



M O L D O V A | March 8

## A RAINBOW FOR GALINA

A special place offers hope for a better life.

Last week we met Yura, who lives in Moldova. [*Locate Moldova on a map.*]

Moldova is a pretty country, but for many people life is difficult. Some families cannot give their children the food they need to grow strong; others cannot send their children to school. And some children who have no parents must live on the streets, finding food and shelter wherever they can.

Some of these children have found hope and a new life at Rainbow Children's Home. Rainbow is a special place where children are loved and cared for so they don't have to live on the dangerous streets or search for food. Here children can forget their sad past and focus on a better future.

### Galina

Before Galina\* came to Rainbow Children's Home, she and her brother lived with their mother in a tiny room. Her mother washed bottles to earn money for food, but it was not enough. One day Mother was sent to jail, and the children came to live at Rainbow. When their mother got out of jail and saw where her children lived, she wanted them to stay, for she could never give them a nice home such as they have now. They miss one another, but Mother is glad the children have a good home and are able

### FAST FACTS

- ADRA® International is a nongovernmental relief and development agency that helps people in 125 countries to have healthier, happier lives by providing clean water, job training, and literacy programs.
- Our mission offerings help support ADRA's work around the world.

to go to school.

“I like it here,” Galina says. “I share a room with five other girls, and we are like sisters. The older girls take care of the younger ones. We help them with their lessons and take them to school. We brush their hair and help them brush their teeth. And when they cry, we comfort them, just like family.

“When I first came here, the other girls showed me around and helped me feel welcome. It’s nice to live in a good place, where I feel safe and loved.”

### A Special Gift

The children’s home was once housed in an old school. The rooms were cold and drafty, and the walls were bare. It was safe, but it was not cheery. Then a kind man and his wife visited the home. They liked the way the children were being cared for by the ADRA workers, but they thought the building was not

good for children. They decided to build a better home for children who had no families. They painted every room a happy color of the rainbow and even included a playroom. They named the new home Rainbow Children’s Home, and it is. It’s a rainbow of happiness.

Rainbow Children’s Home is operated by ADRA International, which is an arm of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. And our mission offerings help support organizations such as ADRA, so in a way we are helping make a happy home for Galina and her friends. And when the children who live in Rainbow Children’s Home send their love and a big “thank you,” they are really thanking you.

Let’s pray that Galina and the other children at Rainbow Children’s Home will learn that God is with them, no matter what happens in their lives. 🌍

*[Close with prayer.]*

*\* Not her real name.*

## FUN WITH MOLDOVAN

Learn a few words in Moldovan this week. Vowel sounds are pronounced as follows: *ah* as in father; *ai* as in eye; *ay* as in hay; *ee* as in bee; *eh* as in bet; *ih* as in tip; *oh* as in toe; *oo* as in boot; *uh* as in butter. Accented syllables are written in capital letters.

### Common Phrase

Good morning  
Happy Sabbath  
Welcome to Sabath School  
Please  
Thank you  
Yes  
No  
What is your name?  
My name is . . .

### Pronounce It

BOO-nuh dee-mee-NEE-tshah  
SAH-baht feh-ree-CEET  
boon veh-need lah skoh-ah-lah deh SAH-baht  
VUH-rohg  
mool-tsoo-MEHSK  
dah  
noo  
koom vah noo-MEHTS-eh  
NOO-meh-leh meu YEHS-teh