



# Moldova

## Two Cultures, One Country

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### Culture and Language

One cannot understand Moldovans without understanding Romanian and Russian cultures. The rich music, dance, art and other folk traditions of Moldova reflect both cultures. The exception is a region in eastern Moldova which is more like its Slavic neighbor, Ukraine.

It is quite common to hear people talking in the open markets in one language while listening in another. The team in Moldova is multi-national and therefore multi-lingual.

Moldova's geographic location and ethnic diversity make it a strategic gateway to Central Asia. Citizens travel freely throughout areas restricted to North Americans.

Two seminaries in Moldova draw young Christians with a passion for Jesus from all over Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

### Religion

Over 98% of the people identify with the Eastern Orthodox Church and the countryside is dotted with more than 2,000 of the distinctive domed churches and crucifixes.

Jews make up 1.5% of the population and fewer than 1% are represented by a mixture of denominations including Baptist, Catholic, Pentecostal and Seven-Day-Adventist. There are also communities of Jehovah's Witnesses and Mormons.

Of the 25 people groups living in Moldova today, 7 are considered unreached. There are still over 600 villages with no evangelical witness.

Tucked between Romania and Ukraine, Moldova is little known to much of the world. Moldova has a long and turbulent history, having been repeatedly fought over and dominated by its neighbors.

The fall of the Soviet empire in 1991 brought independence, but power struggles and economic trouble continue to plague the nation.

Ranked as the poorest European country, life is hard for most Moldovans. Communism and Orthodox Christianity offer little relief for people's daily needs or hope for their future.

And yet, Moldovans are spiritually open and we have opportunities to help grow the church by investing in its church leaders.

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# Facilitative Church Planting

## Economy

Moldova remains one of the poorest countries in Europe despite recent progress from its small economic base.

It enjoys a favorable and excellent farmland. The economy depends heavily on agriculture, especially fruits, vegetables, wine, wheat and barley.

## Focus on Facilitation

World Team missionaries and Moldovan church planters work together to encourage and equip Moldovan church leaders. Their goal is to see churches growing and multiplying throughout Moldova's villages and beyond.

The team plays a facilitative role, working with existing evangelical churches to disciple, train, equip and release Moldovan leaders for ministry locally among the 600+ unreached villages.

Facilitation is a specific approach to ministry that requires a unique person who understands personal value apart from performance. Helping others succeed is often more difficult than doing ministry yourself.

## Ministry Overview

People	Moldovans
Language	Romanian and Russian
Location	Moldova, Eastern Europe
Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Facilitative Church Planting</li><li>• Evangelism and Discipleship</li><li>• Leadership Development</li><li>• Business as Mission</li><li>• Mentoring Pastors and Leaders</li></ul>

## Join the Team

Churches multiply when we draw out the gifts and talents of those we're discipling, so that they are equipped to carry out the ministry on their own.

World Team Moldova is looking for people to join them in this unique ministry. Do you have a:

- Vision to see a country filled with churches
- Desire to mentor emerging church leaders
- Heart for training and coaching church planters
- Lifestyle of servant leadership
- Willingness to submit to Moldovan leadership
- Willingness to learn a language and culture



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