

Transitional Living Program

PROTECTING VULNERABLE TEENS FROM HUMAN TRAFFICKING



The Need

Moldova, one of Europe's smallest and poorest countries, has alarmingly high rates of human trafficking. JMI's Transitional Living Program targets those most at risk: vulnerable, impoverished, and often orphaned teenagers. This life-changing initiative, JMI's most impactful and costly program, operates four homes—two for boys and two for girls—in the northern and central regions of the country. With a mission to raise a new generation of Christian leaders and protect teens from trafficking, the program provides a safe, nurturing environment and a path to a brighter future. Each home houses 13 teenagers, making operational costs substantial. While sponsors help cover the teens' personal needs, JMI funds the majority of program expenses, including expert staff, maintenance, and utilities. Consistent income is crucial to sustain these homes and continue transforming lives.



The Impact

Our Transitional Living Program is transforming the lives of at-risk teenagers in Moldova, equipping them to become Christian leaders and launch into the world with hope and purpose. These homes provide a family-like environment where teens experience love, support, and guidance from dedicated house parents and JMI staff. They gain access to education, social work support, English lessons, life skills training, computer classes, and Bible studies, laying a strong foundation for both spiritual and practical growth. When teenagers graduate from the program they receive a certificate that enables them to move into higher education and college.



Over the past 15 years, this program has taken teens who were once abandoned, orphaned, or abused and helped them thrive as adults. Graduates have gone on to become parents, business owners, mentors, and even JMI staff members, carrying the Gospel's transformative power into their communities. By nurturing these teens holistically, the program not only protects them but also raises a generation of leaders set up for success and ready to shine the light of Christ in the world.

Scan the QR code to watch Ala's story.



The Cost

Transitional Living is a personal and comprehensive program that costs a total of \$380,000 to run in the 4 homes each year. \$180,000 is provided by sponsorships. \$200,000 is required to fund the rest of the program, with \$50,000 for each home.

This includes:

- Rent & utilities
- Food & clothing
- Medical expenses
- Education & Tuition
- Transportation

About JMI

Justice and Mercy International is a faith-based organization that primarily works in Moldova in Eastern Europe and in the Amazon region of Brazil. Since 2008, we have created Gospel-centered life change for the poor, the vulnerable, and the forgotten. Our work is locally implemented through indigenous staff on the ground. In Moldova, we prioritize caring for children living in poverty and teens at risk of human trafficking. Through training and equipping jungle pastors in the Amazon, we help Gospel transformation happen in one of the world's most remote and untouched places.

An Organization You Can Trust

83%
PROGRAM

7%
GENERAL
ADMINISTRATIVE

10%
FUNDRAISING



WHY JMI IS A WISE INVESTMENT

Recognizing God as the source of all we have, we remain committed to stewarding the resources entrusted to us. JMI is accredited by the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability and has received GuideStar's platinum rating again for 2024.

In 2024 83% of JMI's total operating expenses were used for programs that benefit children, families, and communities in need.



What JMI Accomplished

IN 2024

256

JUNGLE PASTORS
TRAINED

1,164

CHILDREN + TEENS
SPONSORED

1,141

BIBLES
DISTRIBUTED

24,955

FOOD BAGS
DISTRIBUTED

3,411

HYGIENE SUPPLIES
DISTRIBUTED

285

VILLAGES
SERVED

JUSTICEANDMERCY.ORG

EMAIL: info@justiceandmercy.org | OFFICE: 615-472-7455