

Boys Camp – 2006

Cabin Devotion: Monday, July 24, 2006

Scripture reading: Matthew 5:14-16

Do you know where the country of Moldova is? It is a very small country in Eastern Europe between the Ukraine and Romania. Moldova is one of the poorest nations in the world. In Moldova more than 11,000 children live in poverty-level, state-run orphanages.

Recently, Pastor Darryl Smith from First Baptist Church in Huntington, Texas urged his members to get involved in an overseas mission opportunity to help the orphans of Moldova. His church is a small, rural congregation, but they have great faith in a great God. The pastor said, "We are going to trust God to help us do this." They decided to set aside all the offerings on one Sunday for a mission trip to Moldova and on that one Sunday they raised \$34,000.

Fourteen members of the church actually made the trip to Moldova, although every member felt he or she had a part in sending them. They went to a state-run orphanage where they held a youth camp. The response of the children was fantastic. They seemed starved for the love that the church members showed them.

One young girl said, with tears in her eyes, "I would like to have a good future. I want to help people. I want to do good things. But maybe I will be out on the streets begging, I don't know."

The visit of these mission volunteers from First Baptist Church helped the children to have hope; hope for their future and hope of eternal life with Jesus.

Steve Davis, a member of the church in Huntington, says, "When I think of Moldova I think of a light shining in darkness. The light is shining in the faces of these children."

Steve says that they are a small church but they serve a very big God. "We can't touch the whole world," says Steve, "but we can touch part of the world. We are called to do something."

Jesus told His disciples, "You are the light of the world . . . Let your light shine before men." Who will be the light of Jesus for the people of Moldova if the Christians of First Baptist Church in Huntington are not? Who will be the light of Jesus in your part of the world if you are not?

Questions for Discussion

1. Can you imagine being an orphan and having no parents? What would it be like to wonder if you would wind up on the streets begging for your bread? What would it be like to think that you had no future at all?
2. What did Jesus mean when He said, "You are the light of the world?"
3. How was the First Baptist Church in Huntington being involved in harvesting a crop for eternal life? How did the church show their faith in God?
4. Would you like to be involved in a mission trip like this? Where? How?

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