

Poland Evangelical Mission

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POWERFUL STORIES FROM FAMILY CAMP SHOW CAMP EDEN'S LONG-TERM INFLUENCE



Dorota and Daniel Cichocki give much to Camp Eden's influence

Dorota was abandoned by her father and raised by her mother. She came to youth camp as a teen, witnessed the behavior of the campers and leaders, heard the messages that were preached, and gave her life to Christ. In her words she says, "I knew this was the life for me".

As she grew in her faith, she would eventually meet and marry Daniel. Together they have established a Christian home. They have enjoyed over twenty years of fruitful ministry. Their two sons serve at the camp, and their daughter is growing up under its Christian influence. Daniel is also president of the Evangelical Bible Seminary in Bydgoszcz.

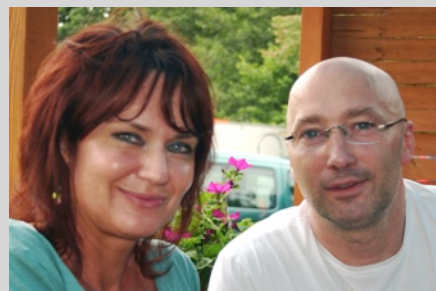
She shared her story in detail at this summer's Family Camp. Thank God Camp Eden was there for Dorota!

Piotr came to Christ 20 years ago this summer when his friend Ewa invited him to attend camp. He was doing his military service at the time, and welcomed the opportunity to do something different. He met wonderful people, heard the gospel, and when it became clear to him what it meant to accept and follow Christ, he responded by giving his life to him.

Later, he and Ewa married and began to live for Christ together. Today they serve the Lord with their three children, are actively involved in a local church, and live in Bydgoszcz.

Please pray for Piotr as he faces further surgery soon for a brain aneurysm.

He shared his story at this summer's Family Camp. Thank God Camp Eden was there for Piotr.



Piotr and Ewa take a break during this summer's Family camp activities.



Daniel and Edyta Kowalinski with one of their children, Olivia.

Edyta Kowalinska was invited to Camp Eden by a friend, Daniel, who first came himself in 1984. Edyta accepted Christ there, and in Daniel's words, "a few years later she accepted me - as her husband". They then entered pastoral ministry together at Kamien Pomorski in northwest Poland.

Over the years they have used Eden as a place through which to introduce many people to Jesus. One girl they brought was deeply impressed by the fact that she found such acceptance, and also that for the first time in her life she had found a place where people didn't drink alcohol to have a good time. (She was from an alcoholic family, so typical of too many in Poland.)

Daniel shared their story at this summer's Family Camp. Thank God Camp Eden was there for Edyta!

Arek Jastrzebski first came to Camp Eden on his bicycle from Bydgoszcz (about a 40 mile trip) for one day in 1982. He heard about the camp when his mother visited Jan Tomczyk's church with her eight children. He was deeply impressed by how well accepted he was, how people were so interested in him, and by the overall atmosphere he noticed there; different than anything he had ever known.

The next summer he came for the whole camp, and responded to an invitation to accept Christ. Today Arek, his wife Grazyna, and their daughter Monika all follow Christ, and support the camp with their presence and service. Monika is part of the volunteer summer staff.

Thank God Camp Eden was there for Arek!



Arek, Monika and Grazyna agree that Camp Eden is a treasure to their family, and to many others.

Thank you for praying and giving, and being a part of Camp Eden's ministry!

ON THE ROAD AGAIN... *A live action report from Russ Brown in Poland.*

On August 16th, I left Bydgoszcz with a team of youth and young adults to assist local churches in five cities. Their goal? Help people come to know Christ. The pictures speak for themselves - warm reception, and great opportunity to sow the seed of God's love through captivating use of music, mime, rap and personal testimony. We have visited two cities and have three more to visit. What an awesome gift God has given all of us to be able to partner with such a ministry as this!



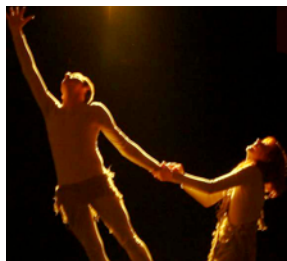
First stop, Znin,
a city of over
14,000 people.



In each city team members take to the streets, getting the word out about the program to be presented. They are generally very well received, and they do an absolutely awesome job of getting people's attention and communicating. I have never seen young teenagers with this much poise. The older team members have been great role models.



The first show in each city is "The Puzzle". The talent is incredibly good, and the message is easily understood, communicating to both children and adults. An invitation to pray to receive Christ is included at the conclusion. Following the children's program is a Rap concert for teens.



Second stop, Pila,
A city of over
80,000 people.



In addition to "The Puzzle", the other show presented in each city has been "Stworca" (Creation), a very moving portrayal of the creation, fall and redemption of mankind. In addition, an ex-convict and a former nun, now married, share their testimonies and minister in music. In each situation we work with a local church that can follow up with those that show interest.

At the time of this writing, we have three more cities we will be visiting: Lodz, Spala, and Janikowo.

*Your prayers are especially requested, that the seed being sown will come to bear fruit
in the months ahead.*

Please pray for us often!

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