

# Moldova Orphan Sponsorship Program

## Moldova Visit by Amy Kreimer

It was a Sunday afternoon in Chisinau, Moldova. Families with young children, college aged youth and young couples strolled into the pizza parlor. Loud music was playing and children started gathering in the corner play area. There I sat anxiously waiting for the Sponsorship students to arrive. I had a large duffle bag full of gifts, one for each student, and Angela the coordinator (and translator) and my camera sitting beside me.

In walked the first student, Lilia a petite, beautiful young lady who is in her final year of school training to become a medical assistant. Then the students started arriving quickly. The first students that arrived had been sponsored for several semesters. They seemed full of confidence and more secure about their future. Later the newer students arrived. Some of these students are just sixteen years old and in their first year at a vocational school. They were nervous, shy and didn't share (or write) too much.

While the students differ in their ages, area of study, and demeanors, all of the students expressed their sincere appreciation in being included in the Sponsorship Program. They all gladly wrote letters to their sponsors and expressed appreciation for all the support. I was excited to see them and they seemed excited to share about themselves and see one another. I spent a few minutes with each of them, learning just tidbits of personal information. The names and pictures of the student were now real, sitting in front of me, eating pizza, drinking milkshakes and enjoying chocolate cake!



Julie Glandt, Serghei—sponsored  
by CAS, & Amy Kreimer



*Andrei and Iurie*

Former Sponsorship Program students Andrei and Iurie stopped by to visit at the February student gathering in Moldova. Previously they were sponsored students that attended the College of Transportation. Last summer they graduated from the school and the sponsorship program. They are both currently employed as mechanics in Chisinau. Their dream is to open their own business, perhaps a car dealership. Congratulations Andrei and Iurie!

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**Want to know more about Moldova?** Visit the US Department of State website at <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/5357.htm>.

## Thank You

Thank you for all the student gifts! If you did not get a chance to send one, don't worry your student was not left out. Each student received a small bag with toiletry items and a nice pen.

A special thank you to Kris Moore for donating a digital camera to the sponsorship program!

## Student Letters

The translated letters are in! If your student attended the meeting you will receive your student's letter, a photo, and an update from Amy.

