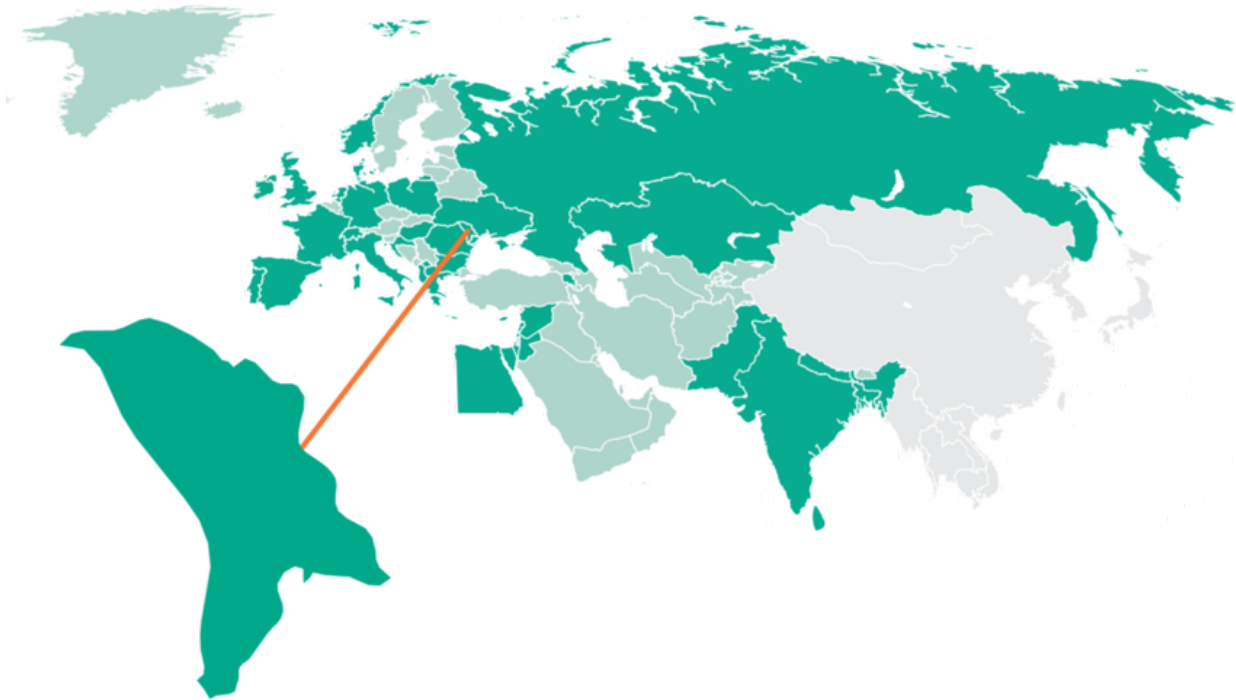


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## Eurasia Region



## Moldova

The Church of the Nazarene began work in Moldova in 2009. Moldova is an eastern European country that used to be a part of the former Soviet republic. Moldova's rich soil, combined with warm summers and mild winters, has made it a major supplier of agricultural products for southeastern Europe. The country has a population of 2.618 million and the official language is Romanian.



7 Members



1 Organized Church



5 District Licensed

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## PRAYER



- Pray for God's provision of resources for pastors and lay people who are facing financial difficulty.
- Pray that God would help us raise up a new generation of pastors and leaders.
- Pray that God would give us fresh vision and leadership as we continue to develop our youth ministry program across our district.



## PRAISE

- We thank God for the people who are willing to serve and love others in the name of Jesus during times of conflict.
- We thank God for the church being able to offer food packages to families who have lost income during the pandemic and are vulnerable during this time.



## Moldovan Church Sacrificing to Support Displaced People from the Ukraine



Sergey and Irina Talalay, who first entered Moldova in 2008 as pioneer church planters, are leading the Moldovan church in support for Ukrainians who have been flooding across the border since February 24. In the first two days of the invasion of Ukraine, Nazarenes in Moldova hosted 36 people. By March 16, the small group of Nazarenes had assisted 700 people. The church has been working around the clock to help, and some church families have even given up entire apartments to house displaced families.

Like other Ukraine-border nations, Moldova is a meeting point for cross-national relationships. Sergey is from Ukraine and Irina is from Russia. Their two sons are Moldovans, having been born there during their church planting mission. “Since I am from Ukraine, I have a lot of friends, relatives, and acquaintances from the Church of the Nazarene and other churches there,” Sergey said. “In this regard, on the first day of the beginning of this terrible war, I began to receive a lot of requests for help to which I, my family, and our church responded instantly and did everything they could and even more.”

Sergey and his wife only got 2 hours of sleep for the for the first 10 days of the war because of all the assistance that they were providing. At all hours of the day and night, Sergey and two other church members have been driving to different points along the Ukraine-Moldova border to pick up refugees and transport them to Chisinau, then work to find them temporary housing.

“From the first day, our people opened their houses to refugees; some even completely gave away their apartments after moving out to live with relatives. In the first week of the war, we managed to help more than 300 refugees from Ukraine.”

Currently, the church members are continuing to meet people at the borders, where long lines have formed, and many people wait two or three days to be allowed across the border. Then, the church helps them find temporary shelter across the city or in the church building.

They are also helping people find transport, including sometimes purchasing tickets, so that some can travel further into Europe. Food and hygiene support are among the most urgent needs, including diapers, baby wipes and baby food.

“Moldova is a very small and very poor country. Therefore, it cannot cope with the flow of refugees who come here from Ukraine,” Sergey said. The Moldovan government has hastily organized shelters for refugees in sports arenas, exhibition complexes and other facilities, often cramming 300 to 500 people together. While people are with them in Chisinau, the church is helping fill the gaps by providing food, medicine and personal hygiene products directly to individuals, since many fled their homes with few belongings.

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