

Deliverance Ministry Leads to Salvation in Moldova

Jesus is still the deliverer—and He's delivering people in Moldova.

A local Moldovan woman named Vasilitsa started going to the same church where Operation Mobilization's Tamara Bucher attends about three months ago. Little did she know the Holy Ghost would meet her mother there.

"When our church decided to start every day in prayer together," Tamara says, "I was surprised to see Vasilitsa faithfully attend the meetings at 6:30 every morning."

A few Sundays later, Vasilitsa's mother, Marina, attended church. She approached Tamara immediately after the service. She wanted to talk.

"Marina told me she had not been able to sleep because she had felt spiritually attacked and asked if I could pray for her when I had time," says Tamara.

Marina prepared to leave, but Tamara felt they should pray for her at that moment. Gathering a few church members together, Tamara prayed for Marina.

"As we prayed, she started making strange facial expressions, and we felt we needed to pray for Satan to release her," she recalls. "Before we finished praying, I could hear her exclaiming, 'Hallelujah, hallelujah, praise the Lord!'"

When Marina returned home from church, she made a few changes. As in most Moldovan households, the walls in Marina's house held pictures of saints and other religious icons. While these might truly serve as a reminder to some to think about God, for many they are objects of superstition—idols to pray to

because they believe they cannot pray to God, or amulets for protection.

Marina was so impacted by her experience at church that she decided to remove all the icons from the walls of her home. That Sunday night, Marina slept very well and the following day she told her neighbor about going to church and about the prayer she had received.

The neighbor was surprised to find that she had taken down the icons. Marina explained, "They didn't have any icons at church, but God heard and answered their prayers. So why should I keep these icons in my house when they are not helping me sleep, but God is?"

The following Wednesday, Tamara visited Marina with her brother and sister.

"We were shocked when she told us that for the past three years, she had only slept about two hours each night," says Tamara. "She is happy she can now sleep, and that God has really changed her situation and answered our prayers."

Now Marina attends church with her daughter, Vasilitsa, regularly and both are thinking about becoming baptized.

"It makes me also want to shout out 'Hallelujah, hallelujah, praise the Lord!'" exclaimed Tamara. "Please pray for this family, that God would continue working in their lives."