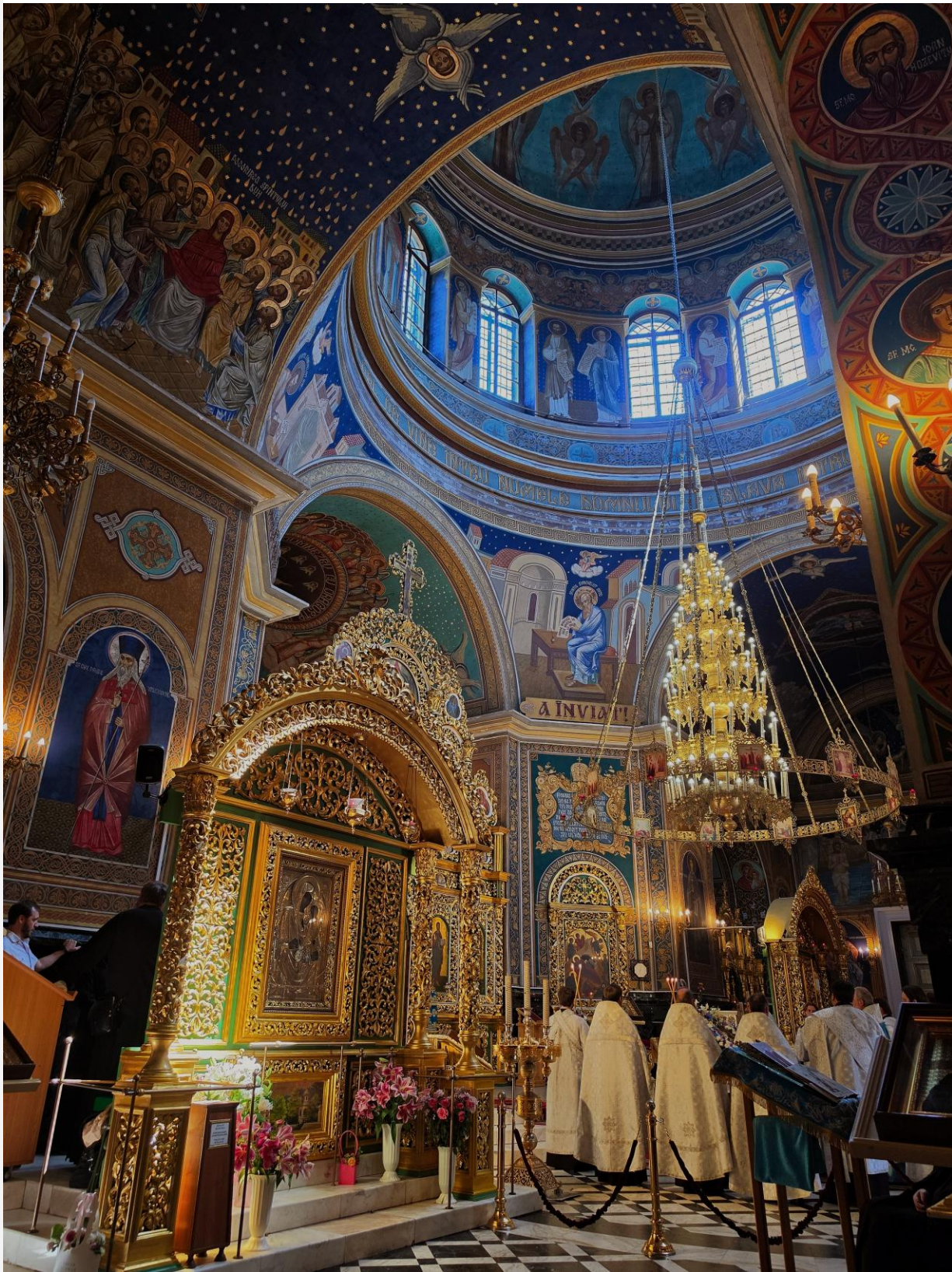




August has been one of my favorite months so far! I'm so happy that pieces came together that I'd been working on for some time along with other exciting opportunities that I was able to participate in!

Earlier in the month I had my immigration appointment. I, along with my supervising missionary and lawyer, arrived at the government building and submitted my paperwork. After some verification my application for residency was approved! While a decision on residency was not yet determined (I would have to come back in September to receive the verdict), the application itself was accepted. This meant I had all required documents and verification for the application which I thank God for! It was a process that began months ago before I left the US!



The next big thing to finally be completed was finding my long-term housing for the rest of my time in Moldova! Through the missionary's real estate agent, we were able to find a nice apartment within my budget! A huge plus was it was within walking distance of the

missionary's house where we have services and meetings! After staying in different Airbnbs throughout Chişinău and the surrounding areas, I was ready to move in for the last time!





A very exciting opportunity I had this month was getting the chance to visit Slovenia. With the appropriate approval I spent about 5 days in the cities of Ljubljana, Piran, and Maribor. Slovenia has been a country that has always left an impression on me,

especially since it currently does not have any known Apostolic works there. This country needs to hear about Jesus just like all other countries. While I was there, I did prayer walks and met some wonderful people. I thank God I was able to revisit this beautiful country! It was a joy to see.





A notable day for Moldova took place during this month. Moldova celebrated 35 years of independence from the Soviet Union on August 27th.

That day, on August 27th, I went to the city center to see the events and how the city celebrated. The park in the city center had multiple booths lined across the park's walkways selling traditional Moldovan trinkets, clothing, and accessories. Many retired soldiers dressed in full military uniform walked with their wives toward the mass gathering along the main boulevard. I couldn't help but notice as I made my way through the crowds that much of the masses surrounding the boulevard and podiums were older Moldovans. On the main stage stood officials.

While I was there a video played of various Moldovan politicians from the past, many of them presidents, giving speeches at past independence anniversaries. The masses were silent as they watched the screens, occasionally raising their fists and cheering at certain points in the video recording. I was blown away by the solemnity yet also comradery of the moment. Every person around me was proud to be Moldovan in that moment. It was an experience I won't soon forget.



The month ended with a visit from our area coordinator, Bro. Patterson. It was a great pleasure to connect with him and see him converse so easily in Romanian at our Sunday service. I'm so thankful for the great support in the missions family!

That was how my August went! Big things happened, small things happened, but through it all God has been so faithful to me. Thanks to everyone who continues to support me. I pray God blesses you all the more.

Prayer Requests:

- A new space for English club/Sunday service
 - Better ability to speak/understand Romanian
 - Health/protection
 - Meet new contacts and maintain connections with established ones
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If you would like to give, I have attached my personal Venmo. Thank you and God bless!



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