

Chris Elston in Slovakia and Moldova

In autumn 2009, I set up English classes as part of the outreach programme of Emanuel Church in Cahul, Moldova. Moving here full-time from Slovakia in 2011, I have seen the language school expand considerably as God has sent more and more students. In 2019, at its height, the school had on roll 440 students - children, teenagers and adults - with 7 teachers, 3 being native English speakers. My aims remain similar, that there should be excellence of teaching in a loving and caring environment, leading the students to desire to know who Jesus is and to come to Him for life.

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From the latest prayer update:

TEACHERS – What are we doing about finding more teachers?

The new semester has begun well. We have been able to make provision for about 20 of Natalia's 100 students, with the rest waiting for us to do something! Natalia is trying to find a kindergarten place for her foster daughter, Anastasia, which may enable her to take on a couple of her old classes in the early afternoon while Anastasia is at kindergarten. We are thinking of asking a mother in church with some experience teaching children to consider whether her young son is now old enough for her to take on a children's class or two for us. We have a huge waiting list and impatient parents! More significantly, however, this Thursday (30th September) a lady is being invited to interview. She already teaches at the university and has expressed interest in increasing her teaching hours. After my presentation on the English Project in church last Sunday, a lady in the church told us about her. So... are we seeing God at work, or clutching at straws? Please pray!

I also assist and advise a school at a church in Tiraspol in the unrecognised state of Transnistria (on the territory of Moldova) and support the church however I can.

From the latest prayer update:

TIRASPOL – What has God been doing there this month?

I received this from Pastor Yuriy this week: ... I want to thank you again for the financial blessing for our church. This is a great support in our ministry. I share with great joy. This Saturday [18th] we had evangelism, a harvest festival, to which about 350 people came for the first time. We were surprised by so many people. Praise God!!! People prayed, repented, received healing. We pray that these people will continue to come to discipleship groups and Sunday services. I ask you to support in prayer these new people. We do not want to miss a single person for God. ... Thank you for being part of God's work here in Transnistria. ... With great love and gratitude, Yuriy. It is written primarily to me, but it of course embraces all who have given money and who pray.

Besides serving as a teacher, I have been involved with projects to protect girls at risk of sex trafficking, a major problem in poverty-stricken Moldova.

From the latest prayer update:

TRANSFORMATION PROJECT – Will the two homes for girls in danger of being trafficked be built?

All being well, in November we will be visited by Greg from the North Carolina church that supports Emanuel Church and has been hugely involved in funding the building projects and in the camps ministry. I have requested a meeting to discuss where we are regarding the two homes for girls in danger of being trafficked. Now that Ruslan, the man originally called to drive the project, is gone, who is there to drive the work? Please pray for understanding of God's way.