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Dear SponsorLink Sponsor,

Ruslan Kalasnik was born on January 14, 2001. Ruslan lives in a Roma (Gypsy) village in the Republic of Moldova called Vulcanesti. Maleesha Mustion, our SponsorLink Ministry Assistant, sent us the following update on Ruslan after he got baptized on August 9, 2020. The picture below shows Vlad Pogor (left), our FGCI-Moldova Houseparent, with Ruslan at the baptismal service.



Maleesha writes: This is a very exciting Sponsorlink update, because one of the Roma (Gypsy) young adults FGCI has worked with for years has chosen to give his life over to the Lord through baptism. Ruslan Kalasnik is 19 years old. He was baptized on August 9, 2020 at church with friends and church family in attendance. I spoke to Ruslan today on a video call. He is doing well. He's staying busy with church activities and English lessons. Ruslan writes, "I just started a new lesson in the English books, and it takes a while to get through each course with our teacher Pastor Alex Ulinici. Please pray for Renata, Artur, Samson, and me as we are all trying very hard right now to learn English. It can be very hard at times, but I know that we will all be able to speak English fluently soon. Please do not forget to pray for us."

Maleesha asked Ruslan some questions about his decision to be baptized. Here are some excerpts from their conversation. Maleesha asked, "Why did you decide to get baptized?" Ruslan responded, "I have been going to church since I was a child, and I want to obey the command of Jesus Christ and follow what the Bible says to do. The biggest thing from this decision is that I want to have eternal life with God in heaven. And without getting baptized, you will not receive eternal life with Christ. So that's why I chose to give my life to Jesus." Maleesha asked, "How will your life change, now that you have chosen to follow Jesus?" Ruslan answered, "My life will not change too much from what I am doing now, because I already play the guitar and piano at church. Each week I help teach the younger kids at church, too." Ruslan's favorite Bible verses are, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13), and "Cast all your care upon him; for he cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7). Ruslan writes, "I have chosen to get baptized because I love Jesus and I love God. I want to live with Jesus in heaven forever. I also want to say a big thank you to the people of the United States who always help us, who always come to visit us, and who are praying for us. Thank you very much."

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Your brother in Christ,

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