

Andrey is pictured with his grandfather in the village of Lipovats, Moldova.

Testimony of Andrey Stantsiyer

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I was born in Moldova but raised in America. Growing up in a Christian family and going to church, I always heard about people and groups going on missionary trips. I always wanted to go on a missionary trip. Every time I heard about their experiences it made me want to go even more. I knew that I wanted to go somewhere, I just did not know where. Pastor Wayne Johnson came to our church and said he was looking for people to come on a missionary trip with him to Moldova. It was like my prayers were answered. God worked in great ways and I was able to get support from everyone around me to go on this trip, from my managers at work approving the trip, to the prayers and encouragement from friends and family.

The thought of going to Moldova with a group of people to serve God was all so exciting but also nerve wracking at the same time. I did not know what to expect going into this trip, I just knew that I wanted to serve. When we started the trip in Moldova I had many different emotions and was feeling overwhelmed, but everyone was very encouraging. We visited many churches where we shared testimonies, sang songs, recited poems and listened to sermons. While doing all of those things it was my life that was being changed, becoming closer to God and learning how to live for Him. We were involved in many different church activities that ranged from working with kids to being part of youth services. We also had a great experience being a part of Emanuel Baptist Church Camp where we took roles of being leaders.

This trip has brought me closer to God and taught me more about how to live for Him and to do His work "The Great Commission." Thank you to the Johnson family for letting me be part of this trip, and thank you to everyone that we served with from the people in the States to the people in Moldova.