

DEAR PRAYER PARTNER,

*...My soul glorifies the Lord, and
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior. (Luke 1,46-47)*

In this special Christmas season,
we wish you **MORE** time to think about the Savior,
MORE time for family carol singing and prayer,
MORE time to be with God, and
MORE time to be with one another.



If the MED office window faced southwest we would see snow today! It still lies on the northern slope of Czan-toria Mountain. There is not much of it... it is kind of “shy”, but it is hard to escape the thoughts of the coming winter and the approach of the end of the year. It is worth it to find some moments in this period of time for our “Mail from MED”. Not only for reading it, but also for thanksgiving and gratitude; gratitude for the ingenuity of the employees, for the willingness of volunteers to help, for intercessory prayers, for the generosity of the donors, and for the open hearts that God has placed on our way this year. Above all, however, we are thankful for His blessings, which again we were given without measure this past year.

What will the next year bring? We can plan, we can work, and we can worry, but one thing will not change: children and teenagers will still need the Good News, and if they have already accepted it, they will need help in their spiritual growth, which means that MED workers, our volunteers, our prayer partners and our donors are still needed. We count on your help!

We reported previously, among other things, the need to engage volunteer graphic designers, and today we can say that several people offered their help. Some even had time to begin their first project for us. Thank you very much! In this issue of “Mail from MED” we present another need, believing that God will not fail us.

Jolanta Chwastek

Little Ones Sing About the Great One

We are pleased that our children’s CD is reaching new recipients. At one of the Christian Conferences the father of a family ordered a few copies to give them as a gift to others because he appreciated the value of listening to the songs and singing them together with his children.

Another person received the CD as a gift and decided to order a dozen additional copies for the children in his congregation. Some children who participated in the recording signed up for music school and were singing songs from the album at the entrance exam!

A little girl, as a gift to her brother who was in the hospital, decided to sing and record the song “Good morning” from the disc. Someone else decided to use the song as an alarm clock in his phone. One of the Christian radio channels conducted an interview with our MED worker who worked on recording the album.

We are glad that the songs of this CD are already in the repertoires of children’s choirs in some churches! If you have not managed to get this CD, you can purchase it by ordering it from the MED office.

Elżbieta Płosa





Regional Conferences

In a sense, MED Regional Conferences have become a tradition. Every year in the autumn we visit different cities in our country with a program that aims to present interesting possibilities for ministry among children and teenagers. This year we were in Białystok (northeast), Szczecin (northwest) and Lublin (east). We are pleased that the conferences met the expectations and needs of the participants. For us it was an



opportunity to meet with people who are (or were) our volunteers or who completed our MED training. We are also happy with the new contacts that we made. The participants appreciated the good preparation, professional teaching, and friendly atmosphere. Here are some words from their evaluation forms: *The topic 'Theory vs. practice' helped me to better understand how important it is that children know how to practice and apply the Bible truths; I now know how to get on with*



the development and preparation of a Bible study and what I should focus on; I understand also how important it is that what I am doing will be adequate for the needs of the group; I am glad that there were a lot of practical things, not just theory; I teach a group of 4-6 year old children and loved the ideas addressed to this group – it all encouraged me to get more involved in this ministry, and showed me how I can encourage children to read the Bible.



We are planning other conferences for next year in new Polish cities. Meanwhile, we invite you to visit our website www.med.org.pl to see some photos of this year's conferences.

Bartek Nowaczyk-Wyszowski



MED Training Possibilities



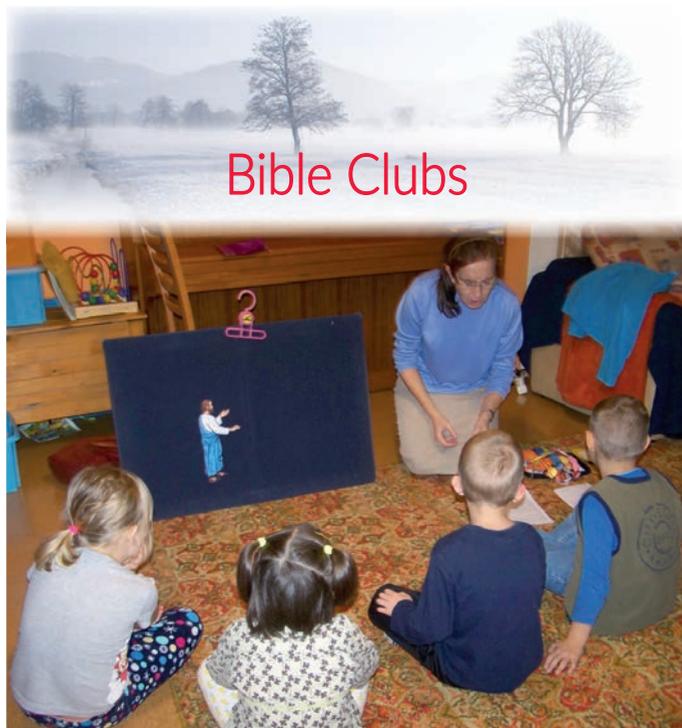
MODULE TRAINING is a new MED training program that offers teachers a way to increase their competence, provide them with new tools for working with children, and strengthen their motivation to serve. In

the autumn we held Module Training in several places. In September we were in Żyrardów and in November we were in Dziegiełłów, Minsk Mazowiecki and Bielsko-Biala (see the map).

MED SUMMER BIBLE SCHOOL – Although the name suggests the summer months, this training takes place throughout the year depending on the needs and invitations. In November we began the Summer Bible School in Katowice, and in January and February we plan to conduct this training course in Ustroń. For three weekends the participants will learn how to prepare a Bible lesson and how to teach children Bible truths through verses and songs.

SATURDAY SHORT TRAINING SESSIONS – We also continue this training in our MED office on the last Saturday of each month. Each session presents a different topic. In October, due to the large number of interested participants we held two sessions on the topic of lapbooks. There are still more people who are interested in taking part in the workshops and we hope that in the spring we will be able to repeat the October workshops. We want to continue the Saturday Short Training Sessions and hope that our proposed topics will address the needs of parents and teachers.

Elżbieta Płosa, Lidia Króliczek



Bible Clubs

In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should perish. (Matthew 18:14)

In October several Bible Clubs that are conducted or organized by MED workers began for children, teenagers, or young people. Thank God for the volunteers

who help with the clubs. And you, Dear Prayer Partner, would you like to help in accomplishing God's will? Do you want the children in your neighborhood to hear the good news about the Lord Jesus and to be saved? Missionary William Carey said: "Expect great things from God; Undertake great things for God." Are you wondering how you can help? You can get involved in developing and maintaining a Bible Club. There are many ways to support such a project – prayer, financial support, offering a room, or looking for co-workers. You can also personally set up and run a club. The possibilities are many. Which one will you choose so that the good news will reach the little ones?

Joanna Pilch-Lewicka



Easter Recollections 2017

In the spring we plan to minister to children during the time before Easter. We have already created a program entitled "Just Him" that depicts Jesus in three scenes. We expect that the result of the meetings will be a deeper relationship with God for those who know Him or beginning a relationship with Him for those who are not saved. With great joy we want to participate in these events. We want to serve and help with what we have prepared and we are open to cooperation. We have already received an invitation from three places.

Joanna Pilch-Lewicka



Camps

We are already planning next year's camps for children and teenagers. We want to continue to minister to the younger generation in this way because we see the special work of God at each of the camps. Even during one week of camp a Christian counselor can

have a huge impact on children's lives. Recently, the mother of one of the teenage campers wrote to us in an email: *For my daughter it was the best holiday trip in which she ever participated. (...) The camp has strengthened her self-esteem and her faith in the values that are important in our family, and it gave her so much joy and strength for her time at school. Three months after the camp I can say that she has become stronger and braver.*

Children in Poland still need your commitment! You can come to a camp as a volunteer. Recruitment

starts soon! You can pray for the children, you can tell your friends about the needs of children who come to camp. You can invite someone to come to the camp to look after the children, you can encourage your church to pray, and finally you can use your finances to help someone to attend. Even the smallest gift is valuable. We are very grateful to God for all help received. However, we want you to know how much we need year-round support for the camp ministry.

Elżbieta Płosa

Giving enriches

For the MED board December is a time of uncertainty of how the finances will close after another year of activity. For now, all indicators show a loss. We believe that God can change this! MED ministry entails costs. Each activity requires expenditures – a new copier because the old one lived out its days, regional conference costs for encouraging others in the ministry, new publications, etc.

Asking for money is necessary, but embarrassing. It becomes easier when I realize that when giving it is not always obvious who gains and who loses. In the Scriptures we read: ***One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed*** (Proverbs 11: 24–25).

If, when investing in MED you think that your gift is “too modest”, then know that the MED budget is met by many such generous, charitable, encouraging micro gifts – the “widow's pennies” thrown into the piggy bank.

Olgiard Konieczny

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