

Sharing Christ's Love In Eastern Europe



MISSION WITHOUT BORDERS

Our Vision

Mission Without Borders (MWB) has worked in Eastern Europe for over 60 years responding to the practical, emotional, and spiritual needs of poor and vulnerable people. From early years smuggling the Bible behind the Iron Curtain, our vision is to reach people for Christ through word and deed. We enable and encourage children and families to lift themselves out of desperate and isolating poverty, transforming lives across generations and bringing hope for the future.

Our Mission

Today we serve and minister to the poor in Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Moldova, Romania and Ukraine. Recognising the value of local knowledge and understanding of cultural norms and context, we primarily partner with local churches and community leaders. We journey with the most vulnerable in society – those who often feel forgotten by the world.

Our Hope

For those in need, hope may come in many forms: essential food boxes for families a warm meal served in a Soup Kitchen, the gift of firewood, gloves and clothing through a freezing winter, seeds to sow in Spring to become more self-sufficient, tuition to make it to university or vocational college, or simply hearing the Good News of Jesus through a Mission outreach event, Summer Camp or Bible Correspondence course.



“Mission Summer Camp was one of the best times of my life and I will never forget it”

Damir

“Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy”.

Proverbs 31 v 8-9

Transforming lives and Sharing God's love

“Whoever welcomes one of these children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me”

Mark 9 v37

Damir was born into deep poverty – only his mother had a job, but it was poorly paid. From the age of 10, he worked long hours picking apples in the orchard, weeding, or doing other jobs. When he was 15, he worked at a poultry farm so he could earn money to buy himself shoes and clothes for school. He was enrolled on the Mission Without Borders' (MWB) child sponsorship programme, and the various forms of support had a wonderful impact on Damir – but what he loves talking about most of all is Summer Camp.

“There was good food, my own clean bed all to myself, lots of new friends to keep in touch with. Ten days of happiness away from struggles at home I don't want to remember”.

Damir has become a Christian and is now serving in his local church as well as being a vibrant Mission Without Borders volunteer actively involved with young people. When speaking with Damir about his work with MWB he said,

“I'm honoured and blessed to be involved in the Mission where I can make a difference to people's lives. As well as the material help, we can offer children much more: God's love, which is enough for everyone. As I keep telling the children who really need to hear this – because many of them feel insecure or inferior – God loves everyone, and each person is important to him.”



“I can learn about all that God has done for us and live a life of joy.”

Sofia

Sofia lives in a village in southern Moldova where unemployment and alcoholism affect many families. She attends MWB's After School centre in Palanca and receives help with her schoolwork and a hot meal. Along with many other children Sophia signed up and enrolled in the Mission's Bible Correspondence Course. Over the four courses, which include ten lessons, the children learn from Scripture about who God is what he's done for us and how they can have a living relationship with him. They can write to a Christian volunteer and share their questions, their hopes and their concerns and receive handwritten replies in return.

“I love writing and receiving letters. I find it very interesting to discover new things, like how God created everything...to learn about who Jesus is and many other things. My father had problems with alcohol and it used to cause a lot of trouble. We suffered a lot and couldn't even sleep at home. He broke my heart! We prayed for a long time for my family. Now my dad doesn't drink anymore...I'm so happy about that... today we do everything together.”

Sofia has been able to share her thoughts and prayer needs with her correspondent- and she has found a safe place where she can speak freely and know she will be listened to and understood.



In 2020, around 8,500 people signed up to MWB's Bible Correspondence Club and nearly 4,000 Christian meetings and events were held distributing 44,000 Bibles and Christian literature.

Relationship Ministry

Relationships are at the heart of all we do. From our Field Mission Coordinators in Eastern Europe who embrace families struggling with desperate poverty, building close relationships with the youngest baby to the oldest grandparent and showing these families they are not alone; to the relationships between our supporters (who give to support people who are living many miles away) and our staff, volunteers and families; relationships are central to who we are and all we do in the name of Christ. He is Lord of this Mission and it is Christ whom we seek to serve by building these relationships and remaining close to Him in prayer, humbly listening and continuing in His guidance. It is this importance that we place on relationships that motivates us to build strong partnerships with local churches and church leadership in the communities in which we work.



Over 261 churches in Eastern Europe are now journeying with us in changing people's lives both practically and spiritually.



You can play a part

John writes in his Gospel in John 15 v5, **I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.** As a Mission we can only make a difference when God is working through us and we can only be really effective when we remain connected with Him, with our wonderful staff, volunteers, supporters, churches and the people we work among.

As a Christian charity we want to respond to God's call to love our neighbour and care for the poor. We would love you to join us on that journey. We would welcome the opportunity to talk with you, find out more about the ministry in your church, listen to what you are seeking to engage in with Mission and how we can equip you. If you would like to know more and have a chat please complete this response form and return it to us or contact Justin Hall on email: jhall@mwbuk.org or tel: 0207 940 1370.

I would like to know more about releasing families from poverty in Jesus' name and reaching people for Christ

I am interested in

- Talking with Mission Without Borders about our congregation's involvement in Mission
- Hearing more about the work of Mission Without Borders and a possible presentation you can make to our Church, Fellowship or Youth Group.
- Connecting with you and receiving your regular "Partnering In Prayer" bimonthly diary.
- Investing in supporting the Mission's Christian outreach work.
- Creating opportunities for children and families to thrive and not just survive through a Mission Without Borders Child or Family Sponsorship.



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