

*We want to see vibrant communities of Jesus followers
among the least reached.*

The ministry of OM in Moldova



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Moldova continues to be Europe's poorest country, crippled by a high level of corruption, political instability and a failing economy. The extreme poverty, especially in rural areas, aggravates related problems like a high rate of alcoholism and an exodus of the working population to other countries, leaving children and elderly behind. Most Moldovans are Orthodox, yet the majority have never heard or understood the gospel or read the Bible.

OM Moldova focuses on **training and mobilising Moldovan believers** for local and global missions, while also offering ministry experience to foreign believers and using a variety of projects to **reach out to the unreached and marginalised of the country**. The extensive and diverse ministry is coordinated by a team of about 70 adults, the majority being nationals.

All ministry is carried out under the authority and in partnership with the Moldovan Church, helping local churches to become providers of hope and relief to the least reached of their own communities, **plant new churches** in the unreached areas of their country and **send Moldovan missionaries** to the least reached regions of the world.

Missions Discipleship Training

This five-month course is a joint programme of OM Moldova and OM Romania, preparing participants for a missional life - at home or cross-culturally - as they are mentored in their personal growth, develop a better understanding of missions and gain practical outreach experience. MDT focuses on four core essentials to facilitate growth: Spiritual Growth & Leadership, Mentoring & Discipleship, Mission & Evangelism, Cross-Cultural Adventure.

Global Challenge



Throughout the year international short-term outreach teams experience cross-cultural missions in Moldova, especially during our 'Love Moldova' summer outreaches, where teams use creative means like trekking or rafting to reach villages all over the country, sharing the gospel as they visit the needy and run children's programmes and camps or construction projects.

Challenge into Missions



Twice a year this ten-week course offers Moldovan believers a practical introduction to missions. Study weeks, which include Bible teaching and learning practical evangelism skills, alternate with outreach periods in Moldovan villages.

Participants return to their home churches with new vision, skills and passion for reaching their own country; for others this is the first step towards global missions, as they are confronted - often for the first time - with global realities and the needs of the unreached of the world.



Local Ministry Teams & Church Planting

Smaller OM teams live and work directly in a village community, cooperating with churches that have a vision to reach the unreached places of their region and nation.

These teams practically assist the Church in developing a local ministry within those communities.

All these activities go hand in hand with our purpose of helping the Moldovan Church plant new churches in unreached areas and villages throughout the country.



 CHURCH PLANTING

 EVANGELISM  MENTORING

Literature

Bibles and Christian literature in the most widely spoken languages, Romanian and Russian, are imported and resold at reduced prices to make them affordable to the average Moldovan. This offers local believers resources for spiritual growth, while giving non-believers an easy access to the gospel.

Especially Bibles are very sought after - a Book many people hold in high esteem, but have never had the chance to read, own or even hold in their hands.



Next Generation

Arts & Sports



We reach out to the young generation in areas of interest to them, e.g. using creative means like drama or music. Visiting schools, kindergartens and Day Centres with puppet shows, we share the gospel with children in a way they can understand and relate to.

Our occasional sports events help to draw interest and build relationships, especially in places that have no local church yet.

 EVANGELISM

Bus4Life

Functioning as a bookshop on wheels, the Bus4Life helps to make our literature available even in remote villages and is also a mobile outreach centre used for street evangelism, children's and youth programmes and as a café or cinema.



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Relief & Development



Elderly Care & Day Centres

Our permanent relief ministries support the most vulnerable in society on a daily basis. At the **Elderly Care** projects, elderly who have nobody to look after them receive a daily warm meal and fellowship. At the **Day Centres** socially vulnerable children can eat after school, are helped with their school work and receive love and care. Each project is led by local church members who also share the gospel with the children and elderly.



 RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT

seasonal projects

Various seasonal relief & development projects cover immediate needs (warm clothes, food and firewood in winter; school supplies in autumn) but also encourage steps towards self-support (by providing vegetable seeds, farm animals etc). All projects reach out to those who (e.g. through poverty or physical handicap) have been pushed to the margins of society.



 JUSTICE

Freedom Network

Globally, Moldova ranks very high among countries exposed to human trafficking and exploitation. Our Freedom Network partners with other organisations and initiatives to reach people who are affected or at risk, with a special focus on the girls and boys in our Day Centres who are reaching adolescence.

Our conferences and camps help them build a healthy self-image, know risks and embrace godly values.



Business for Transformation

 RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT

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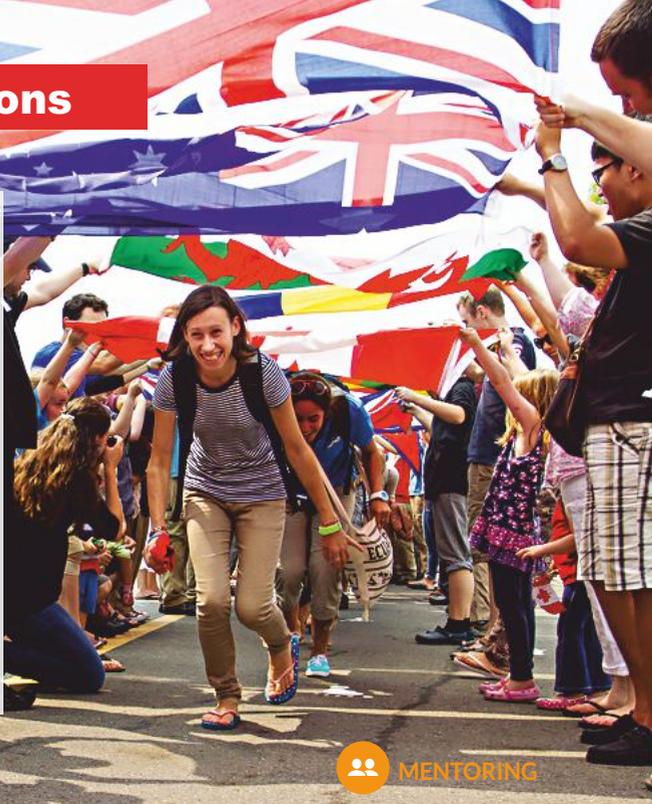


By running business trainings on different levels and offering small loans and ongoing consultation, we enable Moldovans to start and run their own business and thus provide for their families without seeking work abroad. These businesses also promote Kingdom values to the surrounding society and can create work for others in the community. Within the B4T ministry, we also develop projects to generate funds for OM Moldova's own ministry and so become more sustainable.

Moldovans in Missions

OM Moldova puts a strong emphasis on motivating and equipping Moldovans for missions. This includes helping churches send Moldovans to the least reached areas of the world, as well as investing in national workers on the OM Moldova team and facilitating leadership development.

More than two thirds of the OM Moldova team are nationals, while several Moldovans serve with OM in areas like the Middle East, Central Asia or on the OM ship 'Logos Hope'.



MENTORING

support ministries

Many of our team members serve behind the scenes in important supportive roles, ensuring that our primary ministries can function - whether working in financial development, bookkeeping or hospitality; taking care of maintenance, member care or public relations.



Get involved:



Pray for our ministries

or



Give towards a project

or



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