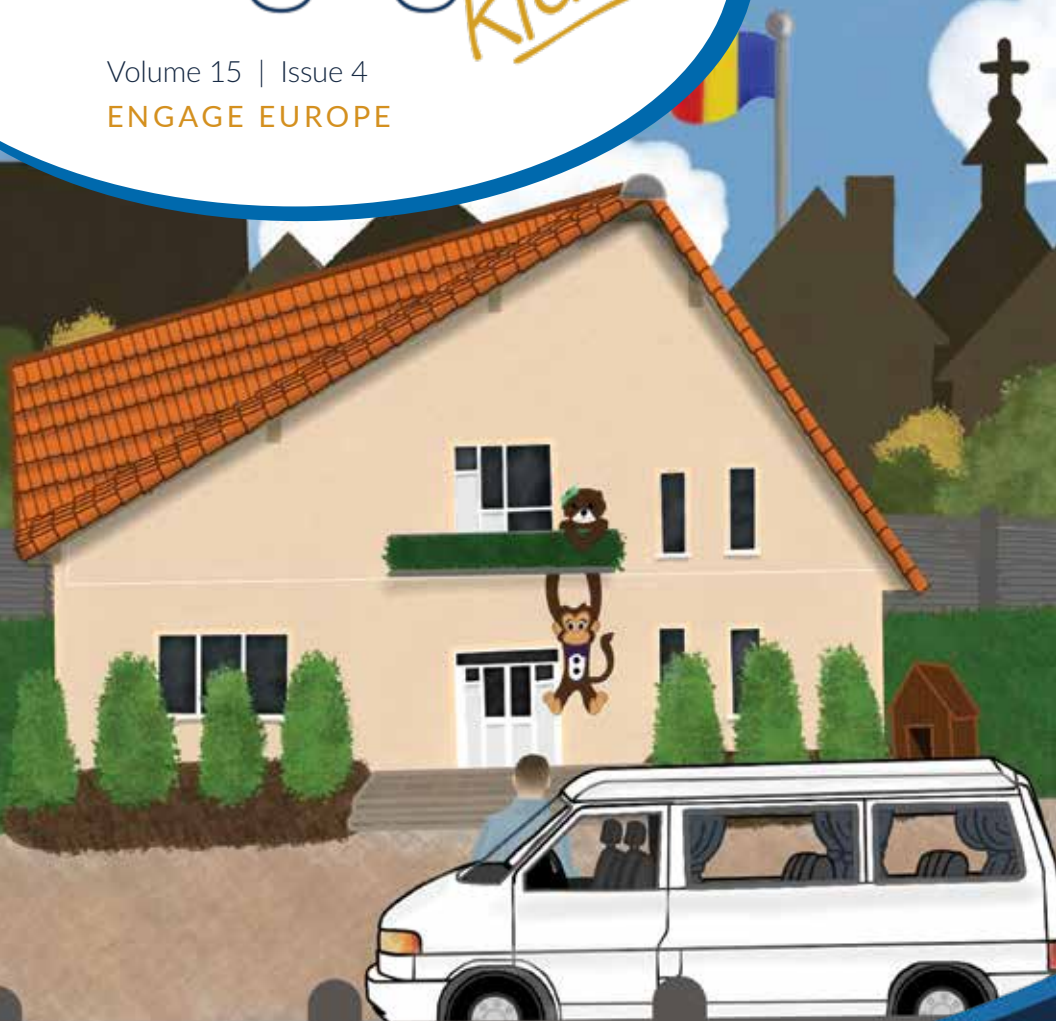


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**SOWING SEED**

# SEED BY THE TON

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“Oh, goodie. We’re here!” Louie stretched as the van pulled into the driveway of the Talpoş fellowship center.

“And there are Tim and Sally! They look as excited to greet you as you are to get out of the van.”

Heather Durham grinned at Louie before exiting the vehicle. “Greetings, Iovans! We’ve brought you some special visitors.”

“Hello, hello! Welcome to Romania. We’ve been looking forward to seeing Margot again and meeting the famous Louie.” Sally hugged Heather, then turned to Margot. “Would you like to run inside and tell the kids you’re here?”

“I would, and I will, Mrs. Sally!” Margot headed toward the center.

Louie saw something. “Mr. Tim, is that van the one I’ve heard so much about?”



“Maybe. What have you heard?”

“I heard that this special blessing helped you help other people.” Louie’s eyes shone. He loved stories, and he figured he was about to hear one.

Mr. Tim grinned. “You’re right! This van helps us plant seeds.”

Louie was confused. “Wait...what? How can a van help you in the garden?”

Mrs. Sally laughed. “Not literal seeds. Gospel seeds. Actions that show God’s love to people who need to hear about Him. And yes, God has given us LOTS of opportunities to do that with this very van.”

“When we first got the van, we used it a lot to help Ukrainian refugees. They were fleeing the war that had started in their country. They had to leave so quickly that they could only bring what they could fit into two small bags. In this van we gave rides to many people without transportation, but more importantly we used it to deliver much-needed food and supplies—89 tons of it.” Mr. Tim opened the back of the van to show Louie inside.

Louie’s eyebrows shot up in surprise. “But that’s...that’s 178,000 pounds!!!!”

Mr. Ed chuckled. “That’s right! 178,000 pounds of ‘seed’ has been sown in the hearts of hurting Ukrainian families.”

“I get it!” Louie said. “You are meeting people’s physical needs which opens conversations, and from there you can share about God, right?”

“Right. And these precious people need the hope of the gospel. Their lives in Ukraine were turned upside down by the war. They are scared and alone. We get to tell them that God placed us here to help them! We have helped some of them find places to live, and one family ended up right next door.” Mrs. Sally opened the door to the center. “Let’s go introduce you to the children. I think some cookies are calling our names!”

# PAPER PLATE FLOWERS

Paper plate

Stick (a small stick from outside, a popsicle stick, a straw, or anything that can be a stem.)

Green construction paper

Crayons, colored pencils, markers, or paint

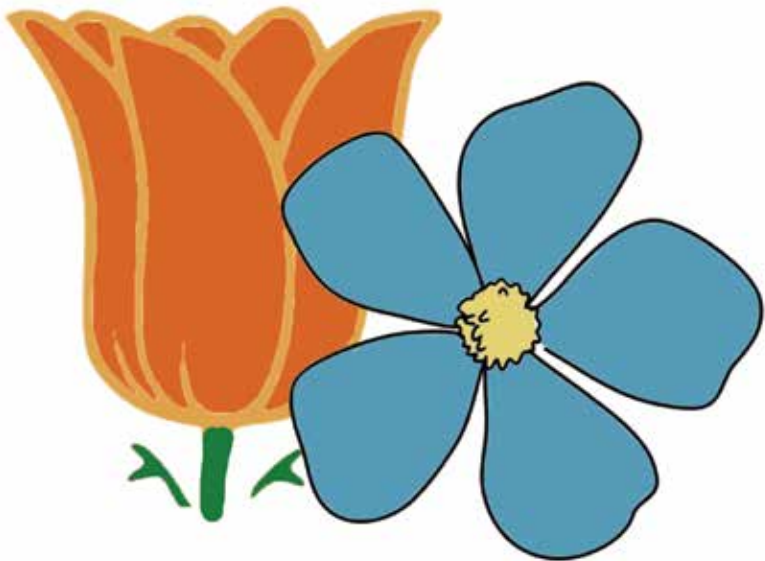
Scissors

Glue

Decorate the paper plate for your flower. Once the paper plate is dry, cut around the edges to resemble flower petals.

Color the stick green to create the stem. Cut out leaves from the green paper.

Glue the popsicle stick to the back of the plate, then attach the leaves to the stem (stick).





## MEMORY VERSE

The sower sows the word.

Mark 4:14 NKJV

# MINISTRIES, MEMORIES, AND MISHA

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As Louie followed the Iovans, his mind whirled. “How else have you planted gospel seeds?”

“Good question. We regularly drive to a nearby village to host youth activities and services. We’ve held vacation Bible schools and even a kids’ camp. We offer English classes in various places, adding Bible lessons to them, and I give piano lessons,” said Mrs. Sally.

“I lead a men’s ensemble—that’s a small choir—and we sing at local churches almost every Sunday evening. You might be interested to know that we frequently visit Turkey and assist at a church there. They are still coping with the effects of the devastating earthquake they experienced a few years ago. Many lives were lost in that tragedy. Once again we sow gospel seeds by handing out food cards and listening to hurting people share their stories,” shared Mr. Tim.

“Don’t you take food to eastern Romania too?” asked Mr. Ed.

“We sure do. Many needy Muslims live there, so we partner with others to help provide them with food and the hope of Christ! I think Margot found our kids!” Mrs. Sally opened a door, and Louie saw several young people surrounding Margot. “Louie, meet my kids: Alexandra, Denisa, Ionel, and Cristi. I knew these kids when they lived in the Hope House orphanage. When it closed, I brought them all home to live with me! Now they are teens and not so little, but they still call this place home.” Mrs. Sally’s eyes shone with love for them.



“They were telling me about Misha,” Margot reported. “What a sweet story! Louie, you need to hear it too.”

“Here. Have a cookie and some lemonade, and I’ll tell you,” Mrs. Sally said as she handed out snacks. “Misha was little—almost five years old. He was born after the war in Ukraine started, and he lived in a ‘no-fly’ zone, so he had never seen an airplane fly overhead. When he came to Romania, Misha saw a plane fly over and was quite fascinated. Because of that interest, Tim took him to a nearby airport where they spent an afternoon watching the planes take off and land. He loved it!”

Louie smiled. “I love it too. You showed Misha God’s love. You planted seeds at the airport!”

“That we did, Louie. May God help all the seeds grow, and may many lives be changed as a result,” said Mr. Tim.

Everyone smiled and said a hearty, “Amen!”

# Louie's Treehouse Lain



## HELPING JESUS

Do you know someone who is a “helper?” Maybe someone in your church volunteers at a homeless shelter. Maybe someone else gives rides to people in need. Maybe someone does yard work for shut-ins.

Ask your parents to help you find someone like that and to set up a time to interview them. Find out what they do, how often they do it, and if they have any stories to share about how God has used them to be His hands and feet to hurting people.

After the interview write down a few ideas for ways you can show God’s love to people you know, even if you don’t talk about church or being a Christian.



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