

NEW GENERATION SCHOOL BULGARIA

2013 was a great year for us! We ended a successful school year and started a new one. God continues to send us children and we are blessed with His faithfulness.

Spring 2013



Our first official school year finished successfully. Our students took part in National Math, Bulgarian, and English exams and scored high. They also took part in a National Art Contest and won 1st place. The theme of the art contest was "God is Love." They worked together to make a stained glass mural of a cross and a dove. The year ended successfully and we graduated 7 students from kindergarten, ready for 1st grade.



Summer 2013

During the summer, Bulgaria was busy organizing camps and the starting of school in September. God continues to bless our work as we see happy children and teenagers fall more in love with Jesus every day.



July is our month for our "Born to Fly", youth summer camp. Over 50 kids and teenagers gather together to honour Jesus with gifts and talents. We start out every morning with worship and devotions led by the teenagers. We had special nights that were designed to bring friendships together, with special speakers throughout the week. Children and teenagers really encountered God and renewed their passion for Jesus. The camp was a great success and seeing the older kids become leaders is an amazing blessing.

Special Needs Children

Bulgaria doesn't have a lot of options when it comes to children with Special Needs and/or learning disabilities. Some of our Parents have specifically chosen New Generation School because of the care and attention we give to these special children. We made a special effort this year to attend seminars and understand more about Special Needs children.



Back To School!



The 2013-2014 school year has started! After a year in our new building, we are feeling more like an official school all ready. We launched September 15th with 14 elementary students and 31 kindergarteners and now from the start of the December our numbers have grown to 59 children across two buildings. Classes are running smoothly and the children are really enjoying the whole school experience. With the support of partner organizations and generous friends, we were able

to upgrade the playgrounds on both campuses, making our schools a fun place to be inside and out.

Supported Children

New Generation School has a program where children from poor families and children's homes are financially supported so they may receive a good education, a healthy meal, and hear about the gospel of Christ. We currently have 7 supported children. Two of these children are from Roma (Gypsy) families and would never be able to enrol their child in a school like ours if it wasn't for the program.



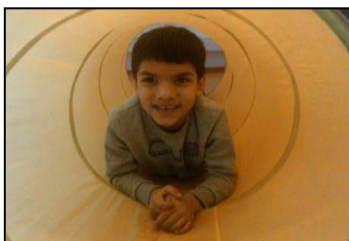
The Roma are the third largest minority in Bulgaria. Many of these families live below the poverty line. 60-77% are enrolled in primary school and only 6-12% are enrolled in secondary school. We would love to expand our enrolment of the Roma children in Sofia. Through your support we can make that happen.

Syrians in Bulgaria

All of us have watched the news as the Syrian War has continued through 2013. During this time, many Syrian refugees made their way through Turkey and into Bulgaria to escape the war and find a better life in a European Union Country. This leaves thousands of Syrian refugees living in refugee camps in Bulgaria. We also want to expand our Support Program to include Syrian children, who at the moment are living in very dire conditions and have a hard time entering the public school system. What a wonderful opportunity we have to minister to the Muslim population.



Neglected children's shelter



All though we are able to take these children into our care throughout the day, we have a dream to permanently give neglected children a home, education, and skills for their lives as adults. That's why we have begun to raise money for a project which will allow us to build a family-style home in our new building, where we would give

orphans food, care, and love 24 hours a day, a home where orphans would be able to spend their entire childhood lives, and move on successfully in their adult lives.

National Christian Family Day

Bulgaria has recognized a special day to honour the Christian family. Usually recognized in the end of November, we always organize a special program to celebrate this day. We had a blast as the children’s parents came and celebrated the day with us, playing games, singing songs, and bringing families together.



Christmas 2013

The Christmas season is always a very busy time for schools and charity organizations. We can sometimes feel stressed as we actively seek to be generous and give to those in need during this special time of the year. But God is with us every step of the way and we truly feel his provision, love, and peace working through us this year.

As always we organize gifts for the poor children of Bulgaria, including Roma communities, children’s shelters, and this year, the Syrian refugees. The Parents of our students were amazingly generous in providing gifts for those in need. What a wonderful way to make a child’s day and experience the love of our Jesus on the day we celebrate his birth.

Thank you again for your support this year. May your businesses, organizations, schools, and families be blessed this Holiday Season.



Merry Christmas!

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