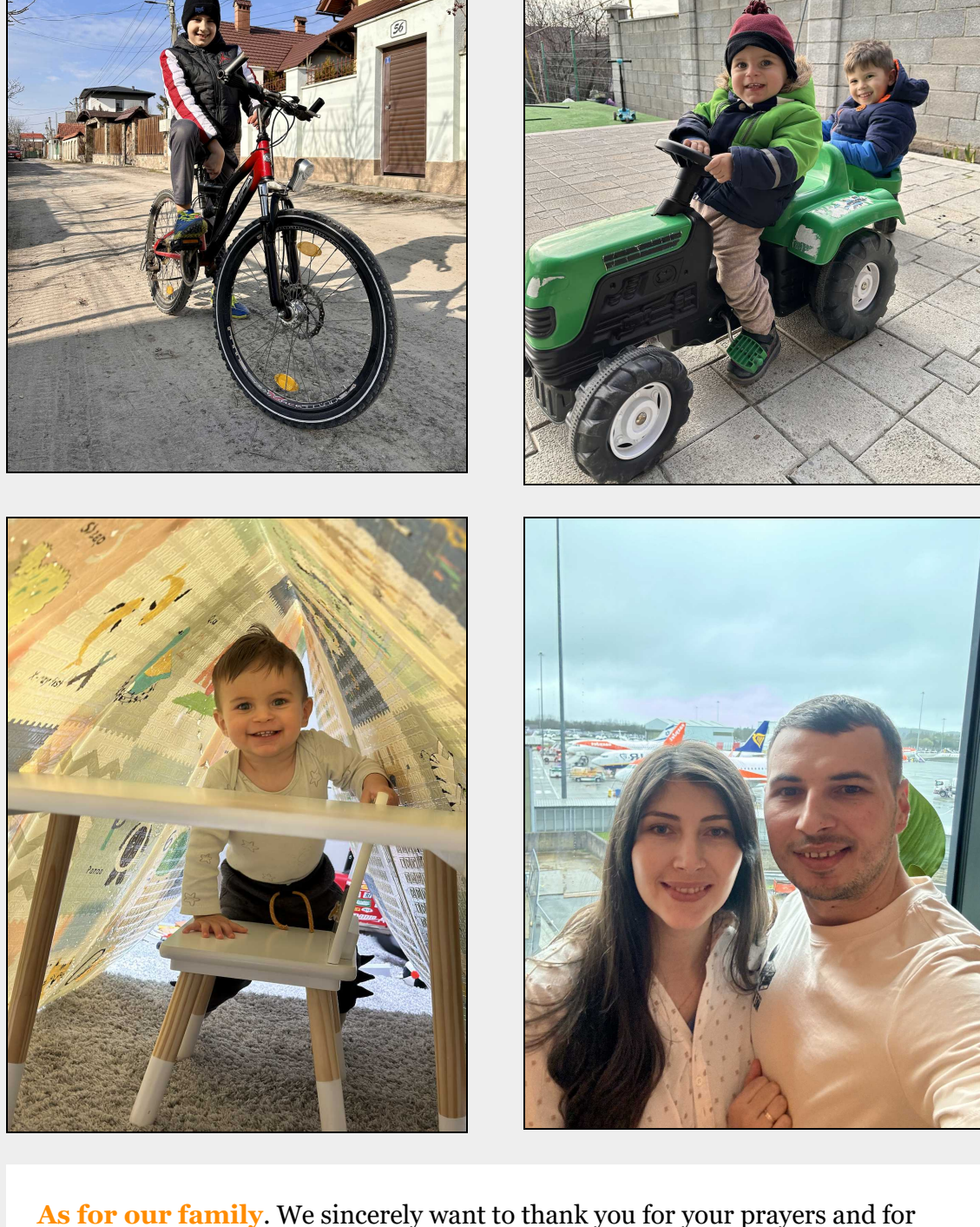


Hello our dear friend!

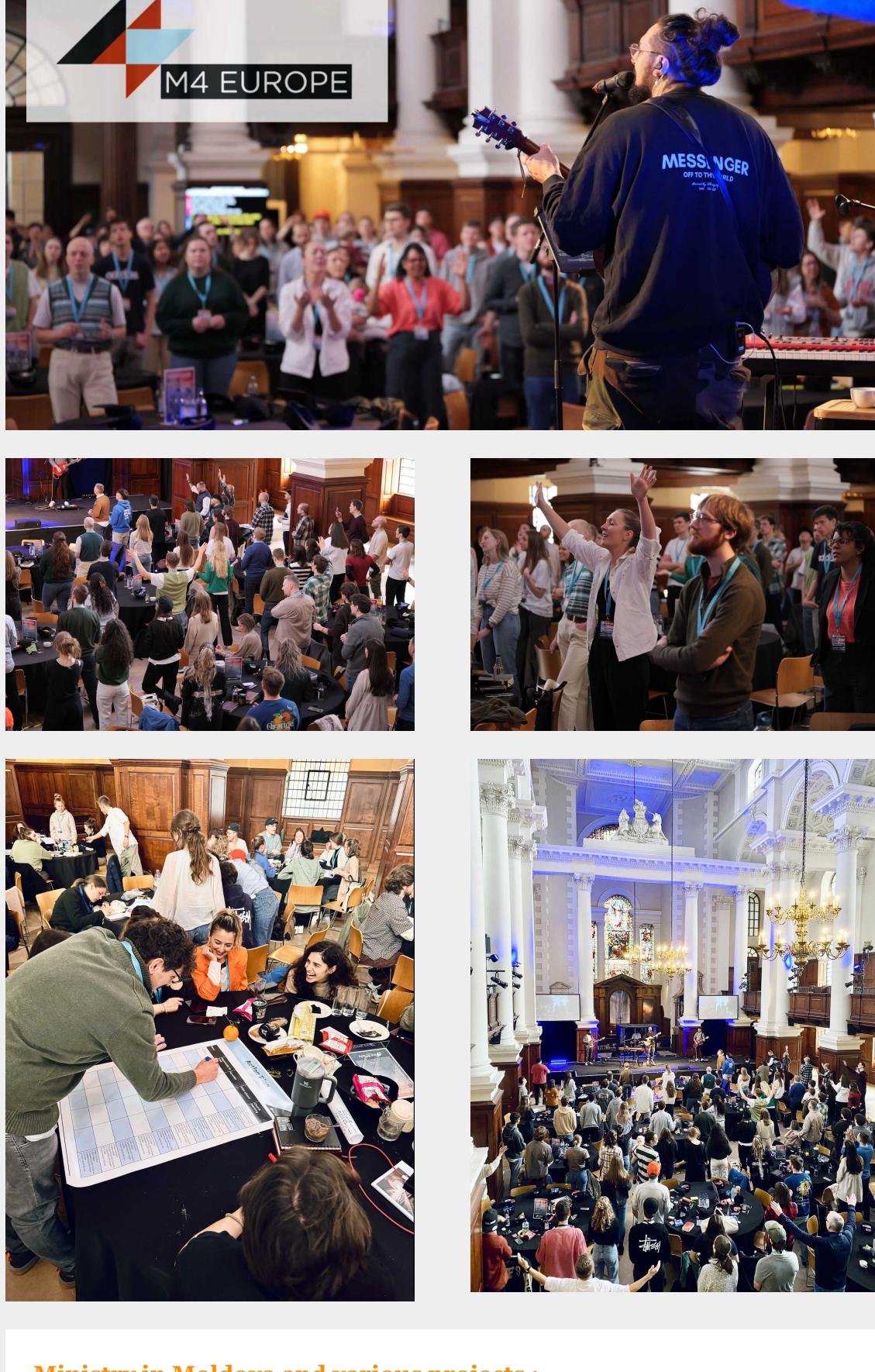
Ask for rain from the Lord at the time of the spring rain; so the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field. (Zechariah 10:1). Reading this verse, our family sincerely hope you are enjoying the beginning of the spring season. We have a lot of rain in Moldova at the beginning of March, something that makes us very happy that the earth will be fruitful.



This year is a blessed year in terms of water in Moldova, because we had a lot of snow and now we have rains, and we thank God that despite all the difficulties we have in the country, we have a lot of blessings. Despite the political provocations that are going on now in Moldova, we had an explosion in Transnistria, several times Russian missiles flew through Moldova, blowing up Ukraine, many media provocations, a terrorist attack in Russia that shocked the world, it is very unclear what will happen with the elections that will be held in November in Moldova, as well as in your country, many interesting and experiencing things are happening in terms of life.



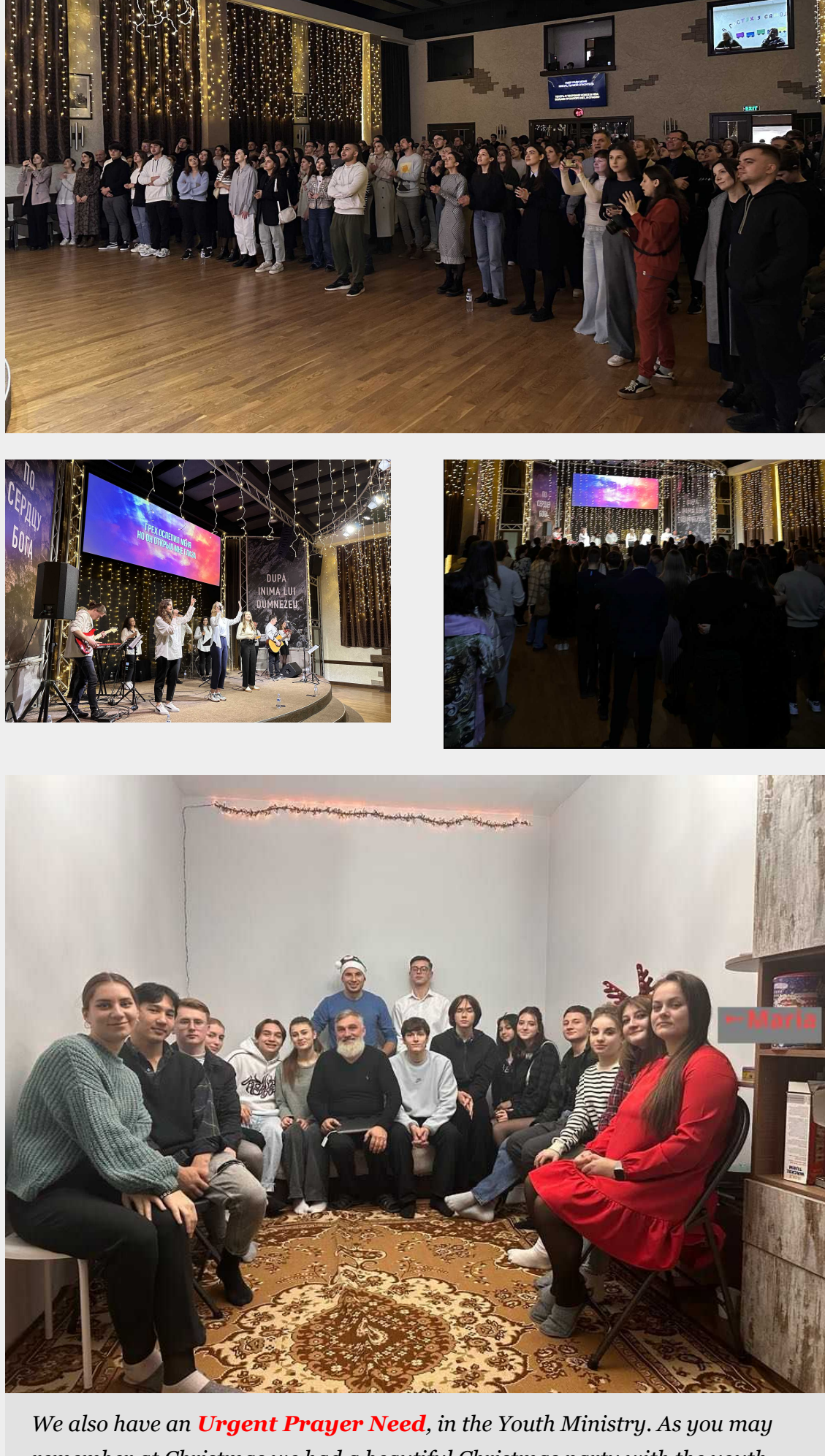
As for our family. We sincerely want to thank you for your prayers and for not forgetting us and praying for us. We see many times how different trials come and how God helps us to overcome them, and we believe that your prayerful support in our lives is a great support. Thank God everything is fine in the family, we are all healthy, the children are growing and make us happy. For the last six years, we had the opportunity for the first time as a couple to leave Moldova, without children, if not counting the baby that grows in the belly. Since we serve in the youth department, we were invited to a conference for youth leaders at the M4 - <https://m4europe.org/>. Since last year we have been working closely with this organization because their vision and ours is very similar and goes hand in hand with ours in the vision we have for new Church planting and Groups. It was very interesting and blessed to attend the conference in London, where we shared our experiences and how the ministry is going on in Moldova, and also had the honor to see how God is working in other European countries. It was very encouraging because leaders from 17 European countries were present at this conference, and we are encouraged that God continues His work and increases His Kingdom despite all the difficulties, political and economic, refugee situation and many other things. Thank God everything was fine at home and Eugenia's mom managed to take care of our three children during the 4 days we were away from home. **Please pray** that God will continue to strengthen our family, and for the health of Eugenia and her pregnancy. And also that God will give us wisdom to continue our relationship with M-4 and to continue to develop His kingdom in terms of cooperation and planting new Churches in Moldova and beyond.



Ministry in Moldova and various projects : As you remember winter is a good time for us to organize retreats. Since most people are more free with their schedules, and those who live in the villages have an easier time since a lot of work related to the land stops in this season. We were able to have a men's retreat with our men who serve in different ministries. This is a great blessing because gathering men is probably the most difficult thing in our ministry. But we are glad that we were able to not only gather the men, but to have a good retreat with them in a neighboring country in the mountains in Romania. We have been studying the book of Nehemiah. **Teaching on different perspectives:** How a leader should be in the eyes of God. What are our roles before the Lord as, husband, father, minister. It helped us to come out at a good time about praying for each other and understanding the difficulty each Ministry Leader faces at this stage. We were then encouraged that most of the men were able to open up about their feelings and their experiences, and together we were able to continue to pray for each other and walk in the same journey in Christ's ministry. Besides the spiritual strength food, we also had a physical strength - after lunch we went skiing in the mountains, which gave us, as husbands, even more adrenaline and interesting times. We thank God for this time and thank everyone who prayed for this men's retreat. **Please continue to pray** that every man who serves in the home Churches and groups ministry will have a steadfastness and trust in Christ, and be a faithful disciple of Him.



Another event: Just as you remember last year in July, we had a big evangelization where the Billy Graham mission was connected and where Will Graham was in Moldova and together for 3 days we had a big evangelization project in Arena Chisinau. (You can see the photos above this post.) In order to continue to unite young Christians people from our city, we organized an evening of praise and worship together with several churches. The purpose of this event is to unite young believers in order to organize bigger evangelistic projects in the future and reach more people with the Gospel together. We were able to hold this evening about 300 young people attended this evening of praise and worship. And now we are preparing two big events. One is an evangelization in several villages and the other event is a full-scale evangelization in Chisinau. We want to go out for several days throughout the city to tell the Gospel and invite people into the Christian community. Why we want to do this is because you probably know that we celebrate Easter much later than you do according to the Christian Orthodox calendar, because our country is in an Orthodox context and not in a Catholic one. **Please pray** that the Lord will give us the strength and wisdom to organize these events and that the authorities will give us permission to hold such big events.



We also have an **Urgent Prayer Need**, in the Youth Ministry. As you may remember at Christmas we had a beautiful Christmas party with the youth. We had 2 new people. One of them was Maria. Immediately from the first meeting, Maria became interested in the Gospel and after that she talked a lot with the girl who invited her about faith in Jesus Christ. We hope Maria believed in the Lord Jesus. It was the first time she had been to an evangelistic meeting. She became very ill some time ago and is now in the hospital in serious condition with a suspected tumor in her brain. So far we have little information about her condition, as we hardly know her. And the girl who invited her also has little information. **Please pray for Maria's health.** She is 19 years old and is studying at a medical college. We believe that God can do a miracle to heal her and through this miracle show His Glory in her life and in the lives of her loved ones, who are going through this difficult time in their lives.

And finally, we want to write you encouragement about Easter. Luke 24:1-6

From our family we send you my warmest congratulations on the occasion of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ!

In the oldest book of the Bible, Job asks an essential question: "If man once dead could rise again?" From the earliest times, the fear of death and the ignorance of the reality beyond the grave were the main causes of sadness and despair people.

Starting from the ancient period until the Middle Ages on world maps, the space beyond the Strait of Gibraltar was written in Latin "ne plus ultra", which translated means "nothing beyond." With the discovery of America by Columbus, King Charles V of Spain changed the statement "ne plus ultra" to "plus ultra", which said that there is already something beyond.

Until the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, on every tombstone could be written "ne plus ultra", that is, there is nothing beyond the grave. Through His resurrection, Jesus radically changed this perspective. We can say that He answered his question thousands of years ago, making it clear that death can be defeated. Before raising his friend Lazarus from the dead, Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, even if he were dead, will live." (John 11:25)

May faith in the resurrection of Jesus fill our hearts with peace, joy and hope during these festive days so that we can face any situation, however difficult, sad and desperate it may be.

I wish you a happy Easter with your loved ones! Christ is risen!

With great love: Igor and Eugenia and our sons!
Christ is risen our dear friend!

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