

A Moment in Macedonia

Summer

We have had a busy and fun summer in the UMC in Macedonia.

In June, four eager volunteers came from Cliff College in England, to help with Meals on Wheels at the Miss Stone Center and to work with children in Strumica (city) and Monospitovo (village).



Cliff College volunteers



Helping the children make cookies for the Meals on Wheels recipients



The boys cooked, too.

We were also blessed with two individual volunteers during the summer. Seminary student Loleuth Flener arrived in May.

In late June, university student Natosha Mulholland came to work with children and help at the Miss Stone Center.



Natosha, Ani and Loletuth



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Vacation Bible School

In July, 120 children participated in our Vacation Bible School with the theme, "Where your treasure is there will your heart be also" (Luke 12:34). There were Bible lessons, songs, games and fellowship. For a craft, the children decorated and stuffed small heart-shaped pillows, one to keep and one to give away. The gift pillows were presented to the children with special needs who attended our camp the following week.



Showing his craft at camp for children with special needs



Happy to receive a gift pillow

In August, fifty of our youth participated in youth camp, with Bible study, praise singing, fellowship, sports and other activities.



Heart pillows made at VBS

Camp for children with special needs

Ninety children with special needs from throughout Macedonia attended the camp we organized for them at Lake Ohrid. Youth from our church taught them Bible lessons, arts and crafts and music. Funding for the camp came from HEKS inter-church aid organization in Switzerland.



Volunteers from First United Methodist Church of Fox Hill, Hampton, Virginia

visited their In-Mission-Together partner church in Murtino (village), for worship, fellowship, English camp and other activities. Here they tour a care center for the disabled.