

mail from MED
Dear Prayer Partner,



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Evangelizing the world is the great task that the Lord Jesus commanded for all believers, as recorded in Mark 16:15 – “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation”. MED works to preach to children and teenagers the Good News about salvation in Jesus Christ. However, is it enough to just evangelize? Every new born believer needs to grow spiritually and become a disciple of the Lord Jesus – someone who will faithfully follow Him. We can support others in the process of their spiritual growth. Men such as Paul and Barnabas did this and had much concern for believers. Having in mind supporting and encouraging other believers, MED organizes teacher training sessions and conferences for children’s workers. We believe that this will better prepare and equip believers to make disciples for the Lord Jesus Christ, especially among children and young people.

During our annual all-Poland MED Winter Conference we heard many precious and practical things about making disciples. You will read more about the conference in this issue of Mail from MED. We also invite you to read the testimonies of those who participated in the MED Teacher Training Courses that were held in Wrocław (western Poland) and Gdańsk (in the north). There is also some news that we share with you from our MED office in Ustroń. We are very grateful for everything that we accomplished during the previous three months of our ministry. In December we conducted evangelistic meetings for children in various locations, and later during the winter school break MED workers and faithful volunteers taught children in Żelów, Golasowice and Leszna.

As springtime begins we are starting other teacher training courses, we are teaching in regular Bible clubs, we are leading Easter meetings for children and teenagers, and we are starting to prepare for our summer Bible camps. There are many things going on and we certainly need your prayers. We thank you very much for praying for our ministry and supporting us in many other ways.

Elżbieta Płosa, Danuta Pustówka

*God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions
– it is by grace you have been saved (Ephesians 2:4–5).*

As we celebrate Easter we wish for your hearts to be filled with joy and thankfulness to the Lord God who in His great love made possible for us to live in intimate fellowship with Him. May the Lord Jesus who suffered the shame of the cross and whom God resurrected be yours and our source of abundant life, faith, strength, comfort and help.

The MED workers



Attention! A New CD!

“We sing with the Words of the Bible” is the title of another CD that we offer. Gabi Piecha, one of our MED workers, was inspired to do something new as she was preparing a seminar on how to sing with children, and this is how the new CD came to being. The characteristic of this CD is that the text of each of the 29 songs is based on a Bible verse or passage. The tunes are easy, can be learned quickly, and then can be sung with kids at Bible meetings or at home. You can order them at: www.med.org.pl





Memories of the 21st All-Poland's Conference

On the winter morning of February 8 the MED workers headed towards Wisła with their cars packed to the roof. The spiral road soon led us to the Hostel "Crocus" where we walked up and down the stairs many times to prepare the conference and seminar rooms, the rooms for the children's meetings, and the desk to welcome warmly our conference participants in from the severe frost outside. We had a warm and



cozy atmosphere as we listened to the Bible teaching, participated in seminars, and attended the workshops. At nights we praised God with songs and listened to testimonies. Our guest speaker Dr. Randall Faulkner (USA) encouraged us to make disciples, to teach God's Word, and to encourage others just as Paul and Barnabas did in the Acts of Apostles. At the morning fellowship Pastor Dale Sigafoos (BCM, Germany) shared his experiences in disciple making. Together with two American missionaries Judy and Jackie (REST Ministries, USA) we investigated thoroughly the subject of helping children of divorced parents.

What did the participants say about the conference?

MED conferences are the best holiday for me because they include mental rest, spiritual renewal, practical knowledge, and intellectual challenges. They also give physical rest from the continuous daily routine, but make my brain work during the Bible teaching. During the seminars and workshops I gain practical tools for children's work. This all takes place in a beautiful natural setting with even more beautiful relationships with believers from all over Poland. Thank you!

Magda, Warsaw

The conference was a very good time for me. I was able to rest from everyday life, meet friends, and make new ones as well. It was also a time to think about different things concerning my life, and also a good time with God. I really enjoyed the lectures, especially the morning ones, and the seminars on "Children and Divorce". Summing up, I think the conference was a success.

Magda, Kuźnia Raciborska

This conference was exceptional. I experienced a special renewal and a filling of God's power. I discovered new strength and was encouraged to further ministry in our children's club "Sparkle" in Nysa (western of Poland). I was reassured of my calling and with joy and humility before God I want share Christ's love with these kids.

I also found out in one of the seminars a new way to handle discipline. I really liked the clear presentation that emphasized good preparation for children's meeting, as well as the practical ways I can show my concern for the kids to whom I minister.

I am glad that I dared to share publicly at the conference a testimony of my ministry in the "Sparkle" club. This was a BIG experience for me. I am aware that I have some limitations and that I am not good at public speaking, but



in spite of being nervous I wanted to tell others what my ministry is all about. It's incredible, but I didn't experience any negative feelings or uneasiness – I didn't have any barrier at all. For me, this IS A MIRACLE!

Zosia, Nysa

We are very thankful to God for all of the participants and for all the people who ministered to us during the conference – the Bible teachers, interpreters, leaders of the seminars and workshops, the musical groups that led us in worship, and those who helped us in many ways before and after the conference. We are also thankful for those who prayed for this event.

We organize the all-Poland conference once every year, so if you missed it, there is still good news. God willing, next year we will meet again at the 22nd annual MED Winter Conference. We invite you now, so start making your plans!

Elżbieta Płosa, Danuta Pustówka

See more photos at: www.med.org.pl

A Serious problem

The divorce rate in Poland isn't yet as high as in other countries around the world, but it is growing, and this is an alarming situation. One of the sources says that since 1980 the number of divorces in Poland has doubled.

Divorce is a death of the family, and so such families need support in learning how to go through the process of grief and loss. Try to imagine how the child feels whose world has been turned upside down, and what he feels when he doesn't know how to cope with the changes that divorce brings into his life.

Judy Edinger and Jackie England are missionaries with REST Ministries who traveled from the USA to lead a series of seminars for leaders and children's workers at the MED conference. The main goal of their seminars was to help us to understand the divorce problem and to give us practical advice on how to help children whose parents are divorced. The participants received good material that they can use to share with others.

All of the sessions were recorded, and we pray that this will help Polish churches, and through them will help Polish children to find God's grace and healing.

Jackie England

Intensive Teacher Training In Gdańsk

Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous and they will add to their learning (Proverbs 9:9)

These precious words have a special meaning for our teacher training courses. I observe this in the students who take part in our intensive training for children's workers and during the MED Summer Bible School.

The Bible verse can also be the motto of the Intensive Teacher Training in Gdańsk that took place for three weekends in October, November and December 2011. It was organized by MED friends Marek and Ilona Kaczeński. A large group of students from a few different churches where in many cases they were already experienced in children's work were ready to gain more Biblical knowledge and practical skills. Some of them shared their thoughts after the training...

I have worked with children in the church for a long time and I have used different materials, but here at the Intensive Training I found out what I was missing. Now I know that the best way is to teach one Bible truth during one meeting, to always remember the two kinds of children, and to address both saved and unsaved children. With the help of the MED instructors I prepared my own lesson and presented it in front of the other students. This gave me confidence in my own potential. Now my Bible lessons are more interesting and fruitful! I thank God for this course where I was also able to purchase professional materials for my further work with children.

Ewa M.



I had expected non-committal meetings in a relaxed atmosphere. However, the teacher training was really intense and I was surprised by the final examination! From the prospective of time I can see how much I gained from these sessions!

I took the training seriously, did my homework, and prepared for the exam. In this way I learned how to work with children in a different way. The principle "the less the more" helped me a lot and I stopped blaming myself for all of the information that I failed to pass on to the children during my lessons. Preparing Bible lesson using the model presented at the training sessions helped me to better prepare. The same with teaching children the Bible verse. Now I know how to courageously and specifically address both groups of children: the saved and the unsaved. For me personally this was the best thing about the course. Also, teaching one main truth is important.

Preparing to teach children has become for me much more pleasant and easier. I now feel more confident from what I learned at the training.

Ewa, Gdynia

We are thankful to God for the time that we spent with the students at the teacher training sessions. We believe that the students went away better equipped for further ministry.

Joanna Pilch-Lewicka



Teacher Training in Wrocław

The Intensive Teacher Training that we conducted in Wrocław (western Poland) in December and January is behind us, and I asked some of the participants to share their thoughts about the time that they spent in the training. Here is what they wrote...

The teacher training was fantastic. I didn't even suspect that Bible lessons could be taught in such an interesting way. I think that all parents – even those who don't think about teaching in Sunday school – should attend these courses to learn how to talk to a child about God and how to read the Bible with a child so that he/she can know how to love the Lord God and see His hand in his/her life.

I participated in the teacher training because teaching Bible lessons did not satisfy me and I noticed that the children that I teach had the same feeling. I thought then that I needed to learn a few "tricks", some methods for working with children. I thought that by learning a few games I will solve the problems in my Sunday school classes.

However I soon found out that Sunday school is more than just 40 minutes spent with children for a short Bible lesson and some games and crafts. Sunday school is meeting with God – not only for children, but also for the teacher. According to the words of Psalm 78 (which we studied at the teacher training), Sunday school is a mission – the teachers have the task of teaching children how to trust God in every situation and how to commit their lives to Him. The Bible lesson should concentrate on the character of the Lord God and should be taught in such a way that the children know that it is not just a story thousands of years old, but about a God who now works powerfully in our lives. Sunday school should also be taught appropriately for young listeners. The Bible lesson has to be interesting and exciting. The instructors at the teacher training showed us how to do this, especially how to teach a Bible verses in a way that is a thrilling experience for the children.



The teacher training influenced my life and deepened my relationship with God. Until today I still talk about it to my friends. I completed the first level of MED teacher training and I can't wait for the second one!

Edyta Godziszewska

We thank God for this training, for the people who took part in it, and for their willingness to study even though some of them already have a great amount of knowledge about children's work because they are teachers by profession. Let us pray that they would use the new knowledge and experience to bring the Good News to the children so that many boys and girls can find their way to Him.

Lidia Króliczek

In the MED Office

The MED office is located in Ustroń, from which we direct our correspondence, process orders for our materials for children's work, send out the Bible Correspondence lessons, receive our e-mails, and of course pick up the telephone! Here we also prepare our events – conferences, Bible camps for children and teenagers, other children's activities, and visual aids. It is here that we also deal with all of the administrative work that comes with such a ministry.

Every Monday we meet for fellowship and prayer with those workers who live near enough to attend. We read God's Word together, share about the ministry, and pray.

The owner of the building from whom we rent our offices changed the windows of our office in October 2010. Afterwards, the rooms did not look so good, but since then the walls have been painted, and so we invite you to our renovated MED office. Here children's workers can borrow teaching materials and purchase our publications. Our office is now open longer: 7:00 AM to 4.30 PM (Fridays to 3 PM).

We are thankful for the office that God has so far supplied for 9 years. Our desire is to use it for His work. We plan to create a place for children's workers from the area to meet for workshops and seminars on specific topics. If you have any ideas, please share them with us.

One more thing. We have a new worker in our office. God knew our needs and he made it possible for Ela Płosa to join our two other office workers in January 2012. We thank you for your prayer concerning Ela's employment with MED. Praise the Lord!



Elżbieta Płosa



God in First Place

Children are bored during the winter break ... but not in Leszna. Here the children can spend three days with other kids in our Winter Bible Club.

This year the main hero of the meetings was David – a teenager who had the courage to fight against evil. He didn't agree that God's Name should be insulted by the enemy, nor should Israel's army and King Saul be put to shame. As a result, David defeated their nine foot tall champion named Goliath.

Can today's children be like David? Can they fight the giants of fear, death in the family, the divorce of their parents? They certainly can if they put their trust in God who is all powerful, if they walk with Him, and if they are not ashamed to confess that God is most important in their lives.

We, the teachers, would like to see what the Bible teaches take root in the lives of those whose entire life is before them, and that it would bear good fruit at the right time in their lives when they have to make important decisions. Let us commit our children to God's care day by day and pray that they would choose what is most precious and what will never pass away – abundant life with God.

In addition to the story of David and the games and crafts, we told the story of Jonathan Goforth and George Muller – men who put God first in their lives and experienced His special care and support in their daily lives and ministry. We captured many of the happy moments of these meetings on camera but... it was lost in the snow, and everything disappeared... except for what stayed in the minds and hearts of the children.

Danuta Plinta



The Summer MED activities

We offer for the coming summer ...

For children and teenagers:

The Camps for Young Explorers (age 8–12) in **Wisła Czarne:**
July 8-14, July 15-21, July 29-August 4

The Northern Camp of Young Explorers (age 8–12) in **Szarłota:**
August 5–11

The Special Camp of Young Explorers (age 8–15, for mentally handicapped) in **Wisła Czarne:** **July 22–28**

The Climbing and English Camp (age 13–16) in **Wisła Głębcze:** **July: 18–28**

For children's workers:

- **Volunteer work at the above camps**
- **Teacher training at the MED Summer Bible School** in Zelów: **August 5–15.**

For everyone who has a concern for children and their spiritual growth:

- Pray for the preparation for the MED Summer activities – preparing the program, administrative matters, the spiritual preparation of the MED workers and volunteers, financial support.
- Pray for financial or material support – for scholarship for the students of the teacher training, for the children who are not able to pay the full price of the camps, for buying small prizes for children and materials for crafts.
- The opportunity to give financially to the MED ministry. Donations can be sent to MED through our bank account.



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