

**Are you
ready**



Volunteering 2011

With Hopeful Anticipation

In a faraway place, a group of senior citizens sit apathetically about in an institutional home, with their eyes focused on the door... On a busy avenue in a nearby town, street children scurry about, looking for something to eat... With bags in their hands, a single mother and her child make their way to a place to receive hearth and sustenance... In an effort to ward off the biting cold and frost, long lines of people can be seen as they hurdle together and wait for the necessities that will enable them to withstand the harsh winter months... In a little shed, far from the surrounding villages, desperate parents, with their many children, hope once more that a box or two will soon arrive that will provide them with the means in which to survive a few more nights... From a dilapidated and rotten building, children's voices can be heard as they rush out to the front gate at the sounds of approaching wheels on gravel... And, around a campfire, the gleeful faces of children look up with anticipation...

What is the common denominator in all of these scenes that are described above? It is the hopeful anticipation expressed by those in desperate situations to having their needs attended to... For more than fifty years, Mission Without Borders has been giving hope and providing sustenance to thousands of poor and disadvantaged men, women and children in Eastern Europe who suffer from the effects of poverty or persecution. Together with our co-labourers and the Local Church, we aim to meet the material, emotional, spiritual and educational needs of our beneficiaries through the many projects implemented.

With more than 300 colleagues from around the world, we are passionate about ministering to those in need with the Good News of Jesus Christ, to bringing



2 Opportunities



hope to their everyday circumstances and to reaching people for Him. If you identify with our vision and calling, we offer YOU the opportunity to become one of Mission Without Borders' guest volunteers.

As a guest volunteer, you will get better acquainted with our ministry activities. You will have the opportunity to go alongside our co-workers as they open the door to meet the forgotten elderly, or to welcome that street child that has no place to turn to, or to dish out piping, hot soup to the mother and her child. By taking part in these and many other acts of compassion, we're hoping that you will be inspired to take your first step to serve the poor and needy in your life wherever you can.

Apply today to become one of Mission Without Borders' guest volunteers, and YOU may play a part in being the answer to someone's hopeful anticipation!

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Children's CAMPS

As a guest volunteer at one of Mission Without Borders' Children Summer Camps, you will be offered the opportunities to **teach** Bible lessons and to **lead** various sports and free-time activities. You will **form friendships** with both children and national staff members as well as with other volunteers that will be remembered for a lifetime!



COUNTRY	29/5 - 4/6	6/6 - 12/6	11/6 - 17/6	17/6 - 23/6	25/6 - 30/6	2/7 - 8/7
Albania					5 persons	
Bosnia-Herzegovina						
Bulgaria						
Moldova			2 teams of 8 pers.	2 teams of 8 pers.		
Romania						2 teams of 8 pers.
Ukraine	2 teams of 8 pers.	2 teams of 8 pers.				



9/7 - 14/7	16/7 - 21/7
5 persons	5 persons
	8 persons -22/7

Soup KITCHENS



In joint-cooperation with the local churches, we serve and distribute warm meals daily to needy and impoverished children, families and elderly, through our soup kitchens. You will share in the **practical** aspects of this soup kitchen ministry, including the **preparation** of food, **serving/distribution** of meals as well as other kitchen duties.

COUNTRY	7/5 - 10/5	23/7 - 26/7	1/9 - 4/9	8/10 - 11/10
Bosnia-Herzegovina	4 persons		4 persons	
Bulgaria		4 persons		
Ukraine	4 persons > 12/5			4 persons

Community CENTRES

You will receive a **multi-faceted overview** of Mission Without Borders' work in Moldova and Ukraine that is carried out in cooperation with the Local Church, in our Crihana Veche and Sarny Community Centres. Activities on the premises include soup kitchens, vocational/educational courses (such as English, computer literacy, tailoring and cooking) and a variety of other social services.

Your involvement at the Community Centre will consist of **preparing** food, **serving/delivering** meals while at the same time having the chance to **dialogue** with beneficiaries of all ages. If you wish, you may **assist** and **teach** in one of the Vocational/Educational classes.



COUNTRY	14/5 - 20/5	25/6 - 1/7
Moldova	4 persons	
Ukraine		4 persons

Operation Christmas Love

Our annual campaign, “Operation Christmas Love” (OCL) distributes more than 30,000 parcels to the poorest and most needy families and elderly of Eastern Europe.

As a guest volunteer, you will work side by side with our national staff and take part in all stages of the OCL process: **packing, transportation and deliveries.** You will contribute towards making the Christmas season a memorable moment for many poor families and elderly!



COUNTRY	3/12 - 7/12	10/12 - 14/12
Moldova	10 persons	
Romania		10 persons
Ukraine		10 persons

Operation Winter (Rescue)



The sub-zero temperatures of Eastern Europe are questions of life and death for many poor and disadvantaged people. Through our annual Operation Winter Rescue campaign, we provide **clothing, footwear** and other **necessary items** so that orphans, families and the elderly will be enabled to withstand the harsh winter months.

You will be asked to participate in the preparation and distribution of these life-preserving items.



COUNTRY

Romania

7/1 - 11/1 (2013)

10 persons

Practical/Hands-On MINISTRY

As a Practical/Hands-On Ministry guest volunteer, you will contribute practically by helping execute one of our many Special Projects. Special Projects may be needs in the forms of bathroom renovations, building construction and repairs, painting jobs or similar undertakings within state-run Children's Homes and poor families' homes.

Basic practical skills in these areas are required.



COUNTRY	30/4 - 6/5	7/5 - 13/5	21/5 - 27/5	10/9 - 14/9	17/9-23/9
Moldova	6 persons				6 persons
Romania		6 persons			6 persons
Ukraine			6 persons	6 persons	

TO BEGIN YOUR JOURNEY...



If you would like to read more

about Mission Without Borders or proceed with applying to become a guest volunteer, please contact us directly, or visit our Webpage where you will find the following:

- Application Form
- Recommendation Form (both forms need to be submitted to us)

All guest volunteers must adhere to the values, principles and guidelines of Mission Without Borders throughout the entire volunteering experience.

Your volunteer experience starts and ends according to the dates specified.

As a guest volunteer, you will be expected to cover all of your expenses (travel, accommodation, meals, etc.).



Now
it's up
to
YOU!

