



Transforming Moldova



“Thank you very much for the Café Pilot you installed. The number of clients increased twice, and we are working further to improve our services.”

Igor, president of Communitas in Antonești, Moldova

CONNECTING IN PRAYER

- Ask the Lord of the Harvest to bring new long-term and short-term missionaries to work with eDOT. We need people with technical skills.
- Pray for Geneva Bible Institute in Switzerland, Teófilos in Portugal, and Zaporozhye Bible College and Seminary in Ukraine as they work on developing distance-learning programs for the fall semester.
- Praise God with us for the successful completion of several courses being formatted by volunteers.

Trudging through the mud-filled streets, a horse-drawn cart splashes by as Courtney goes in a black gate simply marked “INTERNET.” Making his way across the courtyard, he kicks the mud from his shoes before entering the whitewashed building. Inside a bright room, he finds Moldovans working intently on computers. Some are researching school projects, others are emailing and instant messaging loved ones who have moved away, and still others are producing signs for their small businesses.

The 10-computer Internet café in Antonești, Moldova, is the first of many small businesses to be started by Communitas, a small group of Christian Moldovans who have a vision to contribute to a social, economical, and spiritual transformation in this needy country. They purchased an old Communist bathhouse in Antonești, which is being developed into a community and training center. The first project involved the Internet



Communitas offers computer classes in Moldova, Europe's poorest country, in an effort to share Christ's love in a practical way.

café where people can buy computer time or attend computer training sessions for beginners, as well as for advanced users. Other businesses to follow include a pasta-making factory, a greenhouse, a tailoring workshop, and a mini-bakery.

When Communitas asked eDOT for technical help, Courtney traveled to Moldova to offer consultation, as well as practical assistance: installing control and filtering software, teaching the administrators about Linux, and loading appropriate open-source software. Seeing the commitment of the believers there impacted him tremendously. Communitas is missional in its approach, seeking to offer help in Europe’s poorest country while cultivating relationships with nonbelievers in order to share Christ with them. Though not a direct ministry of the local Baptist church, the pastors serve on the board and the choir director is also the café administrator.

Do you know people who could help teach a basic computer skills class for a week? Are you familiar with Linux and wanting to share your skills? Would you like to help with the construction of other business initiatives in the bathhouse? Talk with us about how you can be involved in helping the work of Communitas in Antonești and in other villages throughout Moldova.

“...whoever is kind to the needy honors God.”

Proverbs 14:31b (NIV)