

# SUMMER TEAMS



## Brazil

"Imagine meeting 20 young people, homeless, unloved and unwanted in a car park that stank of vomit and urine. Imagine hugging those kids and singing Christian songs to them. Imagine feeding them and sharing Jesus with them. Well this was what I was involved with as part of the summer team in Brazil .

Imagine being a street kid, thought of as rubbish, no education, just drugs. Imagine being raped and forced into prostitution or having to learn how to kill in order to survive. Imagine someone caring enough to provide them with respite from the street. A place to go three mornings a week to sleep, to be fed, to have someone willing to engage with them ,to play games and sing songs. Imagine telling them about a man called Jesus who loves them and wants to save them. Imagine the privilege of sharing your testimony with them. What a humbling experience that was." ■

**Kay Wimpenny** – Brazil Summer Team

## France

"I felt that there was a sense of fellowship among the team...this was increased by our times of prayer in the mornings and evenings, and our praise times when we also shared our personal testimonies.

We were involved in taking Sunday schools and organising kids' clubs, as well as distributing tracts produced by the church in the surrounding towns and villages. These contained invitations to two special evangelistic meetings in which we took part. We praise God for the attendance of a Hindu lady who wanted to know more about the Christian faith, and for three responses to the Gospel tracts.

For me the most exciting and challenging part of our work was the opportunity to talk with people on the streets about God and the Bible through the use of questionnaires. The attitudes of many people and the answers they gave opened my eyes to the spiritual darkness of an area so geographically close to Britain. This encouraged us all the more during our tract distribution, as it was motivating to be possibly the only means by which so many people would hear the Gospel, and it definitely gave us a taste for mission work." ■

**Hannah Brown** – France Summer Team

## Hungary

"Our team gelled very well together. We were from completely different backgrounds, but we were all working towards the same goal. Tamás, the Assistant Pastor at the church in Hungary, couldn't have done enough for us. He was a wonderful host and must have been worn out translating for us! He had the Camp incredibly well organised and thought of everything, even putting Shetland pictures up in our classroom!

We have so many lovely memories of Hungary: huge fields of sunflowers, giant storks' nests on the electricity wires, the warm hospitality of the Hungarian people, so many people on bikes, horses and carts sharing the roads with fast cars, delicious food, produce fresh from the garden – and playing the children's favourite game, Bingo, for everything from transport and vegetables to animals and weather!

All in all, it was a fantastic experience. We felt God had used us – weak vessels – to help reach others for him and there is no better feeling." ■

**Elizabeth Adamson** – Hungary Summer Team



Summer teams are a great way to get a flavour of cross-cultural mission, to grow in your relationship with the Lord and for making supportive friendships that will last. That's what those who go on summer teams tell us. Each year teams go to various countries and serve the Lord in a host of ways. Last summer teams went to Brazil, France and Hungary. Those who went all speak enthusiastically of their time on summer teams. Here are some of their memories.....

