NC / MOLDOVA PARTNERSHIP VISION TRIP - 2024

Following Russia's invasion of the Ukraine, Moldovan Baptists invited North Carolina Baptists to send teams to minister to the hundreds of refugees who were sheltering at the Baltata Ministry Center near the capital of Chisinau. Over the course of three months, thirteen teams and more than a hundred twenty volunteers from across North Carolina grew in their love and appreciation not only for the refugees, but for the Moldovan Baptists who had opened their hearts, their churches, and their homes to them.

OPPORTUNITY FOR NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS

Moldovan Baptists have now invited North Carolina Baptists to partner with them in the coming years. Recent events have served as a reminder of how fleeting the opportunity to serve in this area may be. The time to strategically assist our Moldovan brothers and sisters in Christ in strengthening an evangelical presence - is now.

A CHURCH PLANTING EMPHASIS: The primary focus of the Partnership between Moldovan Baptists and North Carolina Baptists will be that of supporting church planting missionaries through growing, visionary Moldovan "mother churches". These "mother churches" are led by strong, visionary pastors. They are gospel-focused and mission-hearted. Currently there are over 750 villages in Moldova with no evangelical presence. The great desire of these churches is to see that every village in their region has an evangelical church.

VISION TRIP TO MOLDOVA – May 15-22, 2024

WHAT: A team will travel to Moldova to meet with Moldova Baptist leadership and pastors of strategic "mother churches" who have a vision and plan for reaching their community for Christ and plant a new church in their area. The team will make site visits on Friday, Saturday, and Monday. They will also preach in churches on Sunday.

WHO: Team will be comprised of those church leaders who are actively praying about and open to partnering with a strategic Moldovan "mother church" to support a church planter for a period of five years.

HOW: Baptists on Mission will make airline reservations, and coordinate on-field logistics.

COSTS: Estimated cost will be approximately $1800 and will include airfare, lodging, most meals, in-country transportation, and volunteer insurance.

OTHER: Each team member will need a valid passport that has at least 6 months left on it from time of departure. There are currently no COVID requirements for travel to Moldova, nor for traveling back into the US.

BAPTISTS ON MISSION

If you would like to participate in this vision trip and/or exciting new partnership with Moldova,
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