



Grain of Wheat
INTERNATIONAL
75 Years

“Bringing hope
to children“

MOLDOVA

God’s faithfulness through the years

When I first learned of GWI through a foundation meeting in Moscow, little did I know this would be the beginning of God’s call on my life to serve Him in Moldova. A few years later, our ministry began when 51 eager participants from 14 churches attended our very first leadership training seminar in Moldova.

Afterward, Olya shared:

“The course I liked the most was on reaching deeply troubled children whose hearts are closed. Through hearing the teacher’s real-life experiences, I gained the tools I needed to come alongside struggling children with help and hope in Jesus.”

Over the past years, since 2012, we have:

- Held 11 training seminars for 940 camp and church leaders from over 30 churches.
- Organized camps in 10 regions of our country that have served 23,000 children from non-Christian families.
- Conducted city-wide Kids Games sports events that have reached over 10,000 youth.

- Reached countless kids who have called in to listen to Bible stories that are recorded on the “Alo Friend” answering machine.

With each project and camp, hearts have embraced faith in Jesus, and have gained life-long Christian principles that are now changing families, friends, and even their communities.

Whether the children GWI has reached with the Gospel in Moldova are young or old, I can think of no greater joy than hearing that these “children” are now learning to walk in the Truth with Jesus!

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**God’s faithfulness
in 75 years: PAST**

Dear friends,

It was in 1948 that Jean André started Grain of Wheat International. So, this year we are celebrating our 75th anniversary with a grateful heart for God’s faithfulness and provision over these many years.

As we commemorate this landmark, not only will we rejoice in what the Lord has done in the past, but we will also reflect on the present, as God is still at work in the lives of countless children worldwide.

Along with celebrating the past and the present, we dare to look to the future with confidence, because our God is the same yesterday, today and forever. With 2.2 billion children living in poverty who have never heard the Gospel, we have a lot of work ahead of us, but with your partnership our GWI ministry will continue to flourish in the years to come.

We thank you for your support in the past as well as today and with hope, we look forward to the future with you by our side!

God bless You,
Rob Hondsmark
CEO



ARGENTINA

Contemplating the faithfulness of God in Argentina...



Fifty years ago, the Lord laid it on the heart of businessman Jean André to provide a lovely camp site for children and families living in Buenos Aires. In his search, he came across the kind of property he had envisioned, and along with fifty church brothers finalized the purchase of the Christian Park *El Sembrador*.

Over the years, thousands of children have come to our camp and gone home with a life-changing faith in Jesus.



Now as adults, they bring their grandchildren to the park and share the ways their “first big decision” at camp has sustained and blessed them. Along with this, we have held many marriage retreats that have provided a unique atmosphere for couples to grow deeper in their relationship with God and each other.



As we look toward the future, our vision is to grow the impact of *El Sembrador* to a national level. To accomplish this, we are collaborating with evangelical churches throughout the country, to equip, support and encourage them as they develop their own teams to oversee and carry out the mission to reach every child and family throughout the country of Argentina.

Now as we contemplate God’s faithfulness from the beginning of *El Sembrador* until now, our hearts are filled with gratefulness and confidence that we can entrust the past to God’s care, the present to His love, and the future to His divine guidance.

Marcos Oszurko
director

SWITZERLAND

Watering the seeds

The driving force at the core of everything we do comes from the heart of Jesus’ words, “*Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.*” (Mt. 19:14). Therefore, our paradigm is: each child counts.

Since 1948, thousands of children living in extreme crisis have been warmly welcomed to *La Bessonne* and *Jura Rosaly* in Switzerland. These historic homes have always been a safe haven for broken children to find help, healing and hope for a bright future with Jesus.



Grain of Wheat has also actively expanded the scope of their ministry through partnering with churches to hold the Kids Games. This city-wide event draws kids of all ages from all walks of life. Not only do they have a day they will never forget, but even more, they are introduced to Jesus. Looking back, it’s incredible to see the way thousands of families have also come to faith through the changed lives of their children.

More recently, the two buildings that were purchased by Jean André in 1948 have been



renovated, and we are confident that their original purpose will remain the same for the next 75 years; to be a safe haven where each child counts!

Camp after camp, club after club, event after event, we have sown, planted, and watered the seeds, but God has grown the fruit.

Strengthened by the knowledge of His past provision, we move forward, confidently committing the present and the future of Grain of Wheat into His strong hands.

Patrick Gasser
director

