

# Milan in Moldova



## SETTLING INTO SEPTEMBER

September came and went all too fast. I am two months into my three-month AIM trip, and it has not felt like this long already!

This month my main projects were English Club—sometimes babysitting the little ones and other times tutoring—working with social media for both the English Club and the McBride's TASC page, editing and uploading videos, helping with music and creating a system that can continue after I leave, and connecting with locals at English Club, birthday parties, or even just while out getting coffee. We also did more prayer walks, focusing on covering Chisinau in prayer. Every Sunday I assist with music and play the piano. Most Sundays I help with Sunday school, and one week we even had a Romanian-speaking child. I also had the opportunity to teach a devotional to the team.



# A HUNGER FOR GOD

The people we have had the opportunity to talk to about God are so hungry. They deeply desire a relationship with Him, which is unusual in a culture so shaped by Orthodoxy. People here are searching for something, and it is evident. Moments like these remind me why I'm here.

God has also been teaching me personally. In full transparency, there was a day this month when I felt a little down about whether I was truly making a difference. On some mission fields, you hear stories of hundreds being baptized or receiving the Holy Ghost. That hasn't been the case here, and I poured my heart out to God about it. That same day He brought me to 1 Corinthians 15:58 (ESV): "Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." It was exactly what I needed to be reminded of: even if I don't see a single soul receive salvation while I'm here, the work is not in vain. Every post, every prayer walk, every conversation is part of preparing the soil for what God will do in the future.

Thank you for your love, support, and prayers. They mean more to me than I can say, and I truly feel them each day.

