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# Argentina



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# ARE YOU READY? Argentina

In each generation and moment of life, the challenges mutate and combine, but they do not cease to have the same root: to place us in vulnerability. Thousands of children have gone through Semilla de Trigo in Argentina, where together with the local Church we have experienced the taste and trust we have in our Lord. Such is the case of Jorge, who with many insecurities and fears was preparing to go to his first day of elementary school. His great fear was that he would be alone. His mother reminded him of what they had learned in church, they prayed and went to school together.

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To his surprise, he did not know that there were also other classmates who loved Jesus as he did. "Mom, I don't want you to change my school, I have friends now!" were his first words as he returned home from school that first afternoon.

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Undoubtedly, those who know the Savior, want others to also know and like Him. Therefore, as Wheat Seed we encourage and accompany every child and family to taste and see that the Lord is good; and that those who trust in him are blessed.

# Armenia



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# ARE YOU READY? Armenia

I knew Jesus since my childhood when my mother told me about Him. But I had never thought that I ought to believe and follow Him. However when I came to this camp I heard about Jesus once again. Every day we sang and glorified the God, we listened to Bible stories and each evening we prayed to Him. Now I realize better how much Jesus loves me, He gave His life for me. Now I am God's child because I have prayed and accepted Him in my life. I would like never to forget and always follow him. Thanks to my leaders who spend these wonderful days with me, who loved me and took care for me.

*Poghosyan Laura, 12 years old*

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These three children came to the camp from a family living in critical conditions. From the first moment, it was evident that they needed many things. Their little faces showed anxiety, hunger, work and poverty. Unfortunately their mother had mental problems and was unable to take care of them, let alone their father, who worked all day long to get food.

The girls told how they did their homework, swept the floor, fetched water because there was none at home, cleaned their one-room apartment, washed the dishes and their clothes. Their brother Mikayel told of doing different jobs with their father.

The camp was a big opportunity for the children to enjoy happy days. They had the impression that it was the first time these children understood what childhood was. They participated in the camp with great pleasure. They listened engrossed to the Bible stories and glorified Jesus with joy. Once one of the children confessed that it was a good thing they were in the camp, otherwise they would have to carry water and wash, but at that time they only had happy and carefree days.

At the end of the camp we had the opportunity to pray together and they prayed to God with their childish lips to have Jesus as their Savior.

*A piece of testimony from Gohar's diary:  
About Rozi (7 years old), Saten (8 years old)  
and Mikayel Darbinyan*

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Grain of Wheat International Charitable Foundation has been operating in Armenia for 24 years. From the beginning, the foundation had several goals:

1. To organize camps especially including the children of underprivileged class.
2. To share the Good News of the Gospel with those children.
3. Take care of those children and their families.

Over the years, the foundation strengthened its scope of service and the process of increasing it began. As the programs developed, the younger generations began to go through the stages of discipleship and joining the ministry. With that, discipleship experienced a great stage of development: the older generation began to serve the younger generation. In the history of the years, there are many testimonies when children settle in local churches with their families and, already being adults, are included as volunteers in various programs of the foundation.

Currently, the Foundation cooperates with 27 interdenominational churches, which increase year after year. From these churches, the Foundation attracts volunteers to prepare for ministry to children. We become witnesses when we see how the older generation serves the younger generation and this inspires us to attract more and more children for discipleship.

# Belarus



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The Christian Camp was the best experience of my life. I noticed that my attitude toward others has changed in a good way. I also began to communicate with God. I felt how during the praise songs I began to relate more sincerely to my thoughts and actions. While singing songs I realized the presence of God. I wanted to praise God without ceasing. I have asked God for forgiveness. Tears flowed from my eyes. This had never happened to me before. I realized that God made a huge sacrifice for us. I also understood that without God I am not capable of anything good, and that I must learn to appreciate every minute of life. I would like to thank all the counselors for the wonderful time, lessons, and games. Also special thanks to all the cooks for the delicious food!

Danik, 13

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Christian Day Camp has become for my children the most favorite and desired place to spend time this summer. Every morning they looked forward to the start of the camp. They loved very much the Bible lessons and good instructions. My children sang songs that they have learned at the camp all day long. They made new friends with many children. They have learned to be friendly. They had a lot of impressions from the games, delicious food, kind and caring counselors. All of this will remain in the memory of the children for a long time. Thank you all for such an interesting and very useful camp.

*Diana, mother of Anita (10)  
and Milana (9).*

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The Christian Camp though it was just one week long, but it will remain in my heart for the rest of my life. I just immersed myself in God and His presence. New friends, fun games, delicious food, a pleasant atmosphere, a soft bed, and most importantly, Bible lessons every morning and the words spoken at evening meetings - I will keep it all in my heart. I prayed in repentance and now I am sure that Jesus is my Savior and Friend. I thank God for this camp and I thank all by whom I had the opportunity to enter the family of Christians. Thanks to everyone who loved me and whom I loved.

*Ksiusha, 12*

# Colombia



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Luciana Rodriguez (8 years old), likes to learn about God and what He has done for the world, to the point that even if she is in the park enjoying a sunny day, she asks her mom to take her to church to learn more about God; Luciana even though she is just a little girl, loves to share the good news with her friends and family, it stands out in her that most of the time she arrives with another child accompanying her to listen to what God has prepared for them, she is very attentive and very participative. In each service she arrives with a testimony of having told someone about Jesus and how He is with them even as a child. Luciana has become the most evangelistic child in our Red Point.

Punto Red Caniza - Bogotá, Colombia

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MARLON is a boy of ... years old did not want to go to the bible club since he only wanted to dedicate himself to vandalism and hitman since he constantly told his mother that this is the only thing that gives money. the mother reports to the club and notifies her concern of her son's thoughts , and started attending the club since he was 12 years old and now he has changed his thinking already being 14 years old telling the pastor - "Go pastor that if I could change". Now Marlon being the oldest of 7 siblings, he strives to take all his siblings to the club and support his mother in taking care of them while she works. Now he never misses the club and we give glory for what God is doing in each of the Bible clubs.

*Bible Clubs*

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Cristian, 14 years old, used to attend the meetings from time to time, but for some time now he has not missed any of the services; and as he has made an effort not to miss classes, a spirit of service has been activated in him, willing to collaborate in what is needed and wanting to please God inside and outside the church. He had trouble concentrating in school and his daily activities, but this has been improving and has been reflected in his school grades. He lives with his mother, and she is very happy with the change that her son has had, even at home. Currently, at 14 years old, he has begun the process of training in audiovisuals, sound management and being part of the logistics team of the local church at the Red Cañiza point in Bogotá, Colombia.

*Voluntario - Red Cañiza*

# France



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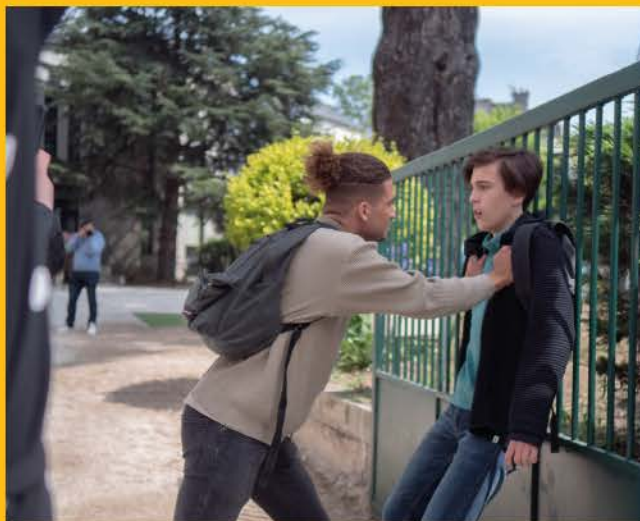
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France

The Festivals allow churches in the neighborhoods, for example, to create social links and the public authorities are very sensitive to this. The children are the stars! The pastor of a partner church testifies: "The Festivals have allowed us to go and meet the inhabitants of the neighborhood and to change their view of our church".

Festivals: "Joy to share"

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Dad's word: "The clubs are great. Thank you so much. It allows us to get together in the neighborhood, the parents and the children. And then, we see how you take care of the children.... You love them."

*Club Marseille :*

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Si on sait bien qui on est...en Jésus, on pourra pleinement entrer dans ce que Dieu veut pour nous. Un jeune qui prend conscience de son identité en Christ devient à son tour un ambassadeur et une lumière autour de lui.

Parole de jeune : « Merci de m'avoir rappelé que ma valeur ne dépendait pas de ce que je fais mais de ce que je suis en Dieu et de ce qu'il pense de moi »

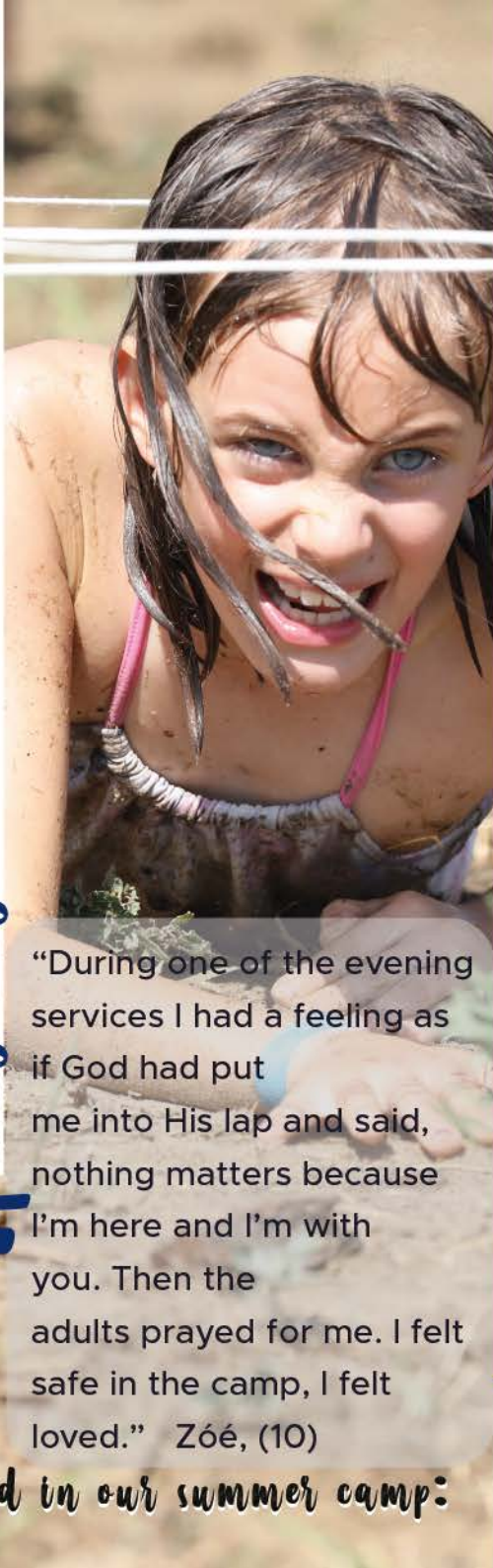
*Identity in Question :*

# Hungary



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“During one of the evening services I had a feeling as if God had put me into His lap and said, nothing matters because I’m here and I’m with you. Then the adults prayed for me. I felt safe in the camp, I felt loved.” Zóé, (10)

*from a kid in our summer camp:*

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“Zoli’s father called us in the camp mid-week, after the evangelism day, asking whatever we did to his son last night, because he called him on the phone and apologised in tears. He has never done such a thing. Then, after two weeks, he told us that his son had changed completely. He has a different attitude towards his environment and kindness and love just radiates from him.”

*From a parent in our summer camp:*

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A parent about Kid’s Place event: “It is so good to see parents working together with young, dynamic people, dedicating themselves to this ministry and building community around the eternal values of the Father’s

love. It is a miracle! “

*From a parent at our Kid’s club:*

# Moldova



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"My name is Sofia, I live in Maksimovka village. After the camp, I began to come to the teen club. Our Saturday meetings influenced me for the better. At the very beginning, I did not yet understand the value of faith in God and blindly believed. But over time, I realized that I wanted to serve God and strengthen my faith in him. The meetings taught me to pray and give more time and attention to God. Now I understand how important my coming to the Lord was, and I can say with confidence that I am saved and in good hands. I became an open person and thanks to the meetings I found my social circle, I am very glad and grateful for this!

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"I always knew that God exists, that He created me. But I didn't think that He was interested in my life. Nor did I think that my sin worries Him so much and grieves him. After this camp, I decided to try to please God, read the Bible."

*13 years*

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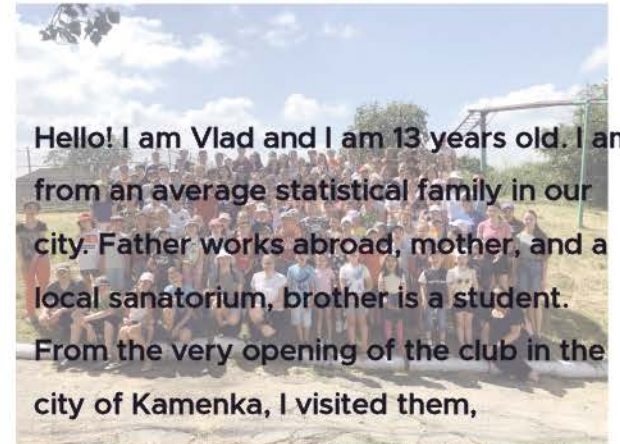
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Hello! I am Vlad and I am 13 years old. I am from an average statistical family in our city. Father works abroad, mother, and a local sanatorium, brother is a student. From the very opening of the club in the city of Kamenka, I visited them, communicated closely with all the guys and mentors. But always lived his usual life and did not want to change. After camp, my views on some things in life completely changed, I began to think about God even more, my faith in God increased. I realized that I wanted to change my behavior and move away from the old environment. Now I am attending Sunday services and participating in the preparation of the children's and teenage club program. Despite the fact that I am younger, I am accepted and this is the most important thing for me.

# Myanmar



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# ARE YOU READY? Myanmar

"Thank you so much for educating our son, Sai Paung Khi at School of Hope in Kholam. My son never been in school. He always attend cows in the field. Now, he is enrolling at a public school in our town. He also knows Jesus Christ as his God even though we are Buddhist. We approved him to be a Christian because you (teachers) change his life to be a good son at home and a good student in school. Thank you so much for your love and care. I do believe Jesus is a great God and I am also willing to know more about Him."

A mother at Center #11, Shan State

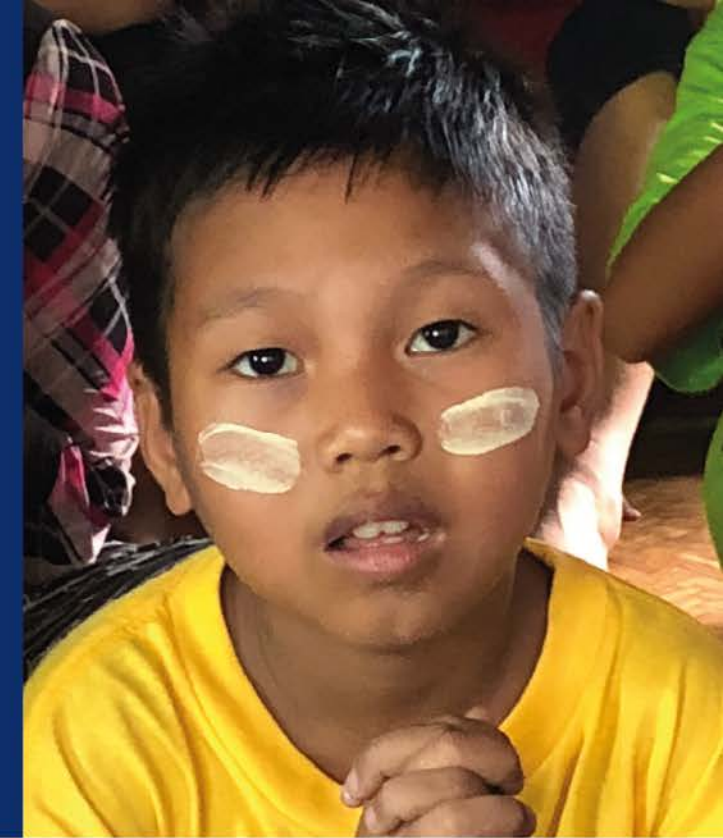
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“Before I attend School of Hope, I believe that wisdom and knowledge have nothing to do with God. I must study hard for graining knowledge and become a wise man to get rich when I grow up. After attending School of Hope in 2022, I come to understand that God is the source of all wisdom and knowledge. Fearing the Lord is the key in life. I am very glad for finding this truth from the school of hope.”

*Saw Sunday Htoo, a student at  
Center #27, Ayeyawady*

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“I am very happy for sending my son to school of hope. He received Jesus Christ as His Saviour and Lord at the children camp organized by our teachers. He also study his homework and lesson very well. He read books and he play less time with friends. He did not even go out and visit his friends in our village. He becomes very diligent and working hard person. I hope that he can become a medical doctor or engineer when he grows up so that he can help many poor people in our country.”

*A mother of David Lin,  
Center #28*

# Romania



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Alo!Copii help our church to have equipped children workers every year. The creativity and pioneering projects Alo!Copii team is bringing to us fills our hearts with joy and courage. Everytime we see a new resource from Alo!Copii we know it is good and we hurry up to have it. Our volunteers change so we need trustworthy partner in order to train them so we find in Alo!Copii trainers great people with big heart for kids and experienced trainers capable to train others focusing on a ministry with excellence.

(Dorca, 46 years old, Sunday School leader)

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I have started volunteering with Grain of Wheat camp team many years ago. The courage and skills they provided helped me to become one of their camp director. So, I could see the whole story of a camp from the other side of a camp leader. But what is greater is that not only I have met my wife in the camp among volunteers but in this season of my life when I became parent and have my own kids, I gladly bring them to Alo!Copii camps. The Alo!Copii camp experiences are Bible centered, life-transformational and long-life points of reference for goodness, love and acceptance.

*Andreas, (41 years old, camp director)*

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As young child I was invited to attend a kids club which was a wonderful and crucial experience for me. In the kids club every week I have enjoyed being loved and accepted by great leaders. This experienced connected me with local church and since then I found my joy in following Christ. So, from a simple child, I continued to serve in the kids club as a volunteer for many years and from there my heart open to love and follow the Lord with all my heart.



*Rebecca 24, years old*

# Russia



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# ARE YOU READY? Russia

Krasnoyarsk, 2019

Dima lives with his mother, but there was a time when she was imprisoned for a crime she committed, and Dima ended up in an orphanage for 5 years. Dima is a very quick-tempered boy and got into fights many times. This summer he came to our camp, where he learned about God, but his character remained the same. After another fight in the camp, we talked about his behavior and I suggested an idea - when he wants to hit someone, he can come to me and hit me. A big question mark came up in his eyes: Why someone should suffer instead of another person? During all last days of the camp Dima never came up to me. Sometimes it was evident how he restrained, clenching his fists, getting angry, but he no longer crawled into a fight. We noticed real changes in his behavior towards people around him, he found out who God is and started to have interest in Bible studying."

A counselor about Dima (III)

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"Our children visiting many camps, but there is no such relationship with children and mentors anywhere then in this camp. The staff is interested in every child, there is no indifference, and there is a great atmosphere. Our children really like coming to this camp and they have learned to pray and to thank God."

*Irina (counselor of the orphanage)*

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"Before I came to the club, all the days in my life were the same, I had no motivation to do anything and I had no friends at all, I was very withdrawn. But then someone on my birthday told me about God. He started telling me about the Loft club, about the church and after a while, I decided to come to the Loft. There I met some good people and no one looked at me with disgust, as usually happens when I walk down the street. I started going to the Loft club on Sundays. We played board games there, sang songs, talked about important topics and just had fun. There are such cool people here who are always willing to help me, but the most important thing, they don't see a disabled person in me, but just a person with a personality. Now my life has meaning and most important, I got out of depression and, again thanks to the church, I realized, that disability is not a curse."

*Andrey, 13, child with special needs:*

# South Africa



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# ARE YOU READY? South Africa

They children love school because it is a place of routine, good food, structure and care. They do not look forward to their holidays as most children do. Many of them do not cope with change. According to a UNICEF study, 70% of todays youth are struggling with mental health issues, and as much as 38% have actively sought for help with their mental health problems. I find that the learners at Rainbow are very receptive to a one on one therapy session. One of our social workers took a very troubled boy out of my office to spend time with him. I need more people like her at our school to support all our learners.

Special Needs School Principal

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S\* is 16 years old. She has mild cerebral palsy, which effects her ability to talk and co-ordinate her movements, hands, etc.(She is not in a wheel chair though – she is fully independent) As you get to know her, you realize what a wonderful, caring and intelligent person she is. She will also notice if other teachers are absent, and then come and ask me why they are away. This term a detective walked into my office to tell me that S was raped by an uncle the day before. It broke my heart. S returned to school a week later, still the same. Still smiling, though not so brightly now, and still caring about others. We continue to support her and pray with her through healing and restoration.

*Child in one of our schools*

\*name changed for privacy

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As we held our annual Rainbow Village day, where we celebrate the joy of life God has given us at our Rainbow Village. During our event, a man from the community came and told us: “ I was feeling so depressed and so sad today. I was having a terrible day. But then I heard the music and the laughter and I had to come and see what is going on. Thank you for making my day so much better and giving me hope .” I am grateful that our work not only impacts children daily but reaches our community.

*Community member:*

# Spain



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# ARE YOU READY? Spain

Semilla de Trigo has been part of my life growing up. In one way or another I have been able to participate in its activities, first as a child, then as a youth and now as an adult, to the point that Semilla has become part of my family. I take over the presidency of the board with great enthusiasm, but at the same time I feel that I have a great responsibility. Even so, I am confident that I feel supported by the other members of the Board and I will try to do my new role to the best of my ability, with God's help.

FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT MIREIA SÁNCHEZ

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Miriam is a 13-year-old girl. Local social services sent her to our urban camp in summer 2020.

She arrived from Peru less than 2 years ago and lives with her single mother in a small squat in our city with 5 other people.

Her two older brothers are still living in Peru. Both are threatened by the local mafia. They suffer a lot from this terrible danger.

A few days ago, a staff member was able to talk to Miriam. She seemed unhappy during the last few weeks. When asked about her situation, she opened her heart, feeling unhappy, useless and without purpose in this life. She confessed that a few days earlier she had planned to take her own life. In the end, she did not.

He shared with her how much God loves her through Jesus, and gave her a New Testament for children.

After this talk, Miriam felt relieved and happier.

Her mother told us that she returned home with a much better attitude than days before.

Now, we met with the mother to help her cope with Miriam's situation.

Miriam will be sponsored to attend our Urban Camps and our Sports Camp in June and July.

MIRIAM

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Fanny is a smiling girl. She is 13 years old, although her intellectual development is about 6 years old.

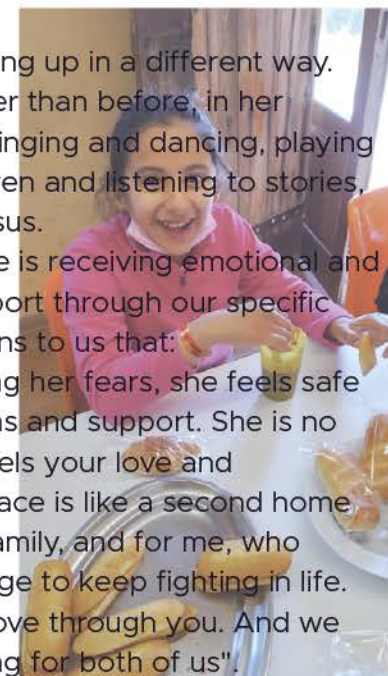
Fanny and her single mother came to Spain looking for a better life, especially for the girl. She attends several of our programs: the local club, school support, summer camp and the different camps we organize throughout the year. As her mother has very small and simple jobs, her financial situation is really limited, so we are happy to sponsor Fanny whenever we can.

We are actively supporting her development process in different ways, including some art therapy sessions.

Now, Fanny is growing up in a different way. Stronger and happier than before, in her country. She loves singing and dancing, playing with the other children and listening to stories, especially about Jesus.

Her mother says she is receiving emotional and parenting skills support through our specific program, she explains to us that:

"Fanny is overcoming her fears, she feels safe within your programs and support. She is no longer alone, she feels your love and acceptance. Your place is like a second home for her, like a new family, and for me, who receives your courage to keep fighting in life. We can see God's love through you. And we thank you for praying for both of us".



FANNY AND HER MOTHER

# Switzerland



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ARE YOU READY?

Switzerland

A few years ago, two old ladies from England came to visit La Bessonne. They were very moved when we arrived at the house. So many memories came back to them. One of them said, "When I arrived at La Bessonne 60 years ago, it was like love bouncing from wall to wall! I had never felt love before! As we walked around the house, she also remembered in which room she had given her heart to the Lord. She testified that she had felt his presence ever since.

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One night at summer camp, a young girl gave her life to Jesus as her group leader explained salvation to her group. A year later, as we sat around the campfire, we invited the children to ask for prayer if they wished. This same girl said to the leader, "I don't need you to pray for me to receive Jesus like I did last year, but I would like you to pray that I never leave him."

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One of our group leaders, who attended many camps as a child and now serves at our camps most of his vacations, recently told us that Grain of Wheat has had a huge impact on his life and that he wants to give back to others and to children from difficult backgrounds what he received at the camps. He considers us his family.

# Mganda



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# ARE YOU READY? Uganda

Children from dysfunctional families are experiencing the joy of Jesus through camps organized by Grain of Wheat Uganda. Hearing the stories of how these children are growing in their knowledge of Christ and becoming ambassadors of hope is amazing.

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Grain Of Wheat Uganda is helping children discover their unique gifts and talents and training them to serve others. Through clubs, children's leadership skills are being developed and many are growing in confidence.

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Children in poverty-stricken communities are now telling stories of transformation and a renewed desire to reach out to fellow children. Grain Of Wheat Uganda is supporting them through prayer, discipleship and mentorship.

# Ukraine



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ARE YOU READY?

Ukraine

My name is Boris, and although I am only 12 years old, I cannot say that my life is good, I have known what war is since childhood. I lived in the Donetsk region, for many years we woke up to the sound of shells, the noise of a tank driving down the street, I often saw adults crying and screaming in pain and helplessness, many children, like me, lived in basements and cellars for a long time, I know what it is to be afraid. Then we moved to the part of Ukraine where there is no war, and I thought that now we would have a real life, but it didn't happen, my father started drinking a lot, beating my mother, and as a result, we spent the night in basements and cellars again. It was just as hard and painful, and one day I thought: "What am I living for, why do I need this life, and who needs it?" And I decided to commit suicide. I had everything planned, but then an unexpected turn of events happened in my life. I saw an announcement that there would be a camp in our village, and I decided to go to the camp for the last time. This camp changed me dramatically! I thank the whole team of our mentor for telling me about the Lord! Now I pray for my parents to go to church, I pray for our country, I want to become a missionary and tell all children about the Lord!

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# COME TO KNOW

In 2004, I first visited an orphanage in the village of Vovkovyntsi, Khmelnytsky region.

There, I met a seven-year-old boy named Vanya. We taught classes and held camps at the orphanage. I had no idea that 18 years later he would become the most active member of my team.

Vanya was born into a large family, all his brothers and sisters grew up in the orphanage in Vovkovyntsi, and his youngest brother Bohdan was taken in by a family from Dunayevtsi.

Vanya helped us with the camps all the time while studying at the university.

After graduation, he moved to Dunayivtsi, was baptized, and now serves in our church.

At the camp he worked with the youngest boys and led a photo club. We received many wonderful professional photos and interesting creative videos.

Therefore, it is very important what we sow in children's hearts and souls. Perhaps we will see the result in many years, perhaps not all children will repent, but it is God's work to grow. Our task is to preach the Good News to as many children as possible.

Camp director

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My name is Matvey, I am 11 years old. My father never went to God, but when there were camps, he always helped. My mom, brother and I prayed for him until one day he accepted Christ.

Every summer I came to the camp until something terrible happened. War came to our country. And it started in our city of Chernihiv. When bombs were falling, rockets were exploding and sirens were sounding, I was very scared, and we hid in my grandmother's cellar because there was no time to run to the bomb shelter.

My father's brother, my uncle and his wife also ran for cover, and then the worst happened. Everyone managed to get to the bomb shelter, but not my uncle. Everyone was waiting for him, waiting, but he did not come. When we came out, we saw that he had been hit by a shell and died. Everyone was crying and screaming.

In May, my uncle's wife gave birth to a girl, my cousin Masha. She is very beautiful, but I am sad that she did not know her father. My father took us to another city, away from the explosions, and we lived there in a church. When it was time to start the camps, we returned to our town.

It was quiet and peaceful, only many houses were destroyed. As always, the camp was good and interesting, and we even forgot about our grief. The children and adults prayed a lot, and during the whole week only once did the siren sound to remind us of that terrible night.