

YFC Moldova. During the summer of 2007 Tom Shortland and his wife Sandra visited a car dealership to discuss changing Sandra's car and came away from that appointment with Tom making a commitment to accompany the car sales man Peter, to a meeting at Belfast Youth For Christ office to discuss support for Youth For Christ Moldova, a country in Eastern Europe they had never heard of before. In fact, when Tom was asked if he had heard of Moldova by Peter, Tom said what is it!! A few weeks later a few of those involved along with Tom travelled to Chisinau the capitol to meet with the team there. Within hours of his arrival Tom made a call to Sandra to say. 'We need to help these people, these families' On his return and after discussion with Sandra, Tom made quite a number of visits to Chisinau alone to meet with the YFC team as well as forging friendship with a young man Sergiu, and young woman named Olya, along with others of the team to discuss the best ways of helping. Sandra then accompanied Tom on some of the ongoing visits to Moldova over the years but felt the price of the flight for herself would be better used for the "Family Fund" that had been set up by Tom and overseen by Sergiu and Olya to this day. After moving to live permanently in Moraira Spain, Tom and Sandra visited JIBC Javea that quickly became their permanent worship home about 14 years ago. JIBC Missions team and congregation have been supporting the YFC Moldova Family Fund for some 7 years. For which the families supported are most grateful.