



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

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'Crossroads' camps in the Ukraine reach children and young people many of whom come from disadvantaged families.



Challenging physical activity, plenty of vigorous exercise including long walks in the forest are another important feature.



A chance to join with friends in a table tennis tournament and develop competitive interests in simple sporting activities.

Dear Siloam friends & investors

It was just last month, in fact on 23rd March when Chris, the Speaker at our Church's Men's Momentum breakfast confirmed by his own testimony the value of bringing teenagers and children to a knowledge of faith in Jesus Christ before their lives get entangled with the worries and concerns of adult life. Chris spoke passionately about how he had been brought to Christ as a result of a Christian witness away from home while staying overnight with a friend whose father just happened to be a Christian Minister.

The Scripture Union regularly enforce the fact that between 50% and 80% Christians come to faith before the age of 18. This is why we at Siloam believe it's important to get youngsters to embrace the gospel message at an early age before they get entrapped into harmful worldly pleasures and the habits of alcohol, tobacco and more harmful substances. We know also that many girls are steered away from a life of seemingly easy money through prostitution after being warned about the dangers of illicit relationships and financial greed. After all, most education in the former communist Ukraine is dominated by atheistic teaching believing that God does not exist and there is no personal final accountability.

Siloam has been funding Bible camps since 1984, it is by far the most popular outreach ministry that our passionate supporters invest in.

Just look through our brochure which features the 'Crossroads' camps held under canvas in the Ukraine by Baptist Pastor Peter Bevez and his son Roman, the Director of youth ministries. Our photos show exactly what took place in July last year and give you a visual insight into the simple activities enjoyed by 216 youngsters who came over the 3 week periods between 2nd to 22nd July 2017.

Siloam supports this project each year with a major contribution towards the total expenses without which these camps simply would not happen. Just look at our 2019 Bible camp budget target prayer card to see what we are prayerfully committed to this summer.

It costs around £63 a week to send a deserving child to camp to experience in a practical way what a Christian lifestyle is all about. Most of the youngsters come from families with just one parent, maybe the mother or father is an alcoholic or perhaps in prison. Such is the need for this kind of Christian outreach in the Ukraine that the places at camp are quickly taken up by parents who want to see a real change of heart in the lives of their vulnerable children.

A gift of £125 will provide places at camp for 2 vulnerable youngsters. But, donations of £5, £10, £15, £20 or more when added together we hope will reach this year's budget target for the Ukraine of £7.000.

Experience has taught Siloam that the best way to reach a child with the gospel of Jesus Christ is to get them away

Bible studies outside on the banks of the River Deva or in the forest itself provide mental stimulation and an opportunity to know more about Christ and the claims He has on young people's lives. This group are considering Psalm 1:1 "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly."



Good wholesome food and plenty of it is another valuable ingredient of a successful Bible camp.

from their negative home surroundings for at least 3 / 4 days after which time they are far more receptive to the gospel and more likely to respond and accept the free gift of eternal life.

You, as a Siloam supporter can make a valuable investment into a child's life this Easter to help provide for our first summer Bible camp of the year in the Ukraine.

Please take time to look through our 2 page brochure which was difficult to put together because we have so many appealing photographs, each which tell their own story about the change in a young person's life that a Bible camp can bring about.

Then, consider how you may help this month in a practical way by investing financially in this ministry to empower Siloam through Roman and Peter Bevs to reach more young people in the Ukraine with the lifesaving gospel message of Jesus Christ.

Thank you once again in anticipation of your faithful and generous support without which we could do nothing to reach these children and young people. Please keep our 2019 Bible camp budget prayer card in your pocket or handbag to prompt you to pray from time to time or share with others – thank you.



And, when you return home with lots of clothing that friends from overseas have donated, this is a real added bonus.

Yours sincerely on behalf of those we love and serve

Richard Norton

Richard Norton
Director-Siloam UK



P.S. As an alternative if you don't really see Bible camps as 'your sort of thing' may we ask you to consider standing with us to help us support children in Kenya at Blessed Generation – Siloam's project: 022 ?

For an investment this month of only £10, you could rescue a young orphan in Kenya and provide an escape route out of poverty.

Through our co-workers at Blessed Generation, Siloam provides shelter, education and Christian care in a safe and positive environment empowering children to become responsible citizens we hope will go on to develop Kenya's future.

To find out more, please contact us on 08000-27-79-17 or visit our website www.siloam.org.uk and click on project: 022.

By partnering with Siloam, you could rescue another child from poverty, exploitation and abuse.

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Siloam sponsored Bible camps in the Ukraine

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Siloam is privileged to partner with the R.O Chernigov Christian Mission in the Ukraine headed up by father and son team Peter and Roman Bezv based at the Baptist Church in Chernigov. Last year Siloam contributed £5,833 towards the overall budget for these 'Crossroads' camps which cost £13,420.

These photos feature our sponsored camps in July 2018



Unfortunately, due to the cold weather during the first week's camp, 10 disabled children and their parents had to postpone their holiday until 12th July. Siloam is privileged to sponsor these camps which endeavour to integrate physically challenged children with their able-bodied peers.



The preparation of the 'Crossroads' camp site began as early as 19th June last year, it took 4 days to put up all the tents and get everything ready.



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The day begins with a quiet time of prayer followed by vigorous exercises to get the body up to speed. For many children this is a new experience but we have found it to be a very important part of the daily routine.

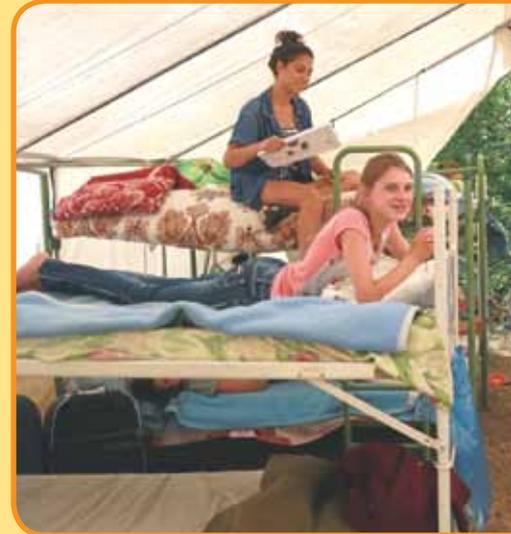


Siloam's overall Bible camp budget for 2019

Poland	£ 4,000
Romania	£ 4,000
Peru	£ 4,000
Bulgaria	£ 5,000
Ukraine	£ 7,000
Total	£24,000



During most of July 18, the weather was dry so outdoor pursuits were encouraged. Team games are an important part of building personal relationships and helping youngsters to relate to each other in a Christian atmosphere.



Thanks to the new tents we obtained last year, the youngsters enjoyed a safe dry environment for private study and rest.



At the 'Crossroads' camps we try to be imaginative and encourage youngsters to stretch themselves physically as well as spiritually. Safety of course is paramount as the children learn to stack the crates one on top of the other to reach their goal.



Please don't try this at home unless you have all the safety apparatus you see here. This activity helps to build confidence, overcome fear of heights and teaches you to put your trust in others who are holding the safety ropes. Many spiritual lessons can be learned from this exciting activity which is a real hit at the 'Crossroads' camps.



This really was a very popular pursuit and gave the youngsters an opportunity perhaps they would not experience elsewhere.



Roman Bevz the Youth Director from the Chernigov Baptist Church organises the events and pays special attention to how the children are spiritually nurtured and cared for.



Participation is vital and contributes towards the retention of the messages in the teaching sessions. A good number of these young boys come from dysfunctional families where the concept of a mother and father living together caring for their children is absent. Often these youngsters grow up to become Christian leaders who in turn share the Christian message with younger peers.



These girls are resting and sleeping.



After a full day's activity both physically and absorbing spiritual truths, a good rest is essential. We know that if we get children away from their negative home situations, they are more receptive to the gospel in a camp type atmosphere.

Learning the themes of the camp and the message of salvation portrayed in a pictorial way. For many children the Christian life is a mystery to them until the message of God's love is clearly explained.



Helping to treat each child as special, is the task of every volunteer as the team endeavour to win them over with the love of Christ.



Children who need that little extra care are most welcome at the 'Crossroads' camps where perhaps in other holiday facilities they would not be so accepted.

Helping youngsters to develop how they in turn can communicate the gospel message to others by way of handicrafts and visual aids.



Friends of Germany also help by providing large amounts of used clothing which can later be taken home by the camp participants.



Clothing which would be unavailable due to high cost can often be a real blessing to a youngster from a deprived home. Even boys become fashion conscious at the camps where they can choose a clean shirt and a fresh pair of jeans which someone in Germany has been kind enough to donate.



Last year a child's holiday for a week under canvas in the woods at this camp costs roughly £63. Try to focus on the needs of one child, rather than the overall total which for Siloam is very challenging.



For a poor mother with a disabled child, there are not many opportunities to enjoy a time away from the crowded city. These youngsters really appreciate being among others more able physically when they are encouraged to take part in activities tailored towards their special needs.



A chance for Christian leaders to win the hearts and minds of younger peers in their care. Many lifelong friendships are initiated after a time at camp.

Pastor Peter Bezv, with whom Siloam has enjoyed fellowship since the Chernobyl disaster of 1986. We have visited his church and been impressed with his outreach activities and his efforts to promote the gospel using practical expressions of God's love to those in great need.

The message and good news of the Bible becomes an illuminating light to many youngsters seeking direction for their future well-being and assurance of salvation in their lives eternal.

The forest near Chernigov provides a wonderful outdoor backdrop for encouraging young people to participate in activities which build faith and trust between Christian brothers and sisters. The cost of these camps at just £63 per week for each youngster, is only possible because they are held in the great outdoors, under canvas.