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## **Cross Links News and Reflections**

### **John Frey**

As the summer season cools and we begin to move from one season to the next here in the Northeast U.S., my thoughts turn to how things around us change so rapidly. This year, things have changed at Cross Links. Our founder and leader, Janice Wenger has found residence in Heaven, and that has created a void in our organization and in the lives of us who were influenced by Janice. Grief in life is expected but the reality of change itself should not be unexpected; we know it will happen. The Bible speaks to this fact; in Daniel 2:21, it says "he changes times and seasons, he gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning." This verse speaks to both the reality of change and what it is that the leadership of Cross Links is currently seeking; wisdom for our organization and the plans we are making to continue the kingdom work that was started years ago. Our board met recently and unanimously agreed to have Nelson Zimmerman seated as the President of Cross Links. We are developing plans to continue the work of Cross Links providing support, aid, opportunity, and the message of Christ to many organizations and individuals in Eastern Europe. Thank you for walking with us and supporting this work as we move forward in a new way.

## **Sinks needed for YFC Outreach Program**

Through a YFC outreach program, Boris Buiuc works with at-risk children in Orhei, Moldova. He has requested money from Cross Links to install a hand-washing facility for the children with whom he works. Pictured below are some of the items Cross Links has recently donated to the outreach program.



Above: small refrigerator  
Below: corner cabinet



## Upcoming Trip

**Philip Yoder**

A group of Cross Links volunteers will be traveling to Moldova in September and October 2007. The group includes youth and adults, and will be led by board member Philip Yoder.

This group is planning to visit numerous village schools in Moldova where they will interact with students and teachers and then distribute school kits to needy children. Recently, 4,200 school kits arrived in Moldova as part of a larger shipment from Cross Links. These school kits are in Chisinau now, and will be distributed by the group in October.

Most of the schools in rural Moldova have no sports equipment, and the group plans to carry with them and also purchase in Moldova some sports equipment to leave with the schools they visit.

This group also plans to distribute shoes, clothing items, food, and other aid items as they travel to different places in Moldova. They will be visiting at least two orphanages and numerous churches, so there will be ample opportunity to share these items with those who are in need.

As with all of the Cross Links' groups that visit Moldova, the goals of this trip are to build friendships, to learn about life in Moldova, to distribute aid and help those in need, to support churches in their ministries, and to give hope and encouragement to the people they meet.

## Opportunities for Your Involvement in the Work of Cross Links

1. Pray for individuals, families, churches and institutions in Moldova
2. Support a church or pastor. There are pastors and churches needing monthly support for their ongoing ministries.
3. Support work at institutions such as orphanages.
4. Provide funds for our general account to provide for various needs of which we are made aware.
5. Travel with a team to bring encouragement to individuals, churches, and institutions.

Please feel free to contact us if you have interest in any of these opportunities.

### Mark Your Calendar

#### **St. Petersburg Project Banquet**

Thursday, November 8, 2007

Weaver's Banquet Facility, Adamstown, PA  
6:30 PM

#### **Cross Links Annual Banquet**

Saturday, May 3, 2008

Yoder's Restaurant, New Holland, PA  
6:00 PM

Cross Links Board of Directors

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