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Many winter walks were enjoyed with new friends sharing Christian fellowship.

Last year's Bible camp for young people was held at Jurata on the Hel Peninsular on the Baltic coast of Poland.

Between Christmas and Candlemas (2nd February), Siloam invites you to embark on investing in our 2025 children's/young people's Bible camp programme.

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Dear Siloam praying friends and ministry investors

At the beginning of the New Year (2025), I want to challenge you to partner in funding this year's programme to reach the hearts and minds of young people and children with the simple gospel message of Jesus Christ. The photos seen on this newsletter feature our camp in Jurata, Poland last year and I can tell you that our 2025 camp is already paid for as a result of donations that came in during 2024. We are privileged to work with Pastor Marek Ciak and his wife Iwona whom we have known as partners in the ministry for over 20 years. Last year in Poland, the number of mental health problems and suicides among young people increased significantly! This is only one of the reasons why we hold our Bible camps, to help young people to come to terms with the difficulties in life that many of them currently face, exacerbated by constant negative social media and unwanted peer pressure. Indeed, many churches participate in what is known as the 'coffee house programme' which aims to help young people with various serious addictions. Marek reports that recently, a young man who had previously attended one of the winter Bible camps entered one of the church 'coffee house programmes.' He joined the group meeting and said he felt the same presence of God that he had experienced back in the Bible camp many years ago in Jurata. Marek is convinced that 'The Word' he preaches, will yield fruit at the right time. Many of the 14 members of staff who

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Our host Pastor Marek Ciak has worked with Siloam for more than 20 years and is a much-respected Christian leader in northern Poland.

Powerful music was provided by former participants in our earlier winter camps, who also led the singing and conducted worship.

Competitions and participating in 'rough and tumble' activities provided much wholesome fun.

Plenty of indoor activities were arranged for the youngsters to 'let off-steam'.

The outside activities enjoyed during the sunny afternoons included many long walks.



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How Siloam spent your donations last winter at our first camp for 2024.	
Accommodation	£3,455
Transport (mostly rail fares)	£ 280
Teaching materials	£ 60
Prizes and camp coffee bar	£ 140
Medicines	£ 20
Necessary insurance	£ 45
Total	£4,000



Many informal study periods were conducted in informal settings in a relaxed atmosphere.



The youngsters were divided into different groups to give an air of competition, to keep everyone on their toes.



Many friendships were formed and deepened as the week went on.

helped to organise last year's camp were themselves individuals who earlier gave their lives to Christ during former camps or retreats. So, we know that the teaching these young people receive is indeed **saving them from a lost eternity!**

Last year's camp in Jurata Poland was attended by 35 young participants and 14 supervisory staff including a doctor and a nurse who provided medical service if and when required. Also, a guitarist from one of the leading churches in the Warsaw area conducted the worship. Marek and Iwona organised the outdoor games as well as their son, who undertook the multi-media support. Another co-worker provided the prayer support and travel assistance, as most of the young people arrived at Jurata by train. Some even covered their own costs as a way to help the finances.

Also, we were joined by two **refugees from the Ukraine** who have settled in Poland since the war.

This is just a **brief insight** into how Siloam can help indigenous Protestant churches be empowered to **reach their own young people** with the lifechanging gospel **message of the Lord Jesus Christ**. Please look at the postcard enclosed with this newsletter and consider how much you will invest with Siloam during the coming year to make our Bible camps a great success again for 2025.

Thank you for your attention, I pray that your heart has been touched and that you will be motivated to be one of our faithful co-investors in this venture. After reading the postcard and deciding how much you want to invest with us this month, **please pass the postcard** on to another friend at work or church who may also be willing to share with us to help us reach more young people and rescue them from a lost eternity.

Thank you in anticipation of your initial 2025 investment in Siloam's Bible camps.

Yours sincerely on behalf of those we love and serve in the developing world



Richard Norton
Director-Siloam UK

PS. The cost of a place at camp for a young person varies from country to country but on average it costs between **£50 & £80 per young person**. Please only invest with Siloam, as you are able. – Thank you.

During the morning periods, there were teaching sessions with a **special theme for each day**. Tuesday, was themed around **love** and on Wednesday **worship** was considered. On Thursday, **humility** was discussed, Friday **faith** was the theme. Finally, **perseverance** was discussed on Saturday.



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