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Dear SponsorLink Sponsor,

Maleesha Mustion, our FGCI SponsorLink Ministry Assistant, sent us the following update after speaking to Mihai Mihailenco. Mihai grew up under the love and care of our Home of the Good Shepherd foster parents in Nisporeni, Moldova.



Maleesha writes: I spoke to Mihai recently to get an update on how he is doing and what he has been up to lately. Mihai Mihailenco is 31 years old and just celebrated his birthday on November 17 with close friends and his younger siblings. Mihai currently lives in an apartment in Chişinău, Moldova, and works at a furniture store repairing pneumatic air guns. In Mihai's free time, he enjoys drawing various pictures of cars, playing chess, and going out for a cup of coffee and fellowship with his brothers and sisters in Christ. I asked Mihai to write about his time in the Home of the Good Shepherd and how his life changed during that time.

Mihai wrote, "I was 9 years old when I first heard about the Lord through a song that was playing on the radio at my grandmother's home. At that moment, I called out to the almighty God to ask him to please help provide me with all my needs such as food, water, a bed, a family, clothes, and a safe place to live. God answered my prayer by giving me and my younger siblings the opportunity to go and live in the Home of

the Good Shepherd when we were really young. As I look back on my time in the Home of the Good Shepherd, it truly changed my life, because all my needs were met, and I felt loved by those around me. Some of my best memories as a child were created in that home together as a family. By living in the home, it provided many opportunities for me to have a better future than I originally thought I was going to have."

I asked Mihai, "How has your faith changed from what it was to where it is now?" Mihai wrote, "After I heard about the Lord on the radio, I sought after Him for many years to learn more about Him. I was in a terrible work-related accident many years ago. I was in a coma for two weeks recovering. During that time, God gave me a vision of what the New Jerusalem would look like, and what it will be like when Christ returns. After that vision that God gave me, I take my faith more seriously. I try to read His Word as much as I can, and study the different prophecies that the Bible speaks about. I made the decision to be baptized when I was 17 years old, because I wanted to continue to follow God. My favorite Bible verse is, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16). I like this verse, because it shows the nature of who God is, and it teaches us as Christians to obey His law." I also asked Mihai, "What are your future plans?" He answered, "In the future, I am seeking a wife that is strong in her faith, someone I can fully trust. I want us to be able to learn more about God and to serve Him together. Then, I would like to leave Moldova and find a job somewhere else where I can make a better life for us than I have here in Moldova right now." Mihai added, "Thank you, FGCI sponsors, for discovering me when I was such a young boy, and for believing in me when I gave up on myself. Thank you for all the financial support that you have given me to help repair my teeth. I am so glad my teeth have started to feel better. Through very kind sponsors like you, I have found a relationship with the Lord. God has saved my life and my future. I will be forever grateful for what you have done for me in my life. God bless."

Recently we helped Mihai get his teeth fixed. Your SponsorLink support continues to help Mihai and our other Home of the Good Shepherd children.

Your brother in Christ,

Jeremy Befort
Associate Director & Missions Teams Coordinator

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