



MISSION POSSIBLE – BULGARIA

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Newsletter – about the ministry of Mission Possible Bulgaria – Summer 2008

Dear Friends,

The warm summer days are already gone and the first days of autumn are the time for making the balance for the past season. This summer was a time of abundant spiritual harvest for Mission Possible's team. We are thankful that God gave us strength and sent us friends to help us in HIS HARVEST. With the following lines we would like to share the blessings that we went through, and give thanks to the One, Who gave us seeds to sow, and then made them grow; Who blessed us with friends to collect the harvest together.

God is good!

In Christ mercy,

Roumen Ivanov
Mission Possible Bulgaria

THE HARVEST IS ABUNDANT...

1. Youth conference
2. Working with children
3. Reconstruction project in Dobromirka
4. Potato harvest
5. On the threshold of the soup kitchen season...
6. Prayer needs

YOUTH CONFERENCE

From July 18th till July 20th 2008 God helped us to set up a Youth conference. There were more than 230 participants from all parts of Bulgaria. The theme of the conference was "How to reach effectively people for Christ in the generation that we live in". There were also lecturers and a team of 40 youths coming from the USA, Greece and Great Britain. The workshops for practical witnessing through drama, sketch-board, music and dance inspired the young people to take part in the summer mission trips and youth camps, planned after the conference.



The team of Mission Possible-Bulgaria



YOUTH MISSION TRIPS

How do you feel when you are surrounded by young people? It looks like MP's team love to feel "younger" and work with young people. Together with the youth group from The Church of God in Sofia I participated in the Youth conference for practical witnessing. After the conference we decided to practice what we had learned and in the end of July went on a short missionary trip. In 10 days we were able to visit 6 cities in the country – Gorna Mitropolia, Sliven, Levski, Dulgopol, Sevlievo and Elena. We visited the churches there, encouraged them and made some street evangelism together with them. Worship songs, drama and testimonies were just part of the things that we presented at these open air events. God gave us courage, blessed us abundantly and we made many new friends. After the the trip, I was invited to join Mission Possible's team.

Ivan



MINISTRY WITH THE CHILDREN FROM THE SOUP KITCHENS

Taking care of the soup kitchen children, hugging them, showing them love is as important as giving them warm soup and bread. For these children are hungry. Hungry for care, tenderness and love.

After the youth conference a group of young people from the Free-Methodist Church in Spring Arbor, Michigan, ministered to the gypsy children from the soup kitchens, supported by Mission Possible. They took care of those that never had the chance to go with their parents on a summer vacation, never attended summer camps, and never had the



"As in Heaven" said Dafina, a girl from the soup kitchen in Ihtiman.

opportunity to leave their neighborhood at all...

All the games, Bible lessons, drawings and small presents, prepared by the American team, brought these children to a brand new world of relationships.



The children from the church in Filipovci are having great fun



Photos and hugs



Can you imagine a more exciting way to play?

COULD YOU HELP US?" – the voice on the receiver belongs to an unknown young woman. "I have a friend suffering from severe domestic violence...yesterday she left home...is there a place where Christians can take care of her and her child?" How should I answer this question? Yes, there is a place like this, but it's still under reconstruction. There are people ready to serve there, but they need to be trained. "God, are we ready to start this ministry?"

RECONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW BUILDING FOR THE "WOMEN AT RISK" PROJECT IN THE VILLAGE OF GOOD HOPE

I'm thankful to God for helping us repair the roof of the building. Our plans were to do it in at least 2 months. We employed workers, Christians, from the Gypsy churches that Mission Possible works with. The team, led by pastor Vasil, finished successfully the reconstruction of the roof and they were a good testimony for the neighbors.



“These people are different. They are not like the gypsies from our village.” – said Galya, the shop assistant at the grocery. “They’re doing their job very well, very fast, they don’t drink and swear.” Now the reconstruction project continues with replacing the plumbing, sewerage and electricity systems.

The next stage will be building bathrooms in each room and placing the terracotta there.

Video: http://www.godtube.com/view_video.php?viewkey=8234a94a7408257e91f9

OUR LAND AND FAMILIES PROJECT

POTATOS CROP

This year was our first potato harvest. For the first time this spring, Gypsy families from the churches in Rozino, Slatina and Pevcite planted together 16 decares of land, bought for the “Land and Families” project.

The summer was very hot and dry and that’s why the potato harvest was poor. Despite that, we give thanks to God that we were able to distribute 120 kg of potatoes for each of the 60 families from the church. There were also potatoes left for seeds, needed for the next year.

THE UPCOMING START OF THE SOUP KITCHEN SEASON

During the cold winter days, 6 of the poorest Gypsy neighborhoods in the country: Sofia, Filipovci, Fakulteta; Rozino, Belopopci, Ihtiman and Burgas will be provided with hot soup, seasoned with love, that will warm the frozen, hungry and hurt ...children’s souls.

This year we need a new building in Ihtiman. The roof of the one we used till now is leaking; and the wet and mould smelling walls of the kitchen, as well as the dirt floor, were a risk for the health and safety of the children. Mission Possible has invested 1000 Euro in the project for the new building of this soup kitchen, but for completing it 1500 Euro more are needed. Around 50 children will be fed this winter in the new soup kitchen in Ihtiman. They will begin their meal with “Our Father in heaven” prayer.

PRAYER NEEDS:

1. Daniela’s complete healing and recovery.
After two surgeries since January 2008, she’s now at work and feeling well.
2. Spiritual and physical protection of the team.
3. Financial needs connected with the Women at Risk project.
4. Preparation and printing of the Leah magazine /For the Lord to humble the printers to make room for this Christian magazine, and to work on it with respect and fear from the Lord./
5. Soup kitchen children and families in need