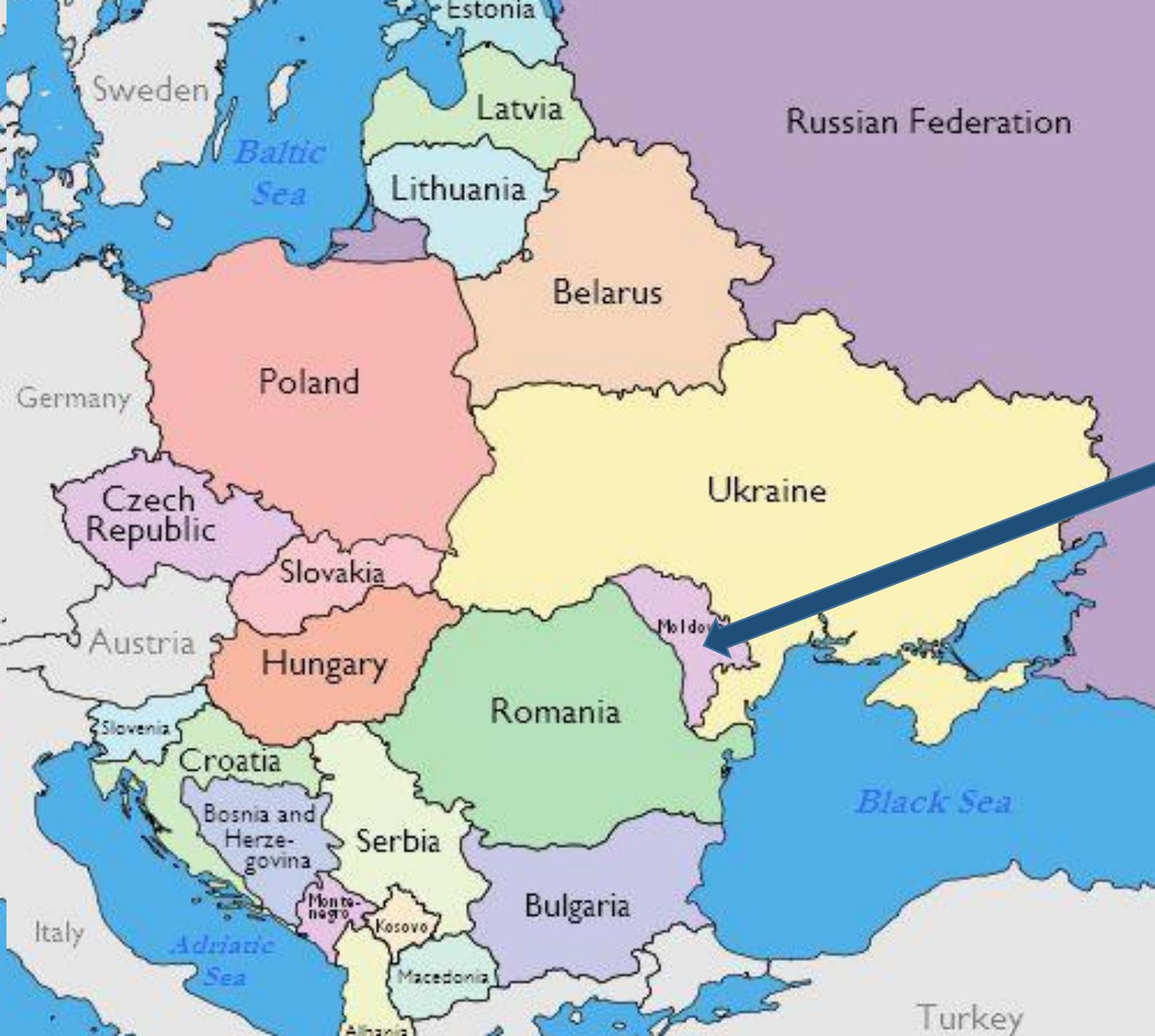




Divitia Gratiae University
(University of Divine Grace - UDG)

**Building Up the Global Church
Moldova and Central Asia**



Moldova

Moldova



Lithuania

Estonia

Belarus

Latvia

Ukraine

Moldova

Russian Federation

Central
Asia

Georgia

Armenia

Azerbaijan

Kazakhstan

Uzbekistan

Turkmenistan

Kyrgyzstan

Tajikistan

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MOLDOVA?



Size: 13,068 sq miles

Roughly the size of Maryland and Connecticut combined.

Population: 3,445,212 (11/17/2022)

About twice the population inside the DC Beltway.

Government: Parliamentary Republic

Maia Sandu, President of Moldova since December 2020.

Income: Average annual 2022 income \$5,148

Average annual 2022 income in Washington DC is \$77,372.

UDG – NPC Partnership

- **UDG Established (1993)**
 - College of Theology and Education
 - Peg Cantwell, Dick Manthei, and Team
- **UDG and NPC Relationship Early Years (1993-2007)**
 - Scholarships and Library Books
 - Mission Teams
- **UDG Hosted Family Ministry Conference (2007)**
 - Leadership development
 - Local pastors and wives
- **Social Work Ministry – Masters Degree in Social Work (2016)**
 - Prepare professional Christian social workers
 - Scholarships program leaders

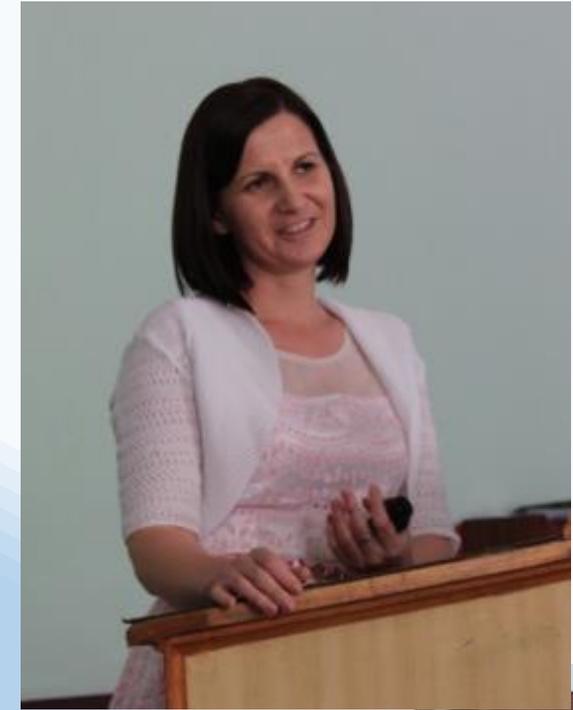


Today's Program

UDG the Way Forward: Equipping Christian Leaders During Challenging Times

Part 1	UDG Context/Challenges
Part 2	UDG Partner Engagement
Part 3	UDG Future Priorities





**UDG
MAIN CAMPUS
CHISINAU, MD**



Dr. Mihai Malancea

President, Divitia Gratiae University





Part 1

UDG Context/Recent Challenges

- **UDG Program Information**
- **Recent Challenges - Commitment to keep the university open and move forward**
 - **Covid Pandemic**
 - **Refugees from the war in Ukraine**
 - **Current concerns about war in Ukraine and inflation (heating, petrol, etc.)**



UDG Program Information

- **Programs**
 - Theology
 - Intercultural Studies - Mission
 - Social Work
 - Business and Management
- **Students from 13 Countries**
- **Student Enrollment (2022-23)**
 - 150 full-time students
 - 250 part-time students



Challenge: Covid Pandemic

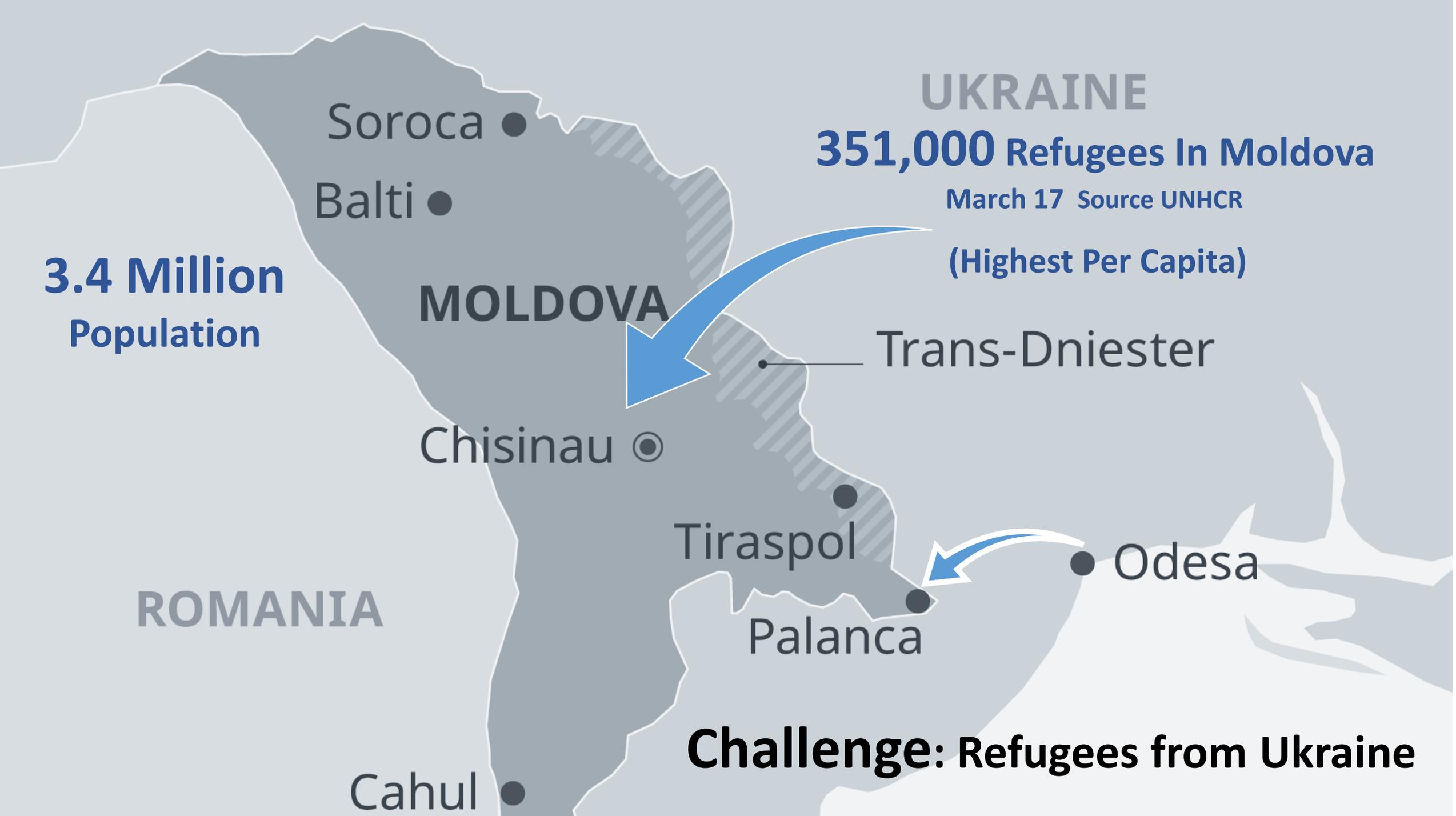
University Open: UDG stayed open during the Covid pandemic despite several faculty and students getting the Covid.

Online Classes: UDG initiated online classes for students to continue their studies.



Meals to Community: Teams of faculty and students took meals into the community to feed families during pandemic.





UKRAINE

351,000 Refugees In Moldova

March 17 Source UNHCR

(Highest Per Capita)

3.4 Million
Population

MOLDOVA

Soroca ●

Balti ●

Chisinau ○

Tiraspol ●

Palanca ●

Cahul ●

Trans-Dniester

Odesa ●

ROMANIA

Challenge: Refugees from Ukraine

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Hosted Refugees: UDG housed, fed, and cared for hundreds of refugees fleeing from Russia-Ukraine war.



Border Welcome: UDG students and faculty greeted and fed Ukrainian refugees at the border of Moldova and Ukraine.

Ongoing Classes: University carried on with all classes during this period and celebrated graduation in June 2022.





Challenge: On-going war in Ukraine and inflation (heating, petrol, etc.)

War Anxiety: Uncertainty and anxiety about war in Ukraine spreading to Moldova.

Fuel for Heating: Cost and uncertainty that Russia could cut off fuel for heating buildings.

Inflation: Inflation rate in Moldova is approximately 35 percent reflected in high costs of food, housing, petrol, and air travel to and from satellite campuses in Central Asia.





Part 2

Partnership Engagement with UDG

NPC and Other Organizations

- NPC's Building Up the Global Church Team
- Keys Connections
- Moldova Mission Network
- Save the Orphans

NPC Building Up Global Church Team (BUGC)



- Annual gift from NPC Mission budget to UDG to support students and faculty.
- Flex funds to support Ukrainian refugees - food, medical care, fuel, and other needs.
- Prayer for UDG students and faculty.





Rev. Paul Beech
Director of Development
Keys Connections

Keys Connections

Support to UDG

Tuition
Teaching
Food
Clothing
Transportation
Technology

(501c3 Partner for NPC Contributions)





Moldova Mission Network

- UDG
- Marriage Ministry
- Outreach
- Orphans and Refugees (with Save the Orphans)
- Prayer



Support to UDG (Fall 2022 Events)



Business Ethics Conference



Trauma Counseling Conference



MMN Marriage and Family Ministry





MMN Outreach – Tent Ministry





Mihaela and her foster parents Nicholai and Olga Calcavura





Outreach with Oak House to Gymnasium #3





Other Camp activities

Șoldănești, Cricova, and Chisinau

- Summer camps for underprivileged children
- Life skills, spiritual nurture, arts and crafts, sports
- About 200 campers total



Pastor Vasile Surdu's Camps at "Isus Salvatorul" Church in Șoldănești





Orphan Outreach with UDG

Robotics Camp with Ion

- 21 campers, and lots of enthusiasm!

Cricova Camp with Pavel

- 160 campers – spiritual nurture, life skills, sports



Robotics Camp





Cricova Camp with Pavel





Food staples distribution

- For 7 families, each with 5-13 children

“Christmas Caravan” with Oak House volunteers

Refugee assistance during spring

- Support to Oak House activities, donations for Keys Ministry, the US UDG affiliate



Food staples distribution





Oak House “Christmas Caravan” Program





Refugee assistance





Sponsorship Initiative: Elena Babei's family





Elena's family of 13 children





Elena's family of 13 children



TANEA
8 YEARS OLD



Viorel
10 years old

Andrian
12 years old

Iari
12 years old

Mihail
14 years old



Sponsorship Initiative: Maria in Șoldănești





Refugee Work with UDG and MBU

“First day as a Ukrainian refugee”

Washington Post, March 4, 2022





Refugee Work with UDG and MBU





Refugee Work with UDG and MBU





Part 3

UDG Future Priorities

- **Nourish academic programs and hybrid delivery for students.**
- **Equip Christian pastors for sustainable local church development (e.g., Central Asia)**
- **Assist refugees from Ukraine, Afghanistan, and other countries to cope with conditions of being displaced from their homes.**

Nourish Academic Programs and Hybrid Delivery





Equip Christian pastors for sustainable local church development (Central Asia)

Ukraine

Assist refugees from

Afghanistan





Questions and Answers