



**SpeakOut** is a strategic element of our ministry to high school students in Romania. It is part of a larger program that is called YTL (Youth on the Threshold of Life). Throughout the year we have a team dedicated to working with high school students, sharing the gospel, and discipling those who come to Christ.

During the summer we have a week-long English camp that 1) helps us develop students who are interested in spiritual growth and 2) enables us to share the gospel with those who are not yet believers. We hope to have 80 students attending our camp. Most of these students will not be believers. Thus, we will have a great opportunity to show the love of Christ and share the gospel.

#### **Why will these students come to the camp?**

They will all be interested in practicing English and having fun. The fact that they will interact with native English speakers is special. (Your team makes a huge contribution!)

Each student, and their parents, are well informed that our English camp emphasizes the importance of faith and Christian principles. With that said, the majority of our students will have only been acquainted with secular camps. Over the years we've learned to anticipate that non-Christians will act like non-Christians. Thus, SpeakOut is not a tame environment. It is shining the light in the real world, which is both thrilling and challenging.

### **Tutoring groups: the goldmine of the camp.**

The campers will be divided into tutoring groups. Each group will be formed so that students with similar English abilities will be gathered together. The primary task of the English speaking volunteers (ie, those from your church) is to lead a tutor group of 4 to 6 students. Guys with guys, girls with girls.

The majority of the afternoons will be spent in tutoring groups. There are 3 things that will happen during this time. First, the tutor will decide with the group what type of activities the group would like to do (tutor-time is not intended to be limited to sitting-in-a-room). A group might go hiking, toss a frisbee, play a little soccer. The structure is loose so that the relational aspect of the group can blossom. Secondly, tutor time will include activities that are a continuation from English morning class. These activities will have each camper exercising his/her English skills. Third, tutors will have an opportunity to share their faith and find out what the group thinks about spiritual topics. We have designed specific conversations for each day that will help the tutor share his/her faith.

Tutor groups are a highlight of the SpeakOut camp structure. These groups ensure that we connect well with all of the students. The groups are designed to create an environment of open sharing and connection. The groups also create a sense of belonging. The tutor group will be the place of deepest connection in the midst of many activities.

The connection a tutor has with the students in their group is not limited to the afternoon. We encourage tutors to connect with these students individually throughout the week. Catch a meal with one of them...go out for a late night walk with another. Build a relationship and get to know them.

### **Fun! Let's have Fun!**

We'll play interesting games. We'll probably have a big treasure hunt one evening. We'll laugh a lot and poke a little fun here and there. We hope to create a joyful atmosphere that causes everyone to look forward to what is next. (See video link at bottom of page).

### **Using your talents.**

We are looking forward to having our tutors share their God-given abilities. During some of our evenings we will have a program entitled "Story of the Soul." During this program we select a theme like, "What is my purpose in life?" Using the arts and media, we will listen to the longings of the human soul that are connected to the topic. We will interact, seeking honest

discussion. A program like this opens itself up for many types of expression. We will seek to integrate the talents of our tutors into these evenings.

### **SpeakOut is part of a bigger picture.**

Here in Romania we are trusting God to create a spiritual movement among high school students in Bucharest. We have a full-time team focused on this goal. All through the year they meet with students. They enter into the schools using classroom lecturing, meet one-on-one and in small groups with students. One Saturday per month we have a large group meeting where students can invite their friends.

SpeakOut is a critical part of building a Spiritual Movement among Romanian high school students. It gives us a very concentrated time to connect with students and help them along their spiritual journey.

We have a vision for seeing high school students involved in constant discipleship, learning to share their faith. We are working and praying toward this end. The work with students is going well, but we have dreams of a day in which there will be more momentum and students who are ready to disciple other students. You are helping us achieve this goal.

### **Length of the trip:**

Given transportation time, a briefing day, a debrief day, and a week-long camp, the trip lasts 10 days. We would like your team to **arrive in Bucharest on August 3 and depart Bucharest August 13, 2019**. We will travel together to the camp site which is 1 ½ hours drive from Bucharest.

### **Costs:**

Airfare is a bit of a wild card in determining the cost of a SpeakOut trip. If airfare is \$1,500, then the overall cost of the trip would be \$2,360/person. This sum includes everything (hotels, meals, camp costs, visiting sites, in-country transportation).

Here is a video link to last year's SpeakOut so that you can see what it's like:

<https://www.facebook.com/3DSaturday/videos/1869663243126361/>

We hope and pray that the Lord will lead you to JOIN US this summer!

Serving Him together with you,

Dave and Shari Ginn

*Cru Romania*

