

A group of approximately 15 children and two adults are posing for a photo in a wooded area. The children are of various ages, from young children to teenagers. They are dressed in casual summer clothing. One boy in the back row is making a peace sign. A small white dog is being held by one of the children. The ground is covered with dry pine needles and leaves. The background shows several large trees.

## BRINGING LIGHT AND HOPE TO CHILDREN

Dear Friend,

**The world over, children always bear the greatest brunt of any crisis. The need has never been more urgent for children across the globe than it is today.**

From my own personal experience as a child growing up in communist Bulgaria, I know that **Jesus gives light and hope in the darkest of times.**

I was 5 years old when my father was brutally taken away. My family suffered greatly, not knowing if we would ever see him alive again. Because my father was falsely convicted as a “spy” and “an enemy of the socialist state of Bulgaria,” my mother was forbidden to work. I know what it means to be hungry and hurting.

**That is why this summer I want to bring light and hope to children living in dire circumstances.**

### **Erbil, Iraq: Summer School for Syrian Refugees**

The Syrian civil war that began in 2011 displaced 5.6 million refugees. About half of whom are children – little ones that still remember the trauma of war. These children’s lives have been turned upside down while living in exile.

For several years, Door of Hope International has supported a school in Erbil, Iraq, that provides schooling to 50 children of Syrian refugees with a Christian-based curriculum.

The Covid-19 pandemic placed severe limits on the number of children who could attend our school. Because of these limits, many have fallen behind in their studies. This summer our teachers will hold a special summer school program to allow those children who fell behind to catch up.

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# YOU can make a *big* difference in a *child's* life this summer!

## Pleven, Bulgaria: teen mission camp

Camp Pleven is a summer program that provides Bible and missions teaching to around 50 teenagers from all backgrounds across the country to study the Scriptures, worship and fellowship together. They receive discipleship training how to share their faith with others through testimonials, and street evangelism by performing Gospel message skits in public spaces. Many of these youth come from impoverished Christian families and need financial help to attend.



## Youth camp in war-torn, Eastern Ukraine:



Emmanuel Camp, situated in the forests along Ukraine's beautiful Dnieper River, provides opportunities for children and youth. Days begin with morning devotion, and end with evening Bible studies. During the day the youth and children will have a chance to play sports, swim, go boating and hiking – events they have never experienced and can only dream about. They will learn important survival skills, as well as practical life lessons, including how to apply Bible principles to life's sometimes-unpredictable challenges. You can make it possible for an underprivileged child, many from non-Christian homes, attend this 10-day camp.

By supporting a needy child you can make it possible for them to experience the dream of their life. But most important of all, provide the opportunity to hear about the unwavering love of Jesus – **a love that finds us no matter where we live, no matter our circumstances and offers us hope for a future that is bright because of Him.**

## Please give a gift of light and hope to a child today!

### Your donation goes to help a child receive:

- An education which includes Bible lessons
- A clean, safe environment to play and develop Christian friendships
- An opportunity to participate in organized sports and other fun activities
- Three nutritional meals a day
- The knowledge that they are not alone, but that God, the Creator of the universe, sees them, hears them, and loves them
- An opportunity to repent and pray the sinner's prayer. Each child will be given an invitation to join a Christian fellowship in the area where they live.

**Through your partnership and generous donation, Jesus is meeting these little ones in some of the HARDEST PLACES IN THE WORLD.**

**Because of HIM, these children are finding LIGHT AND HOPE.**

**Because of YOU, these little ones are finding the SAVING grace that Jesus offers.**

Paul Haralan Popov, President