



# Siloam's Ministry of Giving (2 Corinthians 8:6)

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This message features photos shared from our Bible camp in Pokrzywna on the Polish southern border with the Czech Republic

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## Siloam's Bible Camps Really Do Change Lives!

Dear Siloam friends and ministry investors,

Our host for our camp in Poland was Pastor Marek Ciak from Zbor Betel Church in Goldapi on the northeast border of Poland.



52 children and young people took part in last August's camp, they came from a number of locations in northeast Poland.



Visual teaching helps students memorise scripture. This is a vital part of the programme to sow seeds of love, hope and faith in the hearts of the children.

Siloam's sponsored children's and young people's Bible camps are certainly our most popular outreach ministry. Faithful investors who provide funds can have confidence that local churches in Eastern Europe and Portugal can provide an exciting opportunity away from home for children and young people to have space and time to be fully exposed to the Christian gospel message of Jesus Christ. Siloam works through evangelical Bible-believing Christians who understand the value of rescuing a young soul from a literal lost eternity! Indeed, most scripture-based organisations and churches know that, most people who become 'born again' Christians make the commitment to give their lives to Jesus Christ, before the age of 18.

This newsletter features our Bible camp in Pokrzywna Poland. This village is located on the southwest corner of Poland in the eastern Sudetes Mountain Range, right next to the border with the Czech Republic. The camp was organised between August 9th and 16th at the Mieszko holiday centre which hosts children and youth groups during the summer holidays. Altogether, 52 young participants supervised by 9 caring staff members took part in the camp.

The whole team have been faithfully serving at the camps organised by Pastor Marek Ciak and his wife Iwona for many years and they remain deeply grateful for their dedication and hard work with the children and young people in their care.

July 2025 was exceptionally cold and wet in this part of Poland, August 2025 was only slightly better. But, as soon as the camp started on 9th August, the weather turned warm and sunny and remained that way until the end of the camp on 16th August. Thankfully because of this good fortune, Marek and his team were able to carry out the full programme with all its activities. **Praise God for this!**

### SILOAM'S BIBLE CAMP

#### BUDGET FOR 2026

Poland	£5,000
Ukraine	£3,000
Romania	£4,000
Portugal	£3,000
Bulgaria	£6,000

#### THE EXTRA STRETCH!

Poland winter camp Jan/Feb '27	£5,000
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**GRAND TOTAL**  
**£26,000**



On the field trips, the children were encouraged to discover local history and special features of the countryside which were explained to them by local guides.



“Train up a child in the way (he) (she) should go; and when he/she is older, they will not depart from it.”

Proverbs 22:6

## Seeking, Asking, And Knocking in Nature



The children visited Debowiec where they could see alpacas and learn more about their habits. The children were especially fascinated by the fleece which is used for making very warm sweaters and jumpers.



At the Spa Park in Glucholazy the children enjoyed trampolines and a number of water sports which were very popular during the unexpectedly warm weather.

Good food is an important ingredient of a successful Bible camp. Here the children were allowed to choose what dishes they liked and for some this was a new experience. The children were encouraged to try new dishes which were perhaps slightly different than they would normally expect at home.



The camp's theme was (following the tracks of animals). The children visited a nature reserve with fallow and red deer. Indeed, some of the animals in the herd had actually been purchased from a breeder in Goldap on the other side of Poland where most of the children and the church team came from.

The children also visited Debowiec where they could feed alpacas and learn about their habits. The younger children took part in a creative workshop where they made alpaca collages using fleece from the shearing of these animals. The older children joined sessions called “from alpaca to sweater”, where they learned more in-depth information about these animals from Peru.

Two of the older groups also went on outing to a spa park in Gluchoazy (the park which was only slightly damaged by the floods in 2024). Here the children discovered local history and facts about nature through field games.

The group also organised a bus trip to the Czech Republic where they toured the cave at Spicak and the Priesnitz Spa. The Spa was actually named after Vincenz Priesnitz, who in the 19<sup>th</sup> century developed therapeutic showers and helped popularise the appliance which was originally patented in England in 1767 by William Feetham. (Not many of you will know that!).

Because of the growing summer heat, it was not felt wise to engage in mountain hikes, but the group did visit Zabie Oczko (known as the Frog's Eye). This is an old quarry where shale and sandstone had been mined during the 19<sup>th</sup> century which is now filled with water. Along the way, the children completed various physical and scriptural challenges and the winning groups were rewarded who had the highest scores.

Close to the resort there was also a waterpark which brought the children great joy. The holiday centre itself offered a mini pool, a sports field and trampolines where the children could spend their free time in an active and enjoyable way. The hot weather also made the water games especially enjoyable and refreshing.

Towards the end of the group's stay, they visited a nearby fishery for those who wished to try out their skills. Not every child caught a fish, but a few boys turned out to be quite talented anglers.

### THIS IS HOW SILOAM'S £4,000 WAS SPENT LAST AUGUST (2025)

Food and accommodation for 52 participants + 9 staff members at the Mieszko Holiday Centre	£ 3,325
Coach and bus transport	£ 330
Teaching materials and stationery	£ 70
Prizes for the children/young people and camp café expenses	£ 200
Medicines (not so many thankfully)	£ 20
Necessary insurance for the camp	£ 55

TOTAL: £ 4,000

To learn more, please check out our website [www.siloam.org.uk](http://www.siloam.org.uk) and scroll down to project: 037 to find out much more about Siloam's successful Christian outreach which is only possible because many caring committed Christians realise the value of bringing a young person into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and invest with Siloam to make that happen.

CAMP

**Every year Siloam wrestles with the challenge to raise the necessary funds for our successful children's and young people's Bible camp ministry.**



*During one of the exploratory excursions, the children came across an old quarry known as 'The Frog's Eye' where shale and sandstone had been mined extensively in the 19th century.*



*We were grateful to borrow a medical dummy from Nysa Hospital, which was damaged in the 2024 flood. It allowed the children to learn practical first-aid skills from our paramedic, which they thoroughly enjoyed.*

During this camp's workshops, the children sang, created many colourful art projects and performed many short drama skits. Thanks to the kindness of the hospital in Nysa, they were able to borrow a professional medical dummy for a day so the children could learn some basic skills in first aid. The children really enjoyed this practical training session thanks to our resident paramedic.

The children followed the first part of a scriptural programme this year entitled 'Following the Tracks of Animals.' The theme focussed on sin, temptation, and the victory we have as God's children – the 'Sheep of His Flock, who know His voice.' Through Bible stories, the children learned biblical truths and many experienced a change of heart as they came to learn to put their trust in God.

Every morning, after the exercise session the children met for a short inspirational talk led by a different member of the Oversight Team. It was also a time of singing and devotion. After supper in the evening, the children enjoyed attending the evening meeting where prizes were distributed and awards given. Before bedtime, each group gathered with their team counsellor for a 'quiet time' reflecting on what they had learnt during the day and given time to ask questions as well as praying together.



*Drama plays a very important role in the camp programme. The children loved to dress up in their biblical costumes and act-out plays which they rehearsed during the week.*

Finally, Iowa and Marek Ciak wish to express their gratitude for God's blessings and protection over the group throughout the camp. Their prayer and desire is that God's Word would bear fruit in the lives of many of the children.

Siloam wishes to thank you also for participating financially towards supporting our Bible camp programme last summer which we believe was a tremendous success.



*The children grew noticeably more confident as they acted out biblical dramas for their peers. Everyone had a role, and taking part in these performances helped reinforce their biblical understanding.*

Siloam helps to fund this Bible camp each summer in Poland as well as another on the north Baltic Coast during January/February for which we also provided a Ministry Gift Grant of £4,000 making a total of £8,000 for 2025. (Please see our chart listing how this £4,000 was spent).

This is just one of the camps that we help provide funding for which we would like you to consider supporting again this year. For just £9.62 we can provide a child's holiday for one day where we believe the conditions and environment are just right for a child to learn and absorb the message of scripture which will lead to their accepting the 'gift of eternal life' and come to a personal knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Before you put down this newsletter, turn over, and please look again at the photographs and let them inspire you as to how you should respond to Siloam's 2026 children's Bible camp appeal.**



*Quiet time...Reflection...Prayer.*



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## 2026 Giving Plan

4 benefactor investments of £1,000 will provide  
 12 major donations of £500 will stack up to  
 10 birthday gifts 'in lieu' £250 could raise  
 20 church collections of offerings of £120 will account for  
 40 mega donations of £100 will furnish  
 64 gifts of love of £50 could harvest  
 80 'thank you' Lord gifts of £25 will yield  
 50 personal donations of £20 will release  
 90 and, 'widows' mites' of £10 will bring in

£ 4,000  
 £ 6,000  
 £ 2,500  
 £ 2,400  
 £ 4,000  
 £ 3,200  
 £ 2,000  
 £ 1,000  
 £ 900

TOTAL TO RAISE BY 31ST AUGUST 2026

£26,000

### HOW WE SPENT YOUR DONATIONS IN 2025 FOR CHILDREN'S / YOUNG PEOPLE'S BIBLE CAMPS

Bulgaria	£ 6,000
Ukraine	£ 3,000
Romania	£ 4,000
Poland (2 camps)	£ 8,000
Portugal	£ 1,750

Fundraising costs just 15.46% £ 4,483

TOTAL: £27,233

**N.B. We already have the necessary fundraising costs for 2026!**



The £ values we display are based upon amounts and values of the donations we have received in the past which encourage us here at Siloam to keep on doing what we do, - to raise the necessary funds to save the immortal souls of more young people and children for the Kingdom of God.

*The accommodation afforded very special areas where collective group activities could be enjoyed by many children sitting together.*

I don't believe personally that there is a better way of investing in the Kingdom of God than by helping a child or young person come to a knowledge of their Saviour and rescuing their 'eternal lives' from a 'lost eternity.'

Remember, Siloam through its Bible camp programme can provide a holiday for a young person or a child to experience the love of God in a very practical and meaningful way through physical activity, good food and sound Bible teaching.

Please look at our 2026 giving plan and consider how you would like to invest with us this summer, (perhaps making a number of donations over the summer period) so you can share later in the joy of those young hearts and minds that have been rescued from a 'lost eternity' and been given the opportunity to accept the 'gift of eternal life' through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please do look at the pictures and study our little charts which we hope will make this publication meaningful to you, and if you feel led, please share it with others so that they too can share in the joy and victory which will come one day when all the intentions of our hearts will be revealed.

Yours sincerely on behalf of those we love and serve not only in Poland but also throughout the world,



*Three good healthy meals a day as well as snacks in between. The children had much to thank God for as they were fed very well during their stay.*

  


Richard Norton  
 Director-Siloam UK



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**P.S. Don't forget Siloam can provide a day's holiday for a child in one of our Bible camps in Portugal and Eastern Europe for approximately £10.00 per day! - Thank you.**



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