

Moldova Disabled Children's Summer Camp 2013

This was my fourth time leading a team in Moldova, and what a big group we were, being a team of eight this year. This was very good news for the Moldova team as it freed some of them up from teaching to concentrate on other things. It was really lovely to meet old friends again and to make new friends with children and their families who had not been before.

Half the UK team had not been to Summer Camp before, but we all worked well together, bringing different giftings to the team.

All the donations of nappies and toiletries was very much appreciated and put to good use. I also took donated toys and games which the children really enjoyed.

Each day the children enjoyed a bible story, followed by craft, provided by the team. After lunch together, and a short siesta, we all went swimming, weather permitting. The donation of swim aids was greatly appreciated, as many of the children had never seen a swimming pool before, let alone knowing how to swim, but they enjoyed the water very much.

On the last day at camp the parents and children relaxed, whilst the teams from Moldova and England worked to make it a special day, enjoying a free toy shop, games, face painting and a clown!

Summer Camp was an amazing and unforgettable experience for everyone- the children, the parents and all the volunteers. The delight on the faces of the children and the appreciation of all the parents is something we will never forget, and the tears of sadness as we went our separate ways at the end of camp were very real- we had all become friends and saying 'Goodbye' to friends is always so hard, especially when you know the difficult lives so many will be taking up again when they get back home.

I hope they have a safe and happy year until we meet again.

Carole



UK team 2013



Moldova and UK teams 2013



One of the many fun games enjoyed in the evening meetings.



Swimming every afternoon was really enjoyed.