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*Dear Friends and
Supporters,*



Dating back to the beginning of the 18th century, Sweden came into close contact with current Moldavia. It was after Karl XII's defeat at Poltava, when the Swedish king with around 1500 soldiers retreated to Varnitsa outside Bender in the part of the Ottoman Empire which today is Moldavia. During the years 1709-1713 practically all of Sweden was ruled from there. The occupation ended with the so called Tumult in Bender. Three hundred years later, in 2006 to be exact, the SB Foundation arrived at Moldavia under more peaceful circumstances when Elisabeth and Lena visited the southern part of the country. Today's Moldavia is a republic in Eastern Europe, bordering Romania and the Ukraine. Its 3.5 million inhabitants are some of the poorest in Europe. The country has been governed by Mongolians, Ottomans, Russians, Romanians. During the Stalin regime many of the country's inhabitants were deported to Siberia and replaced by Russians. In 1991 Moldavia declared itself independent from the Sovjet Union. National politics are characterized by deep antagonisms between parties oriented towards Russia and those towards the European Union. Recently there was an election that turned out to favor the latter.



*Karl XII in Bender. Painting
by Axel Sparre (1715)*

Ever since the Foundation's first contact we have sent Christmas gifts to children in Moldavia every year. The picture above shows children receiving stuffed animals last year, donated by Handelsbanken's Foster Child Fund, which our Foundation was happy to pass on. The nice message below came to the Foundation the other day, when this year's boxes of Christmas gifts had arrived.

Peace be with you!!! We have received boxes with toys and candy. Thank you for not forgetting us in Moldavia. This week, in the middle of the pandemic, the day-care center in the town Ceadir-Lunga received toys and sweets to share, and we are very thankful to God. The children were very happy and send a big thank you. May God bless the Foundation and all of you!

What a joy, especially during this Corona time, to be able to spread a little light before Christmas. Advent greetings from the SB Foundation and its board, Arne, Elisabeth, Ivar, Lena, Roger

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