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Ukrainian Refugee Camp in Warsaw

An Amazing Experience, With New Friends

This year we still could not enter Ukraine, so BEYM sent a team to Warsaw in July to run a camp for Ukrainian refugees living in Poland. This was a new and major undertaking since the entire camp had to be planned and organized by our team.

There were numerous obstacles in conducting such a camp, but our team from across the US and Ukraine and Poland did an amazing job in showing God's love to these kids who have seen such horrors over the last 2 years. Everyone loved the opportunity to serve the kids and the camp was a success.

Life for refugees can be frustrating and emotionally hard. Separated from other family members, the refugees rely on the good will of government and community organizations to live daily life.

These kids could not be in camp in Ukraine this year, so we brought camp to them, with all the usual teaching and crafts and games and sports, and disco too!

God protected us all and blessed us with a great experience that no one, kids and team alike, will ever forget.



PTSD

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

The Ukrainians have all undergone horrific experiences and yet – they show such strength.

The issue of PTSD is a very real and ever-present problem of war, affecting all Ukrainians to differing degrees. As we prepared to teach and be with these kids at camp, we contracted the aid of someone who has studied and written about PTSD, specifically in relation to the Ukrainian children because of this terrible war.

So, we tried to be well-prepared to monitor our words and actions to help, and not hurt, the emotional status of all of the kids that came to our camp in Warsaw this summer.

And yet ...

What we were not prepared for was their capacity for such joy and strength, even in the midst of tragic circumstances. The people we met, both young and old, clearly had experienced terrible events and continued to suffer from them, and yet ...

Their amazing spirits took us all by surprise. God's spirit is truly lifting them up. Our prayers are truly being answered. God's love is truly evident in their words and actions. Their eyes truly show a depth of spirit that put us in awe of them - every day that we were with these amazing people. May God continue to bless them with His Spirit.



Who We Are, What We Do

Youth Camps in Ukraine

The Pioneer Youth Camps of what was once the Soviet Union are now privately-owned, government-run camps in Ukraine, for children aged 6 to 16.

Our organization has been active in the Ukrainian Youth Camps each summer for more than 15 years.

We organize teams of Americans to join with Ukrainian interpreters each summer to go into these camps to teach God's love through Bible stories, crafts, games, and by the example of how we act in our day-to-day inclusion in all camp activities.



We believe that Ukraine is central to the future of Europe. We were initially invited into the camps at the request of the Ukrainian government to help teach strong character traits to the next generation of Ukraine's leaders, because Ukraine is a young nation that needs moral and ethical leadership. BEYM holds to that same charter today.

Consider supporting us financially or joining one of our teams yourself!

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