

# Summer Camp



*The Gift of Freedom!*



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**Mission Without Borders Australia**



## Gift of Freedom...

**Children who live in the 200 Children's Homes Mission Without Borders works with in Moldova, Romania and Ukraine, live day in, day out without the constant love and care of a healthy family. They try and survive without adequate food, clothing, shoes and heating in the rundown Homes. They survive without the love and care all children deserve... When the Homes close down for the summer, because a lack of funds mean they cannot function 12 months of the year, children without any extended family are left to fend for themselves...**

Imagine these abandoned and neglected children set free... Free to express their feelings, thoughts and fears. Free to be children... Free from the oppressing burdens that are a fabric of their daily lives. Free to be loved in the way God intended them to be. Free to enjoy creature comforts, and nourishing food, like never before. Free to build lasting friendships. Free to embrace the truth of God's word, and free to experience His salvation. In truth, camp is not a break from the luxury of a home or from the love of a family. In reality, it is a break from poverty and abuse – from loneliness, and torments of the mind, that so often visit them at night.

I am sure you understand that in some small way Summer Camp is not just a nice place

to send children, it is more like a shadow of heaven, a safe harbour and fountain of life.

Who are the children? It would take hours to share their stories and heartache, but tragically they are often similar... "Dad and Mum were always drunk and beat us... Mum and Dad are dead... there is no one to look after me... I hate being hungry and cold... no one comes to visit me at the Home... I am all alone..."





***What is the result of a few short days at Summer Camp and is it really worth it..? The kids are keen to share, "My dream come true... I cannot believe that there is so much food to eat... I had so much fun... We played the best sport and games... I made many new friends... I learned to be open and enjoy communicating with everyone, because we are equal and important... I was encouraged to express my thoughts and opinions, to communicate with others and show respect to others...I discovered who God is... I gave my life to Jesus and want to live for Him... I now know my Heavenly Father and He is all I need... I have never known such love... I had hugs and someone to share my thoughts and dreams with... and I am changed forever!"***

For those of you that can find a way to bless the children – children who at this very moment wonder, "Will this be the year I go to camp?", I commend you, and thank you for demonstrating your support with a generous gift to this fantastic ministry.

If you would like to contribute toward this worthwhile ministry, we would love your support. The cost of camps differs in each of our field countries, but the average cost is \$15/day per child. The camps range from 7- 12 days.

**Thanks for your partnership,**

**Michelle Dorey  
National Director  
Mission Without Borders Australia**

**Please visit our website [www.mwb.org.au](http://www.mwb.org.au) to view video of the 2008 Summer Camp ministry.**



**Your support in prior years has put smiles on the faces of thousands of children... There are many more waiting for their turn...**



Kristi (10) lost her father in 1997. He was a victim of a deadly feud. The law-and-order vacuum created by the collapse of communism forced many Albanians back to the ancient, traditional laws, stemming from their tribal roots. Unfortunately, this story is not uncommon. When she was one month old her father was murdered, forcing Kristi and her Mum to flee for their lives. Destitute, they sought refuge in a Day Centre run by a local church, in partnership with Mission Without Borders. At the Centre they receive two meals a day, Kristi can attend school and her Mum now works there earning a small salary.

In Albania, the Roma community is discriminated against and some people are unwilling to associate with them. However, the love of God “breaks down” all cultural barriers and prejudices.

Despite their harsh existence and the desire for revenge from her husband’s family, Kristi and her Mum now know, love and trust the Lord. Summer Camp was life-changing last year; the harsh reality of her everyday life of struggle was replaced with fun, food, the seaside, new friends and the news of a Heavenly Father who will never leave or forsake her – precious news for a child growing up without the love of a father...

Please can you help us ensure children like Kristi from impoverished families can also attend Summer Camp?





# Summer Camps for kids from poverty stricken families are just as vital!



Many children, who are part of MWB's big 'Family-to-Family' family can't wait

for Summer Camp! They too will also find solace, lap up the love, care, attention, food and fun at Summer Camp this year. Abuse, neglect, hunger and constant deprivation leave permanent scars. Pray we can minister to the children, to begin the healing process...

*Please give generously so children from poverty stricken families can also attend Summer Camp.*

Mission Without Borders is an international Christian organisation, founded in 1960, dedicated to serving the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of those suffering the effects of poverty or persecution in Eastern Europe. By involving those it serves, Mission Without Borders recognises the dignity of the individual and strives to help build capacity for self sufficiency. People are served without regard to their religion or ethnic background. We are grateful to caring people around the world who have joined with us to make a difference for children and families in need.

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