

ECL Door of Hope

Bringing Hope to the helpless and Help to the helpless

“Early in the morning... he sat down, and taught them”

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Over two thousand years ago, these words, spoken by Jesus of Nazareth, the human face of God, perfectly expresses what we are endeavouring to do among a small but vital section of the poor of the world.

Many of you are aware that Door of Hope is feeding the bodies and educating the minds of children living in the type of village that you see in this first picture. In depressing shanty towns, ghetto villages and run-down city suburbs of Bulgaria and the Ukraine, Door of Hope feeds many tiny mouths from its capably staffed centres. Realising that the mind of a child must be stimulated as well as its fragile body fed, many projects have been carefully designed by Janet, our Director of Educational Projects, for basic education and literacy.



Most of the children that you see in these pictures are unable to access main stream education. Many are from dysfunctional homes at the bottom of the social scale. Large numbers live on the streets. Scores of them survive on one meal every other day, and sadly, a great number suffer sexual abuse from members of their family. Unlocking the potential within these children and helping them to develop a sense of personal worth is important for their future, and for the future of the

communities from which they come.

This is why Door of Hope is working hard to provide over one hundred children in our school in the Turkish ghetto of Chirpan, and the gypsy villages of Ihitiman and Svoboda a basic education which they are not able to access in the state system.



Our developing literacy programmes are helping these children not only to learn how to play, and to read and write, but to give them a sense of worth, and a code of Christian and moral values.

In the picture below, you will see the children being taught to pray before the commencement of their lessons.

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Our education programme started two years ago. We continue to train teachers and provide text books. As you are no doubt aware, we have to find money for teaching as well as for feeding the children.

Many of you have been our source of help in the past, *just as you are our hope in the future*. As Jesus sat down and taught his listeners, **please help us to do the same with these poor, deprived children**. Be assured that your financial gift toward this project will be gratefully received and widely used. **Thank you.**

God go with you.

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