

# BULGARIAN FEEDING PROGRAM/Community Center Project

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## Partner Youth Groups

There are several churches in Bulgaria that have the heart and the desire to assist with the needy in their community but lack enough resources to make it happen. There are widows who have been ignored by society and kids who are left to fend for themselves. These local churches in Bulgaria want to reach out and help. And with your help, together we can make a difference.

We are looking for youth groups who want to partner with these churches, for the long haul, to make a difference. It doesn't take a lot if everyone comes together to help.

If we had 20 Youth Groups contributing \$60 a month (about \$2 a day or \$15 a week) we would have \$1200 a month x 12 months equals \$14,400 toward the feeding programs – That is about half of what we need for one of our Feeding Program budgets. (That is an example - If we took in more we could use it to do more feeding programs.)

"This is a feeding program not a child sponsorship – each location feeds 50 plus kids and widows a week. They rotate in and out as they move - since some live on the streets. You never know who will come in. The need is great and you can help!"

How can you HELP? see how on the back.



**Can Your Group Help?**

Figure out how many are in your youth group. Divide the \$60 a month by your average weekly attendance and that is what each should give each month.

An average youth group is about 15 people = \$60 divided by 15 = \$4 a person or \$1 a week.

Now if you have a larger youth group maybe you could do \$90 a month or \$120. What youth couldn't do \$1 a week? (That is less than a 20 oz pop at the "7-11")

We would recommend the giving to be \$1 a week for your average attendance. Set that as your goal and send it in Regularly – it can be done online so it can be applied right away. See the Goal Plan section to help determine a goal for this project.



**Goal and Plan**

First of all Pray  
 Second be realistic and yet challenging.  
 Third pray again and ask the teens to pray and then commit.

As the leader you may need to help cast the vision and break it down so that a \$1000 commitment (which seems like a lot to a teen can be achieved) here are some ways to create a plan and then sell it to the teens.

**One idea:**

Number of youth attending  
 \_\_\_\_\_ X \$\_\_\_\_\_ (suggestion \$1)  
 = \$\_\_\_\_\_ a weekly goal.

Weekly goal \_\_\_\_\_ X 52 weeks a year =

\$\_\_\_\_\_ A year.



**Another idea:**

Set your goal for the year

\$\_\_\_\_\_ divide by 52

weeks\* = \$\_\_\_\_\_ Weekly goal.

(\*or less if you group takes off for the summer or holidays.)

**A Third idea:**

Do a projects that raises funds, raise as much as you can and send it all in as your yearly goal – (it works but it doesn't help teach and remind the students on a regular bases about the needs. More consistently is more helpful as we can space out the funds to the programs.)



To get involved contact Al Mellinger at [almellinger@yahoo.com](mailto:almellinger@yahoo.com) or call 419-617-4568 (Ohio number that rings in Bulgaria – 7 hours ahead of east coast time) and we can get you started. We have videos and lesson plans to help your group learn all about the need and how to help! Get started today!