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There is Hope

TeenStreet Germany – Sarina & Daniel Zinstag



Imagine two people holding a rope. Picture that rope as your lifeline. The moment one person pulls, tension rises. If both pull, the strain grows even stronger. And with tension comes struggle and suffering. What happens in such moments? Is there Hope? Yes—there is! Hold on tight. There is always Hope!

“I am coming soon. Hold on to what you have, so that no one will take your crown.” (Revelation 3:11)
God teaches hope. That’s what I discovered at TeenStreet, through the Book of Revelation.

What is TeenStreet?

TeenStreet is a week-long event run by OM (Operation Mobilisation). Nowadays, it brings together thousands of teenagers from nearly 50 countries, creating a vibrant community of young people determined to live on purpose for Jesus. One core value of TeenStreet that stuck with me was the idea of small groups. Every participant at TeenStreet is part of a small group which

goal is to “live a life that is fun, goes deep, and boldly follows Jesus.”

This year, TeenStreet took place in Offenburg, Germany, gathering 3,000 participants for a week.

Youngstars International at TeenStreet

With our stand outdoors and a campfire glowing each evening near the food corner, we connected with teenagers and leaders. We shared about Youngstars – our clubs, our work in different countries and our passion for reaching the next generation. TeenStreet became a bridge, opening doors to contacts across nations and conversations about how the Good News can be experienced through hands-on learning.

Looking ahead

We are already excited for next year’s TeenStreet. Our dream is to launch a Youngstars-style activity where both teens and leaders can experience the Gospel in a tangible, unforgettable way.



And remember the rope? Hold on tight – because there is Hope.

“Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings,

because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.”
(Romans 5:3–4)

Beyond the border

Leadership Training Moldova



My name is Benjamin Drașovean and from June 29 to July 5, 2025 I was part of the training team for the Leadership Training course organized by Youngstars in Moldova.

During this week, we took a closer look at the life of Elijah, focusing on the calling he received, how he responded and the miracles God performed through him. I am from Romania, and this was my first time teaching a course abroad. Stepping into this new environment, I realized I was “beyond the border” not only in the physical sense, being in another country, but also in my personal journey. It felt like crossing an inner threshold: challenging myself to adapt, to share knowledge in a new context and to connect with people from different backgrounds.

Being beyond the border reminded me that growth often happens when we step into unfamiliar territory. And that’s exactly what the participants experienced as

well. Most of them were not familiar with the Youngstars ministry, so one of the challenges we faced was adapting the course to their context. On the first night, we were supposed to travel with the participants to another village and sleep there. Because they were not used to this kind of activity, we discussed canceling the trip. In the end, we decided to continue but return to the campsite to sleep.

Looking back, I could see God’s guidance in that decision. The trip helped us grow closer as a team and get to know each other better and at the same time no one was too exhausted the next day.

Throughout the course, there was a lot of new information for the participants, especially regarding experiential learning. The content was taught in an experiential way as well. They were challenged to step out of their comfort zones and practice what they were taught. They learned how to create a full program for children, how to teach the Bible in a way children can understand and how to use outdoor elements and activities to emphasize biblical truths.



At the end of the course, the participants had to prepare a program for children. One day before the event, we went into the village to invite children to come to the park. I was encouraged to see many children there. The next day, we prayed for the program and went to the park. When the time came to start no children had arrived.

For me, this was another moment when I encountered God. I realized again that even if we do everything right,

God is the one who makes things happen. After we prayed again, we went back into the village to invite the children one more time. Within 30 minutes, twenty children came to the park and heard the Gospel.

I pray that the Youngstars ministry in Moldova will continue to grow, that the children in Moldova will have more opportunities to hear the Gospel and that all the participants from this course will find their place and ministry in God's Kingdom.

God answers prayers

Youngstars Camp in Latvia



The Youngstars group in Latvia held its third camp and this time it was a step closer to the true Youngstars spirit: everyone stayed in tents! This came with its fair share of challenges, but it also built resilience, both for children and the team. Furthermore, it helped everyone grow in appreciation for nature and simplicity.

This year, the leaders took the children on a journey through the life of Jesus, following the story of the disciples, from their calling all the way to the ascension. Some days were light and easy to follow, but Thursday was more intense, as we explored the crucifixion of Jesus. That night, the children were challenged to

respond to the Gospel and many did. What a wonderful moment!

We spent that evening gathered around a big campfire, singing songs, sharing laughter... and yes, enjoying dessert! It truly was a marvelous night. One memory that stood out was the weather. The forecast had predicted rain every day; yet it barely rained at all! Every time rain was expected, we prayed and the rain stayed away. For some children this was their first encounter with answered prayer. One of them said: "God really exists, because He listens to our prayers!" It was such a special moment — a reminder that God reveals Himself even in the little things. During the camp we had a scavenger hunt, hosted a soccer tournament, practiced archery, danced, sang, and of course, battled the swarms of mosquitoes. All in all, we believe every participant went home satisfied and changed.

It was also very clear that people were praying for this camp. We had a few situations that could've turned into something serious — but they didn't. God protected us. Near the end of camp, one of our leaders was bitten by a snake. Thankfully, she's doing much better now, though her leg hasn't fully healed yet.

We could sense the spiritual battle; Satan was clearly fighting for the hearts of the children. But of course, God

is much more powerful, and He didn't let the enemy win. Everyone enjoyed the camp, especially us, the leaders. We were so blessed to have experienced and skilled helpers from Switzerland and Cosmin from Romania. We learned so much from them and we are praying and trusting that God will continue to move in Latvia and bless this ministry. We hope the pictures can express what words cannot.

God is good!



God knew my heart

Vini Baran, Romania

“God knew my desire and He had everything already prepared.”

Vini Baran shares how Team Leader Training became more than just a course, it became a powerful testimony of God's guidance, perfect timing, and life transformation.

Team Leader Training was for me the most desired course, I deeply felt and knew I needed it. I'm currently leading two growing groups: one with teenagers and another at my workplace. I knew that this training would equip me to serve them better.

I had been aware of the training even a training for some time ago. This year, it was scheduled at the same time as another training course (Leadership Training), where volunteers were needed. When I spoke with the leaders from the organisation, I told them my heart was set on Team Leader Training, but that I was willing to help in Leadership if needed. I offered myself as a volunteer, ready to serve.

When the registration for Team Leader Training opened, I signed up immediately. At the same time, I still expected to be contacted about serving in LST. Even

so, my hope remained to attend the training. Just a few days later, I got a phone call asking if I could step in as a leader in LST. The team knew how much I longed to join Team Leader Training, but they also had an urgent need for a male volunteer. I said yes – I would serve in LST. Still, I couldn't shake the regret that I would miss the opportunity to attend the training. I even started calculating how many years it might take before I could try again. I wondered if maybe, someday, I would teach in it instead. We began our preparation meetings for LST, and I did my best to move forward with peace.



Then, just two weeks before the courses began, I received two phone calls from the organization: "Vini, we have very good news – you can go to Team Leader Training!" With God's guidance and help, Cosmin recognized the need in my life for this training. He found someone else to replace me in LST and just like that, the door opened. I was overwhelmed with emotion and joy.

God knew my desire. He knew exactly why I needed to be in Team Leader Training. He had everything already prepared. Looking back, I truly believe God orchestrated this so that my heart would be fully open to what He wanted to do through the course. It felt like an adventure, but one with deep personal meaning. On the very first day, God spoke to me. That surprised me; usually, He speaks to me midway through a course. This time, it happened right away and again, through Cosmin. Interestingly, the course also ended with a word from Cosmin. It was as if God used him to bookend the whole experience.

Each day, God worked on my mind and heart, not just to change how I think or feel, but to lead me to action. I felt called to make immediate, practical decisions. This wasn't just inspiration, it was transformation.

I learned so much in Team Leader Training: personal and professional development, deep connection in



small groups, powerful morning devotionals, but most importantly, I experienced God's active presence and guidance in my life. I could feel Him looking directly at me, removing the "stones" from my vessel, beginning a process of refining and reshaping me. It was incredible.

I completed Team Leader Training, making thoughtful decisions and sincere commitments that are already creating real change in my life. This entire journey brought me closer to God, and closer to the work of Micii Exploratori in Romania.

Events

12.11.2025

Nat. Coordinator Meeting (online)

13.–16.11.2025

Sboard meeting in Switzerland

23.11.2025 | 10:00

**Presentation YI in Viva Kirche
Gränichen AG**

02.12.2025 | 20:00

Prayer Event prisma Rapperswil

10.12.2025

Nat. Coordinator Meeting (online)

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