne, all involved in donating items, as well as those volunteering on a regular basis and for the actual packing of the container - keep up the great work!

What is needed:

With companies providing large quantities of their excess stock, we will be restricting donations to the following list

Knitted, Crocheted and handmade items are needed:

- **Blankets – large and small.** (large blankets can be knitted by: Size 8 needles, 8-ply yarn, 40 stitch x 80 rows to make 56 squares, for a blanket 1.6m x 1.4m)
- **Jumpers** – the older children, teenagers and adults are in greatest need.
- **Scarves, beanies and bed socks.**
- **Knitted Teddy Bears**
- **We are not able to accept the tiny sleeveless jumpers known as 'Aids Baby Jumpers'.**
- **Knitting patterns are now available** - contact Jenny Grainger, our office or visit our Website (www.mwb.org.au) if you would like some guidance and ideas.
- **Patchwork quilts**

All items for sewing, embroidery, knitting and craft activities - material, wool, needles etc.

(for the Vocational Training courses as well as for the poor families and elderly who would love to sew or knit for themselves, but cannot afford the materials).

ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW PLEASE – (CUSTOMS REGULATIONS WE MUST ADHERE TO)

COORDINATORS AND COLLECTION POINTS

This huge country of ours presents some challenges of how to get your wonderful hand-knitted items to us in Sydney or our 'Workshop' in Melbourne. We have new transport arrangements for Brisbane and Western Australia that will make things easier, so contact us for more information or an up to date list of all collection points (it changes daily) and we will try our best to offer you a good solution. Alternatively, contact the nearest Coordinator/Collection Point below. If you are able to act as a Collection Point, please contact us.

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