



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

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**Siloam's children / young people's Bible camps – really do CHANGE YOUNG LIVES!!**

11 leaders and helpers kept the children safe and well occupied. The leader Pastor Darin Ivanov is kneeling on the front row at the right and our longtime faithful co-worker Donka, is on the back row (far left).



Craftwork was very much enjoyed by the youngsters who used the opportunity to express themselves and show-off their talents for creativity.

**The children were encouraged to dance with the Bulgarian flags as part of their exercise activities.**



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This brief report features our successful Bible camp in Bulgaria, 15-20 July 2024

Siloam's sponsored camp in Bulgaria 2024, 66 children attended for 5 days between 15-20 July.

Summer 2025

*Dear Siloam praying friends and ministry investors*

Siloam has been funding Bible camps in Eastern Europe for over 30 years and the pastors we work with all report a steady interest among young people in things concerning God and His Eternal Kingdom. Indeed, quoting from the 'Good News' newspaper of May 2025, we have much to be encouraged about here in the UK as U-Gov, one of today's most respected opinion research companies, claims that belief in God is on the rise in the UK and has more than doubled in the last six years among young people from 22% to 45%. We don't have figures for the opinions in Eastern Europe but we do know that there is more of an interest among young people in turning to faith in Jesus Christ which is encouraging. I believe also it is vitally important that we reach young people before the age of maturity before their opinions and lifestyle patterns have become 'firmed up.' We do know that the scriptures tell us that "if we train up a young person in the things of God – when they are older, they will surely not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

So, even though we have this encouragement here in the UK, it is important to empower our overseas co-workers with financial resources so they can conduct Bible camps and reach their own young people with the lifechanging gospel of Jesus Christ. I wonder how many of you reading this leaflet today, can trace their spiritual beginnings to a time when they were perhaps in Sunday School or even when they attended a youth camp as a teenager? I know of no greater method of reaching young people with the gospel of Jesus Christ than by taking a young person out of their home situation, which could be negative?, and providing an environment where Bible teaching interspersed with plenty of physical activities and good food takes place. Crafts and drama also play an important role in helping vulnerable youngsters to retain the messages they receive from their dedicated teachers. We must continue to empower the youth leaders as they encourage the children in their care, to learn scripture memory verses and Bible stories that reinforce good Christian behaviour and lessons in the faith.

Last year (2024) Siloam investors provided £6,000 to our colleague Pastor Darin Ivanov in Bulgaria but he was also helped by an additional gift from a church in England who also provided another £1,000. Altogether, the camp cost £9,061 so the difference was made up by contributions from the parents of the children and the host church in Rousse, Bulgaria.

Altogether 66 children attended the camp who was supervised and cared for by 11 leaders.

The children were divided into 3 groups to provide an atmosphere of competition as well as

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The children were accommodated at an excellent camp venue Hotel Lesoparka, near Laskovetz.



Early morning exercise was very much encouraged to promote wellbeing among the youngsters. This prepared the body for the challenging spiritual tasks ahead during the day.



The craft sessions were very much enjoyed by the children who learnt much spiritually by taking part in these activities.



Learning and taking part in drama is also a good way for youngsters to retain what they learn from the scriptures and to translate it into what it means in their everyday lives.



The hotel venue was equipped with multi-bedded rooms ideal for our camp situation. The children were encouraged to study the Bible in the evenings so they could raise questions and discuss topics during the day.  
3 good meals a day plus snacks in between are a very important ingredient for a successful Bible camp.

Children, leaders and helpers all returning home in the bus, feeling physically tired but spiritually refreshed.



EXPENSE CHART FOR 2024 CAMP IN BULGARIA	
Food and accommodation	£8,177.00
Transport to & from Rousse and Liaskovetz	£ 442.48
Camp shirts with 'Siloam logo'	£ 207.97
Medicines & first aid	£ 131.96
Craft materials and small gifts and prizes	£ 101.63
TOTAL	£9,061.04

one group made up of teenagers. The camp's theme was, 'Being close to Jesus.' The morning classes began by memorising verses of scripture followed by a brief Bible lesson, interspersed with crafts and drama. Worship also played an important part and the youngsters learned songs to assist in their memory learning as did the dramas, which were practised everyday and presented at the end of the week.

In the afternoon, the children greatly enjoyed the pool where they could 'let off steam' and prepare themselves for the evening worship services where they could sing the songs and perform the dramas they had been learning during the daytime.

In 2024, 10 new children / teenagers attended the camp for the very first time and many of them were excited to receive Jesus Christ into their hearts. Many others in the camp renewed their dedication to follow Christ more closely, and there were a number of testimonies, one of which I will share with you.

Valia who attended the camp for the first time last year, according to her friend Niki she reported that Valia was an extremely disobedient girl with a bad character and not very nice at all! Pastor Darin reports that he had a conversation with Valia during which time Valia told him, that God had transformed her life which has certainly been reflected in her improved behaviour. Valia now loves the Lord Jesus and looks upon Him as her Saviour.

Three other girls Liana, Joana and Tony 10, 8 and 6 respectively, also received salvation during the camp which was a great comfort to their recently divorced mother who is now going through very difficult financial times. Our Bible camp for them provided a real blessing and encouraged their mother greatly to see her 3 children 'going on' with the Lord.

This year's camp in July 2025, we hope will also be a tremendous success again but it depends upon whether we can come up with the finances that we need, to provide these children with the facilities and the lifechanging experience we want them to have. Last year, if you look at our expenses chart, you will notice that the total amount including the cost of qualified supervision by 11 leaders cost £137 per child but Siloam's contribution of £91 per child who attended, actually made this camp possible!

Please help if prompted by the Lord to do so, so that together we can empower our co-workers in Bulgaria to organise our camp for July 2025 that will reach the hearts and minds of more vulnerable and spiritually hungry youngsters

I believe, if 3 individual investors each provide £30, then that means we can cover the cost of providing another camp place for one more child in Bulgaria this summer!

Thank you for your support in the past and your concern for the children in Bulgaria that we are trying to reach for the lifechanging gospel of Jesus Christ this summer.

Yours sincerely



Richard Norton

Director-Siloam UK



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