



**„For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth....”**

Romans 1:16

Good News Across

# POLAND

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Dear Friends!

Recently we can notice in the churches more interest in children. This is good! In the last 40 years more Christians, more churches, more mission organizations focus have been focusing their attention, energy and resources on children's ministry, more then than any time in history of Christian church. More and better prepared specialists are organizing trainings, conferences about children, and we have more and more publications using all possible media. Many of them have helped the church in the ministry among children, especially those who have not heard the gospel yet.

However we can also notice other influences on children, which as Christians we have to object to and even consider as blasphemous. No activity can replace the influence of the Word of God. Children not only have to see believing people but they have to hear from them the living and clear gospel. It is not enough to play with them, do sport, provide them artistic sensations. Their needs are much deeper. Very often, even in Christian churches there are certain values being subtly smuggled in, which hardly can be found in the Bible. There are certain movements, which instead proclaiming to children salvation in the Lord Jesus, present unbiblical content which give blurred picture of Saviour. Some of these are “Faith Movement”, “Movement of Sings and Wanders” Signs and Wonders, “Theology of Authority” “Kingdom Now”, “New Apostolic Reformation” and so on. In those movements the Word of God is minimized by “spiritual

experiences” such as theatre, art, drama, dance and the like. Sometimes the name of the Lord Jesus is used by them, but mention of his work effectively is avoided, because the Bible is not being used any more. The message children need is the gospel, but the gospel not diluted with entertainment. Nothing can replace the gospel. Apostle Paul confessed:”For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ!” (Rom. 1:16).

Yesterday, that is 6<sup>th</sup> of August three children drowned in the river Warta near Zalesiaki, Dzialoszy (county of Lodz). In spite of resuscitation children were not saved. According to the police, the river is quite wide in that place. Children went too far away from the bank. This was especially tragic for the mother who was sitting by the river.

However, it is equally tragic that children around us are dying spiritually, and we are having fun with them instead sharing Christ with them. We are giving them entertainment and substitutes instead the Word of God!

When we do that, we are causing thousands children to be lost, who are by the river and are often being taken away by sin. All this is happening while we are watching. But the Lord Jesus said: “Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.” Mat, 18, 14

*Dr Czeslaw Bassara  
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# GOOD NEWS ACROSS POLAND

5 Day Clubs in Tychy, Mikołow and surroundings (all together 18 places). We are encouraged by what God enabled us to do and to see this week. Six mission teams (lead by Edyta, Kasia, Tomek and Monika, Danusia, Basia, Lukasz and Ola and helpers) went out to playgrounds to children, their parents and grandparents.

God blessed us greatly, protected us and gave us a lot of joy while we were sharing the gospel. We are grateful God for believers from Tychy and Mikolow, who prepared meals and accommodation for us. They also shared with us their cars which enabled us to go to 18 different places and organized organize 90 meetings of 5 Days Clubs. Young people from the church were also helping helped us. We are encouraged by their involvement and enthusiasm we saw in them every day. They were sharing shared their testimonies with teenagers sitting near by the children's clubs. There were also some other Christians from local churches who helped us in distributing tracts and John's Gospel, talked to parents, grandparents and young people.



We thank God for about 250 children (Tychy Czulow, Birun Stary, Ledziny) and about 100 children (Mikolow and Laziska Gorne), who have heard the gospel. We were able to preach to about 350 children who regularly attended our clubs and heard the Good News daily. Many of them committed their lives to Jesus! During one of the Clubs in Bierun me and Ola had opportunity to talk with mum who brought her children to club (she was very happy that she was able “to meet people, who talk about Jesus with such joy”). She was sharing shared about her life a lot and was asking asked many questions.

Klaudia from Tychy is a girl who has moved to this area not long ago. At first she was very shy.

Then she brought to the club her two sisters and at the end she opened up and started to share about her situation in the family and experiences in childhood. She has heart problem and has had a few operations. When she was born doctors didn't give her chance to survive. Today she heard the Good News and understood how to commit her life to Jesus.

She told us she received Lord Jesus to her heart. We are keeping in touch with her. Please, pray for her. She lives in the a high crime area. Children who were attending attended clubs often were looking after their younger brothers and sisters. They were often dirty, injured, lonely.





In Ledziny children who were gladly coming came for clubs were welcoming welcomed us every day. On the first day we were preaching preached the Good News not only to over 20 children but also to their parents and grandparents who were listening us. After few days, a certain granddad, who used to watch us from his window, came to the club with his grandson and heard all lesson about Zacheus told by Ola. Thank you for praying for us. God gave us good weather, favourable disposition of authorities, good atmosphere and eagerness of young people.

*Lukasz and Ola Gruszczynscy*

## ▶ **YOUTH IN ACTION AGAIN**



Every year, when the school summer holiday starts, young people pack their bags and go on their way to meet in one place and one purpose: to preach the gospel to children! This year this happened again. On the first day of summer holiday we had mission camp in Jastrzebie-Zdroj where young people could prepare in theory and practice for the ministry and to spend a few days in the ministry! Participants worked in four teams and each team had to hold their own club at different playground. During this week we had 125 children, and this was only the beginning! The fact that a majority of participants of the camp carried on the ministry for the next weeks in Tychy, and then in their own home towns was for us great encouragement. Please pray that God would bless sown Word and enabled saved children to persevere!

*Tomek i Monika Walica*

## ▶ **WHAT A CAMP!**



“What a camp, I have never seen anything like this!” - those are words which we heard after the camp in Ustka spoken by a woman, who were was on holiday nearby where we had camp. She was impressed with the way the camp for children and teenagers was organized. We know that the secret of all this is Jesus Christ. It is Him who gives sense to our lives and sets standards in our ministry and it is noticed by outsiders. This year camp was indeed special. God gave us good weather and a wonderful, enthusiastic team, he brought us safely through, gave us good fun and rest, and most of all gave us privilege to see fruit of preaching the Word. We are glad that children from Good News clubs and from orphanages could come also! Three children on the camp gave their life to Lord Jesus. Those, who were already God's children have made some progress in following their Saviour.

## ▶ WHAT A CAMP!

We had great joy because of the fact that a few boys from the oldest group, after discussion with their leader, came to the conclusion, that it is time for the next steps and decided they are going to be baptised. We are thankful to God, that in our country it is still possible to organize camps. The invitation is ready for the next year 2-12. 08. 2014 – please note this term!

*Tomek i Monika Walica*

## ▶ I ATTENDED THE LEADERSHIP COURSE.....

Kasia, Wiktoria, Sandra and Emma and I attended the leadership course in Romania last year? I learned how to lead children to know the Lord Jesus. I had many useful subjects which helped me to learn how to organize activities for children. So now I am able to prepare and lead 5 Days Clubs, Good News Clubs, and to give pastoral advice. After the course I had practical course, which gave me a lot of experience and good memories. In November I have my practical training with CEF, where we organize our own Good News Clubs and other meetings for children.

This ministry is expounding expanding and needs more well trained volunteers. This is exactly the purpose of this part of the course. (This is confusing. In the previous paragraph she was talking about the past. Now she's talking about another course, in the future?) I will be able to learn how to build ministry and team, supporting volunteers and local churches. This is what is important for me. I have already team I want to strengthen and expand so that more children will be able to know Jesus Christ. I will be also learning how to find out prayer and financial support. If you would like to be part of this ministry, I encourage you to contact me (or see face book where you can find news from my ministry among children).

*Edyta Wojcieszka*



Polish students.  
From left: Emma Stankiewicz, Katarzyna Ogrodowicz, Sandra Velasquez, Edyta Wojcieszka, Wiktoria Wojcieszka.

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