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65 children including 15 from Ukraine aged between 8 and 16 enjoyed a week's holiday in the eastern Sudety Mountains of southern Poland.

This newsletter features photos from our camp in Poland held between 31st July and 7th August 2023.



The theme of the week's programme was the Kingdom's Kingdom based on the Lord's prayer. Pastor Marek Ciak together with his wife Iwona were our Bible camp hosts at the Sloneczna Lodge (the sunny one) situated in Miedzygorze a small almost forgotten resort, which was ideal for our purposes.

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Dear Siloam partner and ministry investor

It gives me great pleasure to encourage and challenge you again at the beginning of the summer to invest in Siloam's 2024 Bible camp programme. We know of no better way to reach the hearts and minds of young people with the eternal lifesaving gospel of Jesus Christ than by encouraging youngsters to attend one of our Bible camps. Every host country is different and we work with indigenous Bible believing churches who have sound knowledge of their culture and of course their language but Siloam supporters like you, can play a vital role in this outreach by providing the financial investment required to reach these youngsters.

Every year we use the tried and tested method that we have since 1984 when we first began our Bible camp programme in Portugal. And, we ensure that the children are accommodated in safe comfortable accommodation and have plenty of good wholesome food and a rich diet of Christian teaching and ministry tailored towards their understanding.

We have found in the past that long walks in the forests and in the mountains, interspersed with Bible study and periods of musical worship helps youngsters to be drawn closer to their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The workers and volunteers in the various countries where we hold our Bible camps are all carefully vetted by the pastors concerned to see that they have the interest of the children at heart and that no child is at risk from abuse of any kind.

Last year's camp in south Poland using the base at Sloneczna, the youngsters could be accommodated in ensuite rooms with 4 beds and leaving other rooms with less beds that could be used by the staff.



Apart from a few rainy days, the children enjoyed several hikes into the mountains and visits to places of interest.

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In this beautiful mountain location, there was plenty of time in spite of the rain to visit places of interest and enjoy the wonders of nature



One exciting visit was to one of the longest pedestrian suspension bridges in the world!



Three members of the staff also paid their own way which also helped with the finances in this outreach and was deeply appreciated.

In spite of the 'fickle' weather, which was much wetter than normal, many activities could be accommodated indoors such as the talent and comedy entertainment nights and competitions. They also had singing and dancing sessions and learnt first aid and even had sightseeing workshops last year. Unfortunately, they did not manage to climb the Snieznik, the highest mountain which is 1,400 metres above sea level but perhaps next time if the weather permits, this will be possible at least for the older group members.

<i>The camp expenses for 2023 - Poland</i>	
Accommodation	£3,280
Transport	£ 380
Stationery and teaching materials	£ 50
Prizes and camp café expenses	£ 190
Medicines	£ 40
Insurance	£ 60
Grand total	£4,000

The report from Pastor Marek and his wife Iwona was full of praise for the generous Siloam investors who made last year's camp possible.

Giving small books as prizes provides great encouragement to children who also want to reach their peers with the gospel, at school.



Now with all the extra costs we are having to meet here in the UK, I do trust that you will have the faith to want to invest again with Siloam to make it possible to help another child attend one of our Bible camps not just in Poland, but perhaps in Ukraine, Romania, Bulgaria as well as Portugal this summer.

Yours sincerely on behalf of the children who would love to attend a Siloam sponsored summer Bible camp – this year

Richard Norton



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Director-Siloam UK



Drama played a very important part in the life of the camp. This tends to bring out the talents in children and enables them to express themselves in ways which would not be possible otherwise.



The children enjoyed 3 good meals a day and additional snacks in between. The meals were served in a buffet arrangement so as to give the children plenty of choice and avoid waste.

P.S. A child's holiday costs roughly £65 to £75 per week. Maybe you are unable to consider the full cost of one holiday for a needy child requiring sponsorship, but when several supporters get together with gifts of £20, £10 or £5 we know that it will be possible to include more deserving children in this summer's Bible camp programme. – Thank you.

The children enjoyed worship immensely and entered into the theme of the camp wholeheartedly. We believe most children came away with a renewed conviction to serve the Lord Jesus.



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