

Mission Partner of the Month, September 2017

Ruslan and Larisa Telpiz, Moldova



Ruslan is a Pastor and the leader of **Gotesti Baptist Church**. He leads services and preaches in the church. Ruslan is married to Larisa and they have three children. They are involved in pastoral visits, evangelistic outreach to the community and prayer.

This summer has been busy for the church.

Children's camp. A day camp for children aged 7 to 11 years was held for a week in July. A team of 6 people from St Michael's Church went to help. There was a lot of activity and fun – sports, crafts, singing, music and games, together with Bible lessons, memory verses, drama and puppet shows. A

cooked meal and snacks were also provided. Everyone had a great time and it is hoped that many of the children will join the Sunday School.



Olesea and Viorel



Olesea and Viorel were leaders at the children's camp. Olesea leads the Sunday School in Gotesti Church. She has a warm heart for bringing children into the church and into friendship with Jesus.

Viorel is the youth worker at the church. Outreach includes a football ministry with teenagers in the village.

Together, the couple run the church's after-school day care centre for 30 vulnerable children.

Other activities this summer

A team from a church in Poland visited for a week in August. Some of them conducted eye tests and they will be providing free glasses for people in the village. Others in the team repaired a small clinic and some helped with youth work.

Baptism. In August, some of the teenagers in the church were baptised, including Ruslan and Larisa's daughter Ruth. The baptism meeting was a joyful occasion, as the young people declared their faith and were baptised by Ruslan and Viorel.



Outreach and serving the community

For several years, the church members have dreamed and prayed about having a laundry room in the church where they could wash the clothes of needy people, such as neglected children, elderly, disabled or homeless people. This outreach ministry would show the love of Jesus to these people and provide the possibility for church members to visit them in their homes and invite them to church activities. Earlier this year, this project (called the **Tabitha project**) won funding to buy two washing machines. Renovation is currently in progress on a semi-derelict building next to the church, where the laundry room will be located.



Prayer requests

1. For strength, good health and encouragement for Ruslan and Larisa as they lead the church and all the outreach activities.
2. For Viorel and Olesea as they run the work with children and young people and as their family grows - their second child is due in September.
3. That the children from the camp will become part of the Sunday School.
4. For the Tabitha project – for workers and resources to enable this exciting new ministry to start in September.



Ruslan and Larisa and family

Link person at St Michael's: Mary Cottrell



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