

## **RYS 2014 summer project in the nation of Georgia**

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Beloved Family members,

Warm greetings from Georgia. I'm sending You the information about upcoming RYS 2014 summer program in Georgia. Please, consider Your participation and share the good news with your friends.

For official information about Religious Youth Service programs, please visit:

[www.religiousyouthservice.org/](http://www.religiousyouthservice.org/)

Wishing you all the best! Looking forward for your reply,

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A Religious Youth Service (RYS) project “Youth Leaders: Serving Together for Peace” will take place July 13-20, 2014 in western Georgia’s historic province of Samegrelo. The central city of the region, Zugdidi is located 318 kilometers west of the capital city Tbilisi, 30 km from the Black sea coast.

RYS in Georgia, one of the ancient and fascinating countries in the world, is the experiential service-learning project. As part of the ongoing South Caucasus Peace Initiative, it will be significant event to bring together young people of diverse faiths, ethnicities, nationalities, generations and cultures from South Caucasus nations and abroad to contribute to peacebuilding efforts in a variety of contexts. As a mixed group of people from different backgrounds, participants will be able to learn from each other and senior advisors how to make a positive difference in the world.

Volunteers will be engaged in: service activities at the historical Dadiani Botanical Garden; visits to religious and cultural sights; interactive trainings and discussions on conflict resolution, peacemaking and communication; reflection; as well as sightseeing, entertainment and sport.

Applicants are being sought to join in an atmosphere of partnership and gain valuable, life-changing experiences. This is sure to be reminiscing and memory making time. The seeds of love and service to be planted at the project will ultimately transform both participants and the local community.

Participants are responsible for their travel expenses to the project site in Zugdidi.

Participation fee of \$100 will your contribution towards achieving the project goals.