

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

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The Christian camp centre at Bradatel which hosted the camp for P.R.R. in July 2023.

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## Dear Siloam giving friends and ministry investors

As our Bible camps are in full swing, we wanted to share photos with you of last year's camp in Romania which was partly sponsored by Siloam Christian Ministries for the organisation known as Project Romanian Rescue or P.R.R.

We were asked rather late in the year in 2023 to contribute to this camp so we only actually provided  $\[ \epsilon \]$ 2,000 which paid for the camp travelling expenses. This year we plan to be much more ambitious and already we have despatched  $\[ \epsilon \]$ 3,000 or £2,674 as an initial deposit for a camp which will be conducted in Fitionesti Vrancea.

But let me share with you a little about the camp we participated in funding in 2023 which was located at Bradatel. The camp was held between 3rd and 8th July and was attended by 50 children supervised by 10 adults. The children were selected from 3 locations in Romania and the resident children were joined by 21 youngsters who attended the P.R.R day centre in Siminoc village. They also invited 23 children and young people from the Romany community in Babadag town.

The camp was situated in the mountains near Hateg in the Hunedoara county, it's a beautiful place positioned among lots of trees and even has a stream which flows through the camp. The facilities included climbing areas, basketball and volleyball courts and a special area onsite for campfires. Large rooms for teaching sessions were available as was comfortable accommodation for sleeping which the children enjoyed.

The children were taught during the week 'what it would be like to be with Jesus.' The theme of the camp was 'On the road with Jesus', the first day's message was all about Jesus and how He chose His disciples. On the second day, the story of Jesus calming the storm was told and gave an emphasis on the character of Jesus and Him being in control of the elements at all times. The next day it was explained how to have 'Jesus as a friend' using the story of how the friends of the crippled man carried him on a bed and broke up the roof of the house so they could get him to the feet of Jesus. Although the children initially were a bit like 'hedgehogs' because they did not know each other very well, by this time in the week the children had become good friends and had opened themselves up to each other, expressing their thoughts and learning to be the best of friends.

By splitting the children into groups of 9 or 10 from different communities, this soon helped to break the ice and enabled the children to feel comfortable enough to form friendships. The adult supervisors also did a great job.

Besides the important Bible lessons, related songs and scripture memory verses, the group enjoyed great times of worship, the <u>fellowship</u> was very rich. The children learnt verses of scripture by heart and enjoyed singing as well as taking part in contests to test what they had learnt. There were many craft activities and apart

A sympathetic helper gives confidence to a youngster trying out the zipwire ride.

Helping children to learn scripture verses and the message of the 'good news' of Jesus Christ.



Aiding children to visualise and remember verses of scripture, so important in their future Christian personal development.

from the campsite itself, the group went on hiking trips and visited a few places of interest including a monastery where the priest Arsenie Boca was buried. They also visited the castle of the Corvins, the Sarmisegetuza Traian Citadel and the local zoo.

During the spiritual times, the Lord had clearly worked in the hearts of these young people and many of the children became great friends and wished to keep in contact after the end of the camp. Some even cried during the worship songs and by the end of the week it was very 'tearful.' The adult supervisors were most impressed to see how beautifully and sincerely the young people worshipped the Lord although most of the children who came to the camp, apart from our residential children, had little experience of church meetings. Marian Serban the Executive Director for P.R.R. even shed a tear himself seeing the children worship on the last night in such a beautiful and sincere way. The supervisors prayed over every child individually and imparted a parting blessing on them, their hearts and their families. The last day of the camp was celebrated as usual with an important campfire during which marshmallows were enjoyed along with songs of praise and special awards were handed out to the youngsters who had the cleanest room and who had been the best behaved.

We hope that our 2024 camp will also be a successful event planned between 15th and 19th July at Fitionesti Vrancea.

We have <u>already forwarded</u> our deposit of €3,000 to Marian Serban and we hope with the help of our Bible camp investors and supporters that we will have at least €3,000 to forward to them by mid-July.

Please take time to look at the photos and consider yourself as an investor as you give to make it possible to impart the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ into the hearts of these young people that P.R.R. in Romania is hoping to win with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

All of us realise in this ministry that most people become Christians before the age of 18 years so it's important to make the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ clear and urgent as we communicate it to the young people not just in Romania but also Portugal, Poland, Bulgaria and Ukraine.

Please be encouraged as you participate in helping us to fund this ministry, that more young people may be rescued from the kingdom of darkness.

Yours sincerely on behalf of those we love and serve and minister to in our Bible camps in Europe



P.S. Please pray as you give and during the months of July and August especially, mention this ministry at the Throne of Grace that more young souls will be saved and recruited for the Kingdom of God. – Thank you.



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