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NEWSLETTER  
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Dear Friends,  
I wish you a most blessed celebration of Christmas! May our Glorious Lord Jesus Christ, the Prince of peace, meet all your needs and bless you abundantly!

Thank you for supporting the ministry of Mission Possible. The Lord is meeting our needs through your friendship and prayers.

Be filled with His joy!

In Christ,  
Roumen Ivanov



## NEW SOUP KITCHEN IN IHTIMAN

**W**inter is back again, bringing new challenges and difficulties for the children in the Gypsy area. The financial whirlwind didn't spare this place either and most of the people in Ihtiman were left jobless, without any income whatsoever. You can easily sense the overwhelming need of bread, clothes, and heat at every corner of the Gypsy neighborhood, but most of all in the eyes of children.

There is only one place where HOPE is rekindled and this is the soup kitchen at the church. The backyard and the soup kitchen are filled with joyful excitement – bunches of kids keep coming, impatient to grab the bowl of hot lentil soup. Praise God, this winter again there will be warm food for the children. And what is more – they will have their meals in a brand new kitchen! The grimy, cold, tin-roofed shack, used for the past ten years, is gone. Last summer Mission Possible provided construction materials and volunteers from the church built a new larger and cleaner kitchen and a dining room.

**In this newsletter you can read more about:**

WHEN MISSION POSSIBLE SUPPORTS THE FEEDING OF CHILDREN, IT SUPPORTS THE EVANGELIZING OF THEIR WHOLE FAMILIES...

The church is the only Christian light in this Muslim area of about 10 000 Gypsies. By showing love and care for the children, the believers expect to meet soon their parents, spiritually hungry for the Truth. When Mission Possible supports the feeding of children, it supports the evangelizing of their whole families.

## THE COOKS

At the door of the new dining room we are met by two smiling young women – Annie and Vera. They are volunteers, dedicated to cook for more than 60 children this winter. Apparently, they enjoy serving the Lord in this bright and comfortable place. Now that they have finished preparing lunch and set the tables with bread and bowls of steaming

The cooks Annie and Vera meet the children with a smile and bowls full of lentil soup.



The new dining room is spacious, clean and full of light.

hot lentil soup, they are ready to meet the hungry children, aged from 2 to 12.

Asked the 19-year old Annie, pregnant in the fifth month, why she took this heavy responsibility in her present condition. 'The Lord put a burden in my heart to help the hungry children' – she said simply. 'I love my Lord and I want to obey Him.'

This winter the old tin shack was left behind desolate and quiet.



Every day after school, Yagoda and Daniela have lunch here, and then they help their mother giving out food and washing the dishes.

Vera – 27, is unemployed. Instead of staying at home and worrying about her problems, she decided to please the Lord by cooking for the hungry kids in the neighborhood. Her children - Yagoda (13), Daniela (11) and Nadia (8), will also be coming here for a warm lunch after school and helping her with washing the dishes.

This video will show you more about the NEW SOUP KITCHEN:  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GJ6f4Ont73U>  
or click on the photo

# RAYCHO

Raycho is one of those children, running after school to the church for some warm soup. He is now 7, in the first grade, and loves talking. We are sitting around him, eager to learn more about his life. He has three brothers and one sister that have already had their soup today. He loves coming here to eat, too. His parents are unemployed. They are not Christians (most of the people in this neighborhood are muslims), but allow their children to go to the soup kitchen. Sometimes Raycho goes to church on his own, because he likes the songs. Especially this one: „Devla, Devla-a-a-a-a-a!“ (Oh God, my God!). He does not remember ever receiving a present in his life. He does not have any toys at home, but

*„I drew myself a moustache and a beard - says Raycho about the blue spots under his nose and lower lip - I want to look like a grown-up.“*

loves playing ball with the boys from the neighborhood. His dream is to have his own ball!

While he is speaking, gasping with excitement between the words, with legs banging from the high sofa and kicking the air the way children do, we notice that he is wearing summer sandals in late cold November!

„Oh, I have shoes – Raycho says, - but my older brother put them on, so he can go to school.“



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