



MISSION WITHOUT BORDERS

SUMMER CAMPS

HELPING CHILDREN DISCOVER WHO THEY ARE

EACH DAY, CHILDREN IN EASTERN EUROPE WAKE UP TO POVERTY,

facing harsh living conditions and often carrying the weight of adult responsibilities. These children rarely have opportunities for fun and play due to their family's inescapable financial circumstances, and the simplicity of a normal childhood is far beyond their reach.

This is why every year, Mission Without Borders runs Summer Camps across our 6 field countries.

Here, children can step away from their daily struggles and walk into an exciting environment filled with valuable experiences:

- ★ Fun activities: crafts, sports, music, raffles, games, water balloon fights, movie nights, hikes and more
- ★ Valuable relationships and social experiences: finding role models in camp leaders, meeting other children and forming new friendships
- ★ Wisdom to set them up for life: Christian bible lessons, life skills, workshops

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Our camp leaders understand that each child comes from a complicated background, setting a camp culture that makes them feel safe, welcome, and free to simply be themselves.

Most importantly, children leave these 7 days with the irreplaceable knowledge that they are deeply known, valued, and loved by God.

But these camps cannot become a reality without your help.

Your donation of \$50 a day can help bring a child to Summer Camp and give them the hope they desperately need.

OUR MISSION IS TO SEE AS MANY CHILDREN AS POSSIBLE EXPERIENCE A LIFE-CHANGING WEEK AT CAMP.

WILL YOU JOIN US IN BRINGING THIS VISION TO LIFE?



HI, MY NAME IS:

CODRUTA

**FREEDOM TO
HAVE FUN:**
*Codruta's light shines
at Summer Camp*

11-year-old Codruta was adopted as a baby, her new parents running a clothing business and doing well financially.

However, things took a turn when the business fell apart, bringing debts and legal troubles. The sudden change – including her mum suffering a stroke and dad turning to alcohol – deeply burdened Codruta's childhood.

She handles most of the housework in their dilapidated shack in the village, while also helping raise the children of her adoptive parents' older son, who works in Germany.

"Codruta is deeply loved by her family, yet the living conditions she endures are far beyond what any child should have to experience," says Cosmin, who works for MWB. "Last year, Codruta wasn't allowed by her parents to go to summer camp. She had to stay home and take care of her nephews, missing out on the opportunity to experience the joy and freedom of camp, and having to bear responsibilities far beyond her years," Cosmin said.

"This reality underscores the challenges many children from poor communities face, where the chance to simply be a kid is often overshadowed by the demands of everyday life."

Yet when Codruta was able to go to Summer Camp the next year, Cristina, a camp volunteer, was able to see the shining light of her radiant personality:

"The extreme poverty Codruta lives in at home is hard to describe, but she still has such a bright spirit. She's like a ray of sunshine in her family and in her community and her mother adores her." Codruta has been to Summer Camp twice now, and there's no doubt that it helps keep her light shining.

"I like being at camp," she said. "It's a place where I can enjoy playing games with my old and new friends. The fun seems endless, and I am happy."

"I love the songs we sing. Learning from the Bible is another highlight for me. This year, I've especially loved learning about Joshua and his mission. His courage and faith give me strength."

Here, she is also able to make friends with other children and experience the freedom of simply being a child.

"Being here with the other children is a special treat. At home, there's not much I can do. I don't have much time to play because I have a lot to do." Alexandru, director of the Mission in Romania, said, "Along with clean rooms, good living conditions, access to toilets and showers, and delicious food, there is a well-prepared program featuring lots of fun, sports and games, most importantly, all participants hear the good news about Jesus, and many receive Him as their Lord and Saviour."

"I know well that Jesus loves me and loves us all, and I hope I can come back next year."



EVERY CHILD SHOULD EXPERIENCE CHRIST'S LOVE, JUST LIKE CODRUTA.

However, many children living in poverty continue to carry heavy burdens daily, and circumstances make it extremely difficult to be a part of fun and exciting opportunities like Summer Camp.

From children who are waiting to experience Christ's abundant love for the first time, to children excitedly hoping to return each year, your help is needed for these camps to continue.

Keep the light of Christ shining bright in them by making our Summer Camps possible.

MAKE A DONATION THIS MONTH AND GIVE CHILDREN WHAT THEY DESPERATELY NEED.



HI, MY NAME IS:

DAVYD

**FULLY KNOWN AND
FULLY LOVED:**
Davyd makes memories
to last a lifetime

In Rivne, Ukraine, 9-year-old Davyd and his four brothers live with their mother, who struggles to manage on her own, as their father left for Poland before the war broke out and never returned.

Living in a small part of an old house, Davyd and his brothers don't have many toys or places to play. But after being invited to an MWB Summer Camp, Davyd was given many fun and exciting experiences.

"It's my first time here and I like this camp very much. It's a beautiful place with a forest and lake. We have comfortable rooms with a shower and toilet."

Things that were once completely unfamiliar, have now become a reality, giving him new friendships and warm memories to take back home. "The food is so tasty that I always ask for extra portions," he said. "I enjoy the games, sports, swings, and the trampolines. Of course I like the toys I can play with here. I like the T-shirt I received as a gift. And I like the other kids who are here."

"I really liked riding bikes together with other boys. We rose rafts on the lake. Nature is so beautiful! Also, we went fishing here. I caught three fish, but they all escaped!"

At Summer Camp, every child is made to feel special by their camp leaders, who put in effort to understand where children come from, so that they can create a place of belonging and show them Christ's Love in a personal way.

Maksym Penkov, an MWB summer camp coordinator, said, "The understanding that children are the future of our country never seemed truer than when the war began."

"Our frontline is for children's hearts: their emotions and experiences, their longing for love, their need for a good example and the right guidance."

"Children, who, for whatever reasons, are left without parental attention and care, receive the good news at summer camp that they're not abandoned, that they are valuable and that there is someone who cares about them. This is how we fight for good."

Just one week of Summer Camp gives children a window into this goodness, and the impact permeates into the rest of their lives, like Davyd's.

"I learned about God: that He loves everyone: adults and children," he said.

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"It doesn't matter to Him how old a child is, and how he or she behaves. He loves you no matter what. Also, I discovered that God knows and sees ahead what will happen next. Can you imagine this? You take a step and God already knows that you would take it!"

Davyd now knows God's love because of Summer Camp, and this is something he can hold onto for the rest of his life.

Through your generous support this month, we can give the wonderful gift of God's love to as many children as possible.

Donate today and help
change lives!

What can I say to donors?

**Thank you for giving
this camp to us!**

It is so very beautiful!



“SOME KIDS ACCEPT CHRIST INTO THEIR HEARTS, OTHERS LEARN HOW TO BRUSH THEIR TEETH, AND SOME EVEN EAT THREE MEALS A DAY FOR THE FIRST TIME.

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- VENTSISLAV, MWB WORKER

...IT'S TIME TO CHANGE LIVES

ONE CAMP CAN GIVE A CHILD WHAT THEY HAVE NEVER RECEIVED...

**\$50
PER DAY**

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MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS: *Role models, a social environment, new friendships*

WISDOM FOR LIFE: *Christian bible lessons, learning life skills, workshops*

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THROUGH GOD'S EYES**

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