



Reaching out to Bulgarian Muslims

A Soup Kitchen that Proclaims the Good News

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Mission Possible runs a feeding program for children in a Bulgarian town called Ihtiman where nearly 10,000 Muslim gypsies reside. The kitchen is in a newly renovated space in Ihtiman's only Christian Church. The soup is for children but it is our prayer to make contact with whole families through this work and to share the Truth which we hope they will be spiritually hungry to hear and receive.

We are so thankful for your support which enables Mission Possible to reach communities such as this one. We are beginning to see an impact from this ministry in the lives of children and their families.

New dining facility welcomes children

Praise God that we have again been able to offer hot meals for children this winter - and those meals have been enjoyed in a brand new dining room! The grimy, cold, tin-roofed shack that was the church's kitchen has been replaced with a larger, cleaner kitchen and dining room.

This winter's brutal cold brought many challenges to the people of Ihtiman. Most of the town's population was rendered jobless and there is

an overwhelming need for bread, clothes, and sources of heat in nearly every home.

The only place where hope is being rekindled is at the soup kitchen. Many eager children come and are given both hot soup and the message of the Good News.

Kitchen gives believers an opportunity for ministry

Annie and Vera, two women with big smiles, have dedicated themselves to voluntarily cook for more than sixty children each



day. These young women prepare the meal, set the tables, and make an effort to meet each of the hungry children they serve, who range in age from two to twelve.

Nineteen-year-old Annie is five months pregnant, but she has taken on this responsibility in the kitchen, testifying, "The Lord put a burden in my heart to help the hungry children." Vera is 27 years old and unemployed, but instead of staying home and dwelling on the bleak chance of getting a paying job, she has decided to serve the Lord by cooking at the kitchen.

Raycho, the singer

Raycho is one of the little ones who comes for soup. He is seven years old and has three brothers and one sister. His unemployed parents are Muslims, like most residents in the neighborhood, but they allow their children to receive food at our soup kitchen.

Sometimes Raycho even attends church on his own because he likes the songs so much. One of his favorites is Oh God, My God and his sweet voice can be heard belting out its words: "Devla, Devla-a-a-a!"

Raycho and the others receive daily soup and bread, love and care from our kitchen team, and the message of hope.

Through our six soup kitchens in Bulgaria we want to bless these children and make the Church a place of refuge for them.

Many families have come to Christ after being drawn in by the loving atmosphere of the Church and hearing the Gospel message.



Raycho and his little brother depend on the help of the soup kitchen



Annie and Vera have found a way to serve the Lord by cooking for the children

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- Please pray for health and protection for our Bulgarian team.
- Please pray that people's hearts in Bulgarian Muslim villages and towns would be open to God's love and the Gospel message.
- Please pray that God would reveal Himself to all the individuals our teams minister to through this work and change their lives.
- Please pray that we could open more soup kitchens.

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