



for some recreation and fellowship too. The Rila Hotel had a pool for some swimming and great grounds for outside activities. There was a lot of space in the public areas for conversations and games there as well.

The third **Love Bulgaria Youth Evangelism Conference** is planned for July 2010 as well as some day workshops this fall and next spring in regions near where the participants that attended live.

WE are looking for youth groups from America of the United Kingdom to come and be part of that English component. If interested please contact Al Mellinger at almellinger@yahoo.com.



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LOVE BULGARIA



YOUTH EVANGELISM CONFERENCE



The Second Annual Love Bulgaria Youth Evangelism Conference was held July 13-18, 2009 – In a ski resort town call Semkovo, Bulgaria.

Over 140 persons from all over Bulgaria, the United States and England participated in all or part of the conference. **Love Bulgaria** had 3 parts: The first Tuesday and Wednesday during the day, focused on the "How to's of evangelism" – specifically sharing your faith. The next two days we practiced what was taught in villages and towns around Semkovo. The evenings were all about the growth of the believer, ways to get stronger as a Christ follower.



A partnership between **Anagenesis** (the Free Methodist Foundation in Bulgaria) and **Renewal International Network Bulgaria**, sponsored this multilingual event. Everything was done in English and Bulgarian as the teachers came from 3 countries – America, England and Bulgaria.

The evening topics were – Why we share our Faith and Do you have a Faith to share, How to Study the Bible, Prayer, Belonging to a Community (church) and Where do we go from Here (leaving the mountain). The how to's included – How to tell your story, How to tell God's story, Intentional living and Basic Apologetics (knowing what you believe).



We also offered workshops on: music, dance, drama, media, child evangelism,



sports and street drumming. Using music, video's, drama, dance and other tools of today's media the participants were kept interested and engaged in the topics. The amazing setting was a ski resort in the Rila Mountains where they were able to enjoy God's beauty as well as get away from the normal routine of life. God spoke to most of the participants during the conference as the testimonies and response to the messages were powerful.

This year **Love Bulgaria** had a youth team from **Renewal Christian Centre** in Solihul, England and a youth group from the **Free Methodist Church in Greenville**, Illinois, come to assist with conference. The goal was to have no more than about 25% of the participants native English speakers. Since all students in Bulgaria begin to take English in grade 1 by the time they are in High School they understand a lot words. The English aspect of the conference was (and is) actually a drawing card for folks to come.



the music.

Love Bulgaria was not all work there was time

The participants liked and wanted that English language component. All the teaching was translated from English to Bulgarian or Bulgarian to English depending on who is doing the teaching. Even the worship was done in both languages as there was a mixed worship band leading

