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The camp was situated in a beautiful area of Poland, southwest of Wroclaw.

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Reaching young hearts and minds with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

This is the goal and purpose of these adventurous activities in Bulgaria, Romania and Poland, funded by Siloam supporters.

Late summer 2025

Dear Siloam praying friends and ministry investors

During July and August, Siloam will be sponsoring children's / young people's Bible camps in Bulgaria, Romania and Poland. We shall also help our co-workers in Ukraine with day camps for children and young people as the war doesn't really permit us an opportunity to hold our normal programme there. And, we shall also contribute towards the musical camps for young people in Portugal hosted by Adonia with whom we have been working for some years.

But, this camp and our photos here, feature our Bible camp in Poland in August 2024.

This camp was hosted by our co-worker Marek Ciak and his dear wife Iwona from the 'Zbor Betel' church in Goldap, northeastern Poland. The youngsters were aged between 8 and 15 and altogether 60 participants joined the camp including caring supervisors. Also 7 participants came from the Ukraine who are now living in Poland.

The Bible camp was based in Miedzygorze a mountain resort in the eastern Sudetes. The camp was hosted at a guesthouse called 'The Sunny One' which provided excellent accommodation as well as adequate space for conducting workshops and a large spacious meeting hall.

The theme of the camp was based on the 'Honourable Ones' where our participants learned about Bible heroes and events interspersed with personal life stories and testimonies.

The day began with a short outdoor exercise session followed by morning inspirational messages which were relevant to the understanding of the young people. At 8.30 am the children enjoyed breakfast, which was for them very tasty, every meal was thoroughly enjoyed.

After breakfast, the children spent time cleaning their rooms as there is now very strict conditions stipulated by the authorities, about how these camps are to be managed. Health and safety issues also play a very important role so everyone has to comply which is good for children and young people to understand. During the first morning, the group took a guided tour of Miedzygorze where they also learned about the history of how this wonderful tourist area was developed after 1840.

After lunch each day, the children had a quiet free time when they could rest or just relax or even visit the local shops and perhaps enjoy an

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The youngsters were aged between 8 – 15 years old and they were supervised by caring adults from the church in Goldapi.

Pastor Marek Ciak in charge of the camp has been associated with Siloam for almost 30 years.

The theme of the camp was the 'Honourable Ones' based on a programme entitled 'Honourable and Ordinary.'

Meals were served in a buffet arrangement and the children really enjoyed the food they consumed with great delight.

This leaflet features our sponsored Bible camp in Poland between 5th – 12th August 2024.

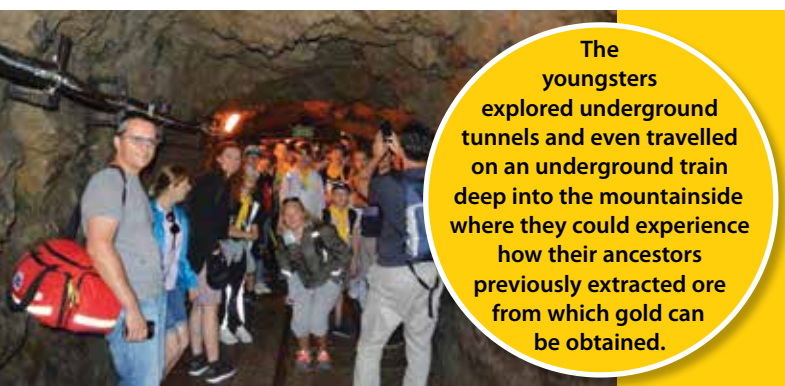
There were 60 participants at this camp including 7 young people from the Ukraine.

The camp was organised in the mountain resort of Miedzygorze. The participants stayed at the guesthouse known as 'The Sunny One' which provided excellent accommodation with a spacious meeting hall and several smaller rooms for conducting workshops.

There were beautiful facilities for walking and hiking which the youngsters enjoyed as they explored the beautiful surroundings and some participants even managed to climb the Snieznik Massif.



The area is filled with many tourist sites which started to be developed after 1840 by Princess Marianna Oranska.



The youngsters explored underground tunnels and even travelled on an underground train deep into the mountainside where they could experience how their ancestors previously extracted ore from which gold can be obtained.



One of the highlights was to experience 'panning' for gold, occasionally some camp participants were fortunate in recovering a piece of gold ore!



This was one of our most exciting camps for young people who enjoyed the experience immensely which was only possible because Siloam giving friends like you, provided the funds to make this activity actually happen.



How your funds were spent in Summer 2024

Accommodation	£3,300
Transportation	£ 350
Stationery, teaching materials	£ 60
Prizes and café expenses	£ 205
Medicines (not so many!)	£ 30
And, the necessary insurance	£ 55
Grand Total	£4,000
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ice cream as well.

Everyday was filled with different activities to keep their minds and bodies busy with field games, relay races and even a mini-Olympics. The youngsters also went on various educational and cultural field trips where they visited the fairytale garden and other attractions. A few brave participants along with their supervisors even climbed the highest mountain in the area, Sniezik!

But, the highlight of the week was when they took a day-long bus trip to Zloty Stok where gold was once mined and where today a fantastic museum offers many attractions. The youngsters explored the underground tunnels and even rode on an underground train. They could also 'pan' for gold, searching for precious stones while at the same time learning about the working conditions of their ancestors which perhaps was not so great.

As the Olympic games were featured in Poland last year, the group was joined by Maciek, a former member of the Polish national team who represented Poland in paragliding. Despite suffering a permanent injury during a paragliding accident leaving him in a wheelchair, Maciek continues to inspire others with his testimony.

The youngsters also enjoyed thematic workshops in gymnastics and art. One was led by Wiesia who was a Polish gymnast and represented Poland at the 1980 Moscow Olympics. Photography, art and craft and singing were all enjoyed and at the end of the week, the children presented the results of their craftwork during the final evening's event.

But the main focus of the week was on the spiritual growth of the participants. Every evening Marek and his team held the 'Honourable One' sessions where through examples of Biblical heroes and events, the supervisors directed the attention of the youngsters to our loving Saviour through the life, love and friendship He offers and the truth that comes from knowing Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour.

At the end of each day, after the events hype had calmed down, the supervisors met in the bedrooms with the youngsters, praying with them and reading the Bible and preparing their hearts for the following day.

In closing, Marek and Iwona wanted to thank all the camp sponsors like you, for planting good seeds of faith in the hearts and minds of the younger generation which our Polish co-workers are trying to reach for Christ.

Siloam's financial contribution of £4,000 last summer meant that 60 participants could enjoy all the activities that we have shared with you in this newsletter. I think that's money well spent, I hope you will want to help us maintain our support so that other youngsters can have the opportunity of being challenged with the gospel message and encouraged to learn how they too, may accept God's free gift of eternal life – thank you.

Yours sincerely

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