

Newsletter for Mihail Hiorescu, November 2024
Elim Church from village Ursoaia, Moldova

Welcome to the Elim's Church Newsletter!

Our Vision: To be a growing and loving church family through which God transforms lives and builds community.

Welcome to this autumn season's newsletter!

On Sunday, November 10th, we had a special day in our church—the blessing of a child, the newest and smallest member of our church, Maxim Bondari. Maxim is the firstborn of Ecaterina and Maxim Bondari. They came to Jesus a few years ago, and both were recently baptised in our church. Now, they have their first son and have decided to bring him to God—a very wise and important decision. This is the 3rd newborn in our church, God is good, He is growing our church.





Another important event at the church took place at the beginning of November, 2nd, when we had our first youth meeting. It was an amazing time together, filled with worship, prayer, and fellowship over coffee and tea. We also had some insightful discussions about how God's blessings impact our lives.

One key point we talked about was the importance of recognising our desires and bringing them all before God. Daniel, one of our participants, kindly agreed to play guitar and lead us in worship, as well as help train others to do the same. At the end of the meeting, we enjoyed some fun games and agreed to invite more friends and continue having meetings like this every Saturday.

It is important that we have warm tea and ensure the space is comfortable. We're also grateful to have musical instruments—a guitar (thanks to a friend from Christ Church Downend in Bristol) and a piano—to enhance our time together.

One of the smaller rooms within the church is currently undergoing a major transformation. Since it has a separate heating system, we plan to decorate it specifically for the youngest children, creating a small nursery where parents can safely leave their kids during Sunday services. The room will be supervised, allowing parents to participate in the service with peace of mind.

It's important for our church community to involve all members during the Sunday service, so that everyone can share an encouraging word, a song, or a Bible verse. This sense of participation makes our church unique, and it helps everyone — especially newcomers — feel comfortable and accepted by others.



It was a great pleasure to welcome Ken Millwood and Nick Clarke as special guests at our church in September, on the day we held our Harvest Celebration. It was a double celebration: one in which we thanked God for all the blessings and the abundant harvest we had throughout the year, and the other to celebrate the presence of our church partners from TEN, Ken and Nick. Having them with us was truly special, and we felt a warm, welcoming atmosphere filled with food for our souls. The message that was preached was simple and easy to understand, and it resonated with everyone who attended.



In the end we want to thank you for the support you give to our family. Coming back to Moldova I see what a good impact makes this church in our village community, it comes that everyone in the village knows about this church, people are curious and they visit the building occasionally, and not the least is what great help your financial support is to my parents. Thanks to this financial support my parents can dedicate to people, without thinking how they will pay for bills. Above all, myself and my son Elias, we are currently living with our parents, once we find a suitable accommodation we are planning to move. Thanks God after graduation I found a good job and hope as soon as we come out of the winter season to move away from parents house. It happened that all family is home now, I came back in Moldova from UK, my brother came back home from Belgium and my sister came home from Turkey. The house is full.

Prayer request:

1. For little Maxim, that his parents may raise him in the love of God. Both of his parents have previously been through difficult marriage situations, so we pray that God will heal their pain and continue to raise this child in His love and wisdom.
2. For my mother, Ina, that she may have strength and patience as she works with the children from the village under the Day Care Centre's programme. She is also currently caring for her nephew, Elias (my son), which can be challenging at times to balance with her work at the centre. I pray that God will send someone to help her—someone with a heart for children who can assist with the centre's activities.
3. For the youth programme that we have started, please pray for me. I never imagined I would be doing this, even though I enjoy gathering young people around a table. It's not easy, but I trust God will guide me.

4. Pray for my dad, Misha, that God will strengthen him and bless him in every step of his life. Sometimes he really needs encouragement; at times, he feels down, while other times he is filled with love for people. In all of his emotions, I pray that God will not leave him, that he will focus not on others but on Jesus.

Antonia Hiorescu on behalf of Mihail Hiorescu



Three photos from Nick and Ken taken at the Harvest service.