



Siloam's Ministry of Giving (2 Corinthians 8:6)

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The Pension (low cost guest-house) provided all the necessary facilities for the staff at PRR to prepare the meals and take care all the cleaning and safety requirements.



Last year 50 children enjoyed a wonderful time away in the mountains made possible by the generosity of Siloam giving friends.

August 2022

Dear Siloam ministry investors and giving partners

Siloam has been providing funds for our co-workers in the developing world with which to conduct children's summer Bible camps since 1984. This first happened in Portugal where I had been visiting former colleagues after returning from my missionary area of responsibility in India. I was invited to attend a Campo Biblico children's Bible camp at Figuera Da Foz on Portugal's Atlantic coast. It was a wonderful occasion for me and I could see the tremendous benefit of taking a child away from his / her poor home situation and providing a holiday in a safe environment, away from negative influences so they could absorb in a simple and practical way, the Christian message of the gospel that provides the gift of eternal life.

Since those early days, Siloam has sponsored hundreds of camps in several countries, this year we are supporting camps in far less countries, as we are still suffering from the restrictions caused by 'Covid-19.'

The photos in our newsletter were shared by Marian Serban, the Executive Director of Project Romanian Rescue. We have been helping PRR for a number of years not just with their Bible camp budget but also with their regular children's ministry supporting children in their two children's homes as well as many others in the outlying community. The recent refugee crisis in Ukraine has also brought an extra burden but also many opportunities to show Christian love to desperate families fleeing their homeland at this very difficult time.

Back in 2020, Siloam supporters provided £5,000 to help 50 children aged between 6-14 from the villages of Siminoc and Tortomanu villages near Constanta in Romania. Because of

the 'Covid-19' pandemic, the camp was delayed for a year!

Between 5th to 9th July, these children who don't normally receive any spiritual input at a local church, were invited to take part in 'a different week' where they could enjoy a time away from their poor home situations.

The children were taken to a hilly area in Brasov where it was cooler so that they could enjoy visiting a touristic area while lodging in the simple accommodation of a Pension (low-cost hotel) where the PRR staff and volunteers prepared all the meals and maintained the cleanliness of the property.

The theme of the week, 'a different week' was a very special one for the children as well as the 10 staff and 4 youth workers who organised the camp's activities. The children enjoyed a well trusted and tried out formula beginning with exercise activity first thing in the morning. Then, the children were split into 3 different groups so they could visit various activity stations where they would take part in brief Bible lessons, learn Christian songs, spend time learning memory verses of scripture and enjoying craft sessions and taking part in various physical games and competitions.

The children were especially encouraged to know that others overseas like you, had an interest in their well-being and had provided the funds for them to go to the theme parks like The Fagaras Castle, The Clay Castle, The Fairy Valley, The Calendar Park as well as The Animal Farm.

These children came to realise they had a 'self-worth' which was being emboldened because of those caring for them provided the emotional support they needed. The children

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This leaflet features photos from our delayed 2021 camp in Toderita, Brasov County.



Everyday started with a brief prayer and exercises to get the blood circulating and the day off to a good start.

The Siloam's 2022 children's Bible camp forecasted budget

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| Poland..... | £ 5,000 |
| Romania | £ 5,000 |
| Portugal | £ 4,000 |
| Bulgaria | £ 2,000 (top up only) |
| TOTAL | £16,000 |

were each given an opportunity to hear about their Saviour Jesus Christ and how by following Him they could make their lives have true meaning which could provide a firm foundation for their futures as to what they should try to achieve. They came to learn about Jesus as their supporting friend, which He is to each one of us.

This camp only happened as others do because of the generosity of Siloam friends and investors like you, so it is Siloam's privilege to ask you again this year in spite of all the inflation and expenses we are having to pay at home, to share with us right now to help another child enjoy a brief time away, which could affect their eternal outcome.

The camp expenses this year have risen considerably because of the 'Covid-19' effect as well as the cost of all energy and supplies rising because of the ongoing war in Ukraine!!

However, your gift of £5, £10, £25, £50 or £100 when accumulated with others, will go a long way in helping to provide for a child in need of a Christian holiday not only in Romania but also in Poland, Portugal and Bulgaria.

If you would like a report of this year's camp which will cost £8,000, please mention that on your response form when you return your gift in our 'Freepost' envelope so that we can share with you how the children were blessed this summer because you cared.

Yours sincerely on behalf of the children hoping to go to camp this summer and given the opportunity to hear about the gift of eternal life only made possible because of the sacrificial life and death of Jesus Christ.

Yours sincerely on behalf of each child hoping to go to a Bible camp this summer



Richard Norton
Director-Siloam UK



P.S. At the camp in Romania, some children from the Ukrainian refugee community will also be invited to attend as they are in Portugal and Poland. – Thank you.

Games and physical activities played a very important role in giving these children a 'different week' which we know will remain in their memories for many years to come.



Many of these attractions would have been completely beyond the reach of most of our disadvantaged children, were it not for the generosity of Siloam's supporters and giving friends.



Enjoying the beautiful countryside and getting connected to nature. Providing the right balance to enjoy and learn more about God and His creation.



The Pension (guesthouse) was situated in a delightful and peaceful location and the children many of whom did not know each other beforehand, had a chance to find a 'forever friend.'



The historical buildings provided an opportunity to learn more about Romania's history and the origins of the nation.



Group discussions followed by Bible studies in the early evenings enabled the children to explore their own self-worth and learn how they could find their place in the Kingdom of God, if they surrendered their young lives to Jesus Christ.

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