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OF THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH
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IN POLAND



2015 IS BEHIND US

Dear readers of the report

The year 2015 in the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Poland was the Year of Evangelical Culture, accompanied by the biblical text from the Letter to Romans 15:7: "Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God."

In our actions we were mainly highlighting the idea of no divisions, focusing on mutual respect, acceptance and understanding that the other person may have a different point of view and that we should try to keep the peace and build good relationships. Secondly, that we as Christians should follow Jesus Christ in our lives, take care of other people's wellbeing, not concentrate on their flaws, and to take care of our own actions and take responsibility for them because this is the only way to experience unity and unanimity in Christ.

"Christians should act as their Savior did. He accepted the people no matter what, once for all ... Peace and unanimity are the most important things in common praise for God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (see Rom 15:6). It is also important that by this attitude of "accepting" we not only mean tolerating the second person but that we focus on a real, deep, existential engagement for his or her good, also in taking on his or her weaknesses and shortages." Dr. Dominik Nowak

In our work throughout the year we used two slogans, promoting them at the same time:



slogan to be used in the Church and other Christian backgrounds



slogan depicting the CME as the Public Benefit Institution

AS THE INSTITUTION WE HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN POLAND FOR THE LAST **19 YEARS**, AS THE PUBLIC BENEFIT INSTITUTION WE HAVE BEEN WORKING FOR THE LAST **11 YEARS**.

WE COOPERATE, MOTIVATE, EDUCATE AND PROVIDE PRACTICAL SUPPORT for initiating enlivening and developing – basing on Christian values – education, culture and voluntary activities. We act ecumenically for improving life quality of children, youth, adults and seniors.

FOR CHILDREN

SUMMER CAMP FOR CHILDREN "WITH A FRIEND"

24.07 – 2.08 – Piosek in Czech Republic

29 children at the age 7 to 13, from various parts of Poland: Rybnik, Goleiszów, Opole, Sosnowiec, Ustroń, Wista, Jastrzębie-Zdrój, Kępa, Skoczów, Mikołajki, Bielsko-Biała, Ruda Śląska, Mysłowice, Pszczyna, Piasek, Dębowiec-Simoradz, Cieszyn, and 4 caretakers-volunteers.

The main slogan: "Treasure island". Through discussing the Bible stories, children had the chance to find out that the Bible is the best map that safely leads to the aim – eternal life with God.

MORNING PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN DURING THE EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE

6.07 – 11.07, Dziegielów

Each day there were over 40 children participating, 4-13 years old, and 7 volunteers – a leader, caretakers and UNO streetworkers.

The topic of the meetings: "More than gold – the stories of Christian Olympic athletes"

During the meetings children found out about the following sportsmen: Michael Change, David Johnson, Jorge de Amorim, Elana Meyer, David Robinson – their lives have changed completely because of the relationship with God. The aim of these meetings was to show these children that although sport itself is good and beautiful, it can't be our aim because there is something more precious than Olympic gold – life with God. In the second part of the meetings there were games, plays and activities with the usage of the Mobile School panels.

EVANGELICAL MEETINGS FOR CHILDREN 3-6 YEARS OLD DURING THE EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE

4-12.07, Dziegiełków

There were 44-132 children taking part in the meetings, 31 volunteers were helping as caretakers and some of them had additional functions, such as leading the worship.

The program was titled "Knock, knock. Who's there?" and led by the Duet SU. It was a cycle of nine meetings, during which children learned biblical stories about Jesus meeting other people, they learned also how to host their friends, relatives and strangers.

At the same time, there were also meetings for other age groups: 7-10 and 11-13, led by CME volunteers and invited people.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS DURING THE EVANGELISTIC CRUSADE

5.07 and 12.07, Dziegiełków

There were about 200 children participating, 3-13 years old, and 15 volunteers who led the worship, Bible lessons, art activities, taught verses from the Bible and were caretakers for children participating in the program.

The main topics: "Jesus says: Follow me" – calling the first disciples, and: "Encourage others to follow Jesus" – Jesus shows himself to his disciples in Galilee

ELEMENTARY COURSE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

The course for those who want to get engaged in leading Sunday Schools in their parish. The classes were led in the form of workshops. The course took place from 28.02 to 1.03 in the Lutheran parish in Wista-Jawornik.

EVANGELICAL CRUSADE FOR CHILDREN IN MRĄGOWO

16-23.08, Mrągowo

There were about 80 children in preschool and school age participating in the program.

The program was led by 13 volunteers and consisted of the following points: Sunday Schools, artistic workshops, games and plays, plays in the inflatable castle, evangelical meeting.

The main topic was: "Adventure in the Wild West", and children during the classes learned the following truths: the Bible shows the best direction and gives good advice; every sin separates us from God; God forgives and saves; God wants all the people to hear about Him; God fights for those who trust Him; Heaven is a place of eternal joy.

FOR CHILDREN IN PARISHES

SUMMER PLAY CENTERS WITH ENGLISH

This project has been coordinated by the Center for Mission and Evangelism for 7 years already. It is a part of the aim to awaken spiritual life and accompany Christians, especially the members from the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Poland, in proclaiming the Gospel about Jesus Christ with their lives – by words and actions. It motivates people to engage in their own environment, develop their skills and raise qualifications. The following parishes organized the Summer play centers: Cieszyn, Gliwice, Goleszów, Opole. Altogether, 131 children participated in the activities, with 22 volunteers from the USA and 33 from Poland.

PASSION RETREAT

The topic of the retreat was "The story of a certain relationship" and it focused on the death, resurrection and the life of Jesus Christ. Together with children and youth we were wondering what it means for us that Christ was punished for us, rose from the dead and it is worth to live with Him. There were 76 meetings in 14 places: Kluczbork, Świętochłowice, Ustroń, Bładnice, Wista Centrum, Wista Jawornik, Cieszyn, Dziegiełków, Wista Czarne, Wista Malinka, Biała, Stare Bielsko. Altogether 687 children and 392 teenagers took part in the meetings. There were 14 people engaged in the program: 7 workers from the CME, 5 volunteers and 2 theology students from Warsaw. The materials prepared by us were also given to the parishes in Warsaw, Łódź, Jaworze, Skoczów and Opole.

FOR CHILDREN FROM THE SOCIAL MARGIN

The Group of Pedagogues UNO, which is our local unit, worked with this group. Its actions consisted of:

WINTER HOLIDAYS

winter play centers for children from Bytom's districts: Rozbark and Bobrek

2 weeks: 2.02-6.02 for Bobrek, and 9.02-13.02 for Rozbark

There were 24 participants and 7 volunteers who led workshops.

MOBILE SCHOOL

Animation activities in Bobrek and Rozbark (April-September), with 147 participants in Bobrek and 238 in Rozbark. 20 volunteers were helping during 213 hours (78 duties).

INTERGALACTICAL RALLY OF SUPERHEROS

25-26.04, a two-day local event

First day – march with the Mobile School and activities in the market square, 65 children participating.

Second day – activities during the Strangely Cool Festival, 25 children participating.

CHILDREN'S DAY

1.06 – going around the district and giving sweets to children

FESTIVAL OF FUN

A six-day local event, 22-24 in Bobrek and 27-29 in Rozbark.

Free workshops, animation and games prepared by the UNO group and volunteers. There were 40 volunteers participating (586h) and 291 children in Bobrek and 305 in Rozbark.

CAMP IN MRĄGOWO

5 UNO pupils took part in the camp due to the financial support from the "Give children hope" fund.

LOCAL SEMINAR

5.10, "Monitoring of streetworking realization in the frames of intersectional cooperation", with 18 participants from Rybnik, Racibórz, Bytom and Warsaw.

ST. NICHOLAS' DAY

612 – conversations and giving sweets to children in the districts of Bytom

ACTIVITIES IN SMALL GROUPS

January–August, September–December

For 39 children, 7 volunteers were leading the workshops and theme activities

HELPING OTHERS IN THEIR ACTIONS

Bytom "ODNowa" (Anew) "Action Revitalization"

10.10 – animation activities during promotion of the revitalization program in Bytom. Building the city from dreams with children, conversations about their needs concerning the place to live, playgrounds, places of cultural activities. There were ca. 20 children participating.

11th Days of Nonprofit Organizations in Bytom

11-12.09, presenting activities with the Mobile School in a shopping gallery in Bytom. 43 children were participating.

Match of the Local Activity Program participants

Organized in 12.06 by the local point in Bobrek – animation activities led by a volunteer for ca. 30 children during the match

Sport Day in Gliwice

30.05, animation with the Mobile School

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The aim of our work is to enter and maintain relationships with these children who are characterized by difficult behavior. We are present in their environment, we share their successes and failures of everyday life. We show them the world – the local one and the more global one, confronting it with the world of values they know little about. We travel, play, design, change what we can change, so that they have better memories from their childhood.

Monika Cieślak, streetworking coordinator

FOR YOUTH

CHRISTIAN TECHNICAL CAMP

1-8.02, Wista Czarne

This is a new thing in our offer for young people.

Number of participants: 35 plus 6 participating in workshops only

Number of workers and instructors-volunteers: 14

SLEEPLESS NIGHT

4-5.04, parish in Goleiszów

Participants: over 600 people

Volunteers and people engaged: 105 people (parish members from Goleiszów, acousticians, paramedics, mimes, people for prayers, parking lots, multimedia, theology students, music group, choir).

This sleepless night, which took place in Goleiszów for the first time, was accompanied by the theme "Party", and its program was prepared by the evangelistic department of the CME and Rev. Adrian Korczago. Theology students acted for the first time during this event, presenting their short study "Trial".

COOL! YOUTH CAMP

15-24.08, Mragowo

There were 51 participants, accompanied by 5 caretakers and 4 helpers. Morning worship and Biblical lecture were both for the participants of the camp and for the Evangelistic Crusade, taking place at the same time in the parish.

NIGHT WITH LUTHER

31.10, Drogomyśl

There were 500 participants, both youth and adults, and 80 volunteers, such as parish members, youth, actors, speakers, acoustics, paramedics, theology students and music groups. "If you are not allowed to laugh in Heaven, I don't want to go there" (Martin Luther) – this was the theme of the meeting.

ANNUAL YOUTH MEETING

25-27.09, Pokój

The theme of the meeting was "Give the Peace!". There were 385 participants, including: 70 volunteers, 297 participants and 18 organizers. The program consisted of the opening, night cinema, concerts, seminars, football tournament, paintball, drone show, printing in 3D, first aid, Biblesdrama, exhibition of the works of young Lutherans, terrain game, night prayer, service.

The dioceses were represented in the following numbers: Cieszyn Diocese – 155, Katowice Diocese – 139, Masuria Diocese – 10, Pomerian-Greater Poland Diocese – 18, Warsaw Diocese – 14, Wroctaw Diocese – 27.

The meeting is organized by a group of people consisting of: diocesan youth pastors, hosts of the parish and the Polish Lutheran Youth Pastor and the CME.



The memories and knowledge are the best things I came back with. The camp helped me to break my barriers and fear. Faith works miracles – now I understand it. Participant

FOR FAMILIES – EVANGELISTIC CRUSADES

The aim of three Evangelistic Crusades was the proclamation of Gospel about Jesus Christ, according to the words from the Book of Acts 4:12: "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved." Through these events we want to help people in getting to know God closer and deepening their faith through studying God's Word, prayer and meetings with other believers. Each person, no matter the age, education or any other criteria, needs a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, therefore these crusades are for all age groups (children, youth, adults), environments and social groups.

The theme of the Crusades in 2015 was "Without Limits".

IN DZIĘGIELÓW, 4-12th June, the crusade took place for the 66th time. There were 9 days of seminars (23), concerts (8) and evangelistic meetings (9). Ca. 20,000 people, including children, people on the internet and 253 volunteers, participated. The Biblical lectures (audio) and the main meetings at 5 p.m. (audio and video) were broadcast on the internet.

IN ZELÓW, 19-26th June, in the Evangelical and Reformed parish the event was directed especially to the members of evangelical congregations, living within 100km radius from Zelów. There were over 300 children participating in the meetings from Monday to Saturday; ca. 850 youth and adults participating in the evening concerts with a message, ca. 280 participants during seminars from Sunday to Saturday, and 30 volunteers, including over 20 working with children.

IN MRAĞOWO, 16-23rd August, there was a morning program for children, art workshops, Biblical lectures, group discussion, seminars and evangelistic meetings in the evening.



FOR THE PEOPLE AFFECTED BY CRIME

In 2014 we started the Centre for People Affected by Crime, seated in Gliwice and in 11 branches in Silesia. In this centers we offer free, professional and complex help to those who are aggrieved by crime. This project is co-financed by the Ministry of Justice. In 2015 we gave 796 hours of psychological care, 729 hours of legal advice, and 565 people used our help. There were also some actions promoting the center and specialist trainings, e.g. in the frames of mediation for the Social Welfare Centers workers in Bytom and Świętochłowice, for the workers of Stowarzyszenie Pomocy Wzajemnej "Być Razem" (the Mutual Help Association "Be Together") in Cieszyn, for the social service workers in Racibórz.

Week of Help for the People Affected with Crime (23-28.02) was a special event for us, during which we organized advice in the following areas: legal, mediation, psychological, custody etc. During this week there were duties in the Social Welfare Center in Gliwice and the seats of social partners, e.g. District Court in Gliwice, Social Welfare Center in Katowice, District Court in Bielsko-Biała.

In April we opened a new branch of our center in Bielsko-Biała, and in June we organized "Sport Day", an event in which the workers of the Social Welfare Center in Gliwice and CME workers and volunteers were engaged. Some of the parents of children we work with were also volunteers during this event. This was incredibly important from the point of view of our project goals. Parents who normally have problems with abstinence, spent their time with children in a constructive way. In June, the workers of the Social Welfare Center in Gliwice and its branches together with volunteers gave legal and psychological advice during the Evangelistic Crusade in Gliwice. They also had a seminar on the ways of help for the people affected by crime.

In November, the coordinator of the project, Magdalena Fornal, received an award for the social activity in the frames of social projects, realized by the CME with the Social Welfare Centre in Gliwice. It was a great joy for us. The award was given during the gala, organized on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Social Welfare Centre in Gliwice.

In December, the workers and volunteers visited 85 families in Gliwice, who are in a specially difficult material situation. Thanks to the support of HL Display company from Gliwice, these families received Christmas gifts, consisting, among other things, of food. The workers from Asseco Poland S.A. were also helpful in this matter, and the large part of clothes were given by a wholesale outlet from Wista.

On 19th December, the workers and volunteers from the Social Welfare Center organized Christmas Meeting for 70 children from poor families living in Gliwice.

Through the whole year 2015 we were realizing a project of intersectoral cooperation of help for children and youth, in the frames of the Social Welfare Center project "Streetchildren". The company Asseco Poland S.A., CME and the Social Welfare Center in Gliwice were engaged in this project.

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Today mission means giving your testimony of Christ full of love to the neighbor, with word and actions, respecting dignity of every person, no matter who he or she is. Christian is a neighbor (see Lucas 10:36-37) of every person he or she meets, as Christ has taught. Loving others – poor and rich, sick and healthy, nice and insolent, friends and enemies, employees and bosses, victims and offenders, Christians and Muslims, believers and atheists – requires humbleness and ability to accept the neighbor without prejudices. Therefore it is also important to engage socially for the sake of local community and to go beyond our environment.
Rev. Grzegorz Giemza, CME director

COUNSELLING HELP

Throughout the year, in the Center there were family counsellors, pastors and supervisors available – people qualified at the Counselling and Supervision Courses, certified by the Polish Association for Counselling and Pastoral Psychology, and a court mediator. They were meeting with people interested in this form of counselling. All of the people are required to keep the principle of confidentiality and so called counselling confidentiality.

DUSZPASTERZ.PL WEBSITE (COUNSELOR)

The two main activities of this website are: on-line duties and counselling correspondence and counselling forum Defragmentacja (Defragmentation). There are 805 registered users on the forum (data from 31st December 2015), in 2015 there were 58 new members registered. On Duszpasterz.pl there are 1,183 users registered, in 2015 there were 111 new members registered. Other numbers were the following: 266,507 forum entries (ca. 28,000 entries per month), 69,239 website entries (ca. 5,000 entries per month), 213 on-line duties (ca. 4 duties per week), 255 conversations, 130 e-mails came to the address pomoc@duszpasterz.pl, 98 letters were sent as a response and 26 contacts on the forum.

The following people were engaged in this project: 6 counsellors on-line (4 had duties the whole year, 2 occasionally and during the Evangelistic Crusade in Dziegiełów), 3 moderators.

CHARITABLE AND SOCIAL ACTIONS

CHRISTMAS PRESENT

In 2015 this action was organized for the 15th time already. Together with all the givers we sent 5013 gifts: 980 to Belarus, 1980 to Ukraine and 2053 to Romania. The action in Poland started in September and finished in December, with participation of 115 congregations from the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession and the Evangelical and Reformed Church, over 30 schools and over 300 volunteers and local coordinators in the whole country.

The goals of this action are unchangeable: to bring help to those who are in need, to teach empathy and sensitivity, to show that even if you don't have much, you can give something, to give the possibility for charitable action. It was possible because of the engagement of various people: teachers, school pedagogues, pastors, students, children from kindergartens and many more.

A LETTER TO THE BABY

This is a simple idea: our streetworkers ask children they work with in Bobrek and Rozbark to write a letter to the Baby. Then their letters are given to people or groups who prepare gifts for this small authors of these letters. It is not about giving money – it is about buying, packing and bringing the present for a certain kid. Just before Christmas Eve, streetworkers met with children by the Christmas tree. They spent this time as if they were a family. Children were eating Christmas delicacies, singing carols, talking about Christmas. They also received gifts prepared by the participants of this action. In 2015 28 people/groups/families prepared 29 gifts for 42 children (19 girls and 23 boys). The total value of the gifts was equal to PLN 2,900.

FAMILY FOR A FAMILY

This fund was established in 1999. We collect the money for helping the families in a particularly critical financial situation. In 2015, the regular support was given to 5 Silesian families and 2 families from Masuria, with the amount from PLN 200 to PLN 500 per month. From January to December 2015 the regular support in the total amount of PLN 17,000 was given to seven families. In June the money from the fund covered participation of two families in the Evangelistic Crusade in Dzięgielów (total amount of PLN 880). Due to this fund, several teenagers the UNO streetworker group from Bytom works with, were able to participate in the "Cool! Youth Camp" (support in the total amount of PLN 750). Altogether, in 2015 we gave financial support in the amount of PLN 19,330. 17 families are regular funders.

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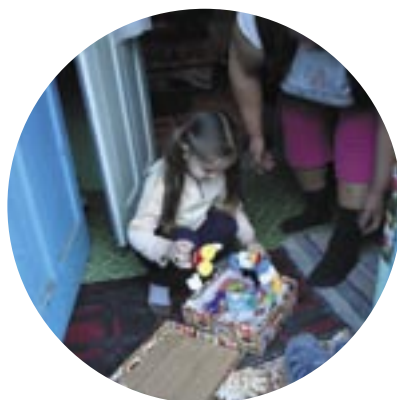
Most often we help single-parent families, large families that are in crisis because of death or illness of one of parents, or job loss of both parents. Marek Cieślak, journalist, takes care of the Family for a family fund

GIVE CHILDREN HOPE

This is a fund of financial support of holidays for children and youth. It is supervised by a committee, consisting of three persons, who met on 16th January and 10th June in Dzięgielów, and positively examined 26 applications, granting financial support in the total amount of PLN 17,300. The following people applied for the donation: parents, caretakers and the congregations. Children took part in the winter camps and camps organized by the Center for Mission and Evangelism in Wisła Czarne, Mrągowo, Piosek and in the Evangelistic Crusade in Dzięgielów.

WOMEN'S SECRET MISSION

We organized this social campaign from 8th March to 26th May for the women citizens of Burkina Faso, one of the poorest countries in Africa. It was accompanied by the slogan "We have more in common than you think". It all started with a request from the women living in Pobe Mengao district to the CME volunteer – they asked her for underwear. It is hardly available in Burkina Faso and those women can't afford it. In Dzięgielów we came up with an idea for a campaign and due to our contacts we were able to create a net of coordinators, both local and from abroad (London, Czech Republic, Canada). "Secret Mission" was about buying the new underwear, made of natural fabric, encourage other women in our surrounding to do the same and send it to one of 34 places in Poland. This simple idea of helping African women gave incredible results. We received 1,898 bras, 4,224 pants, sent 13 packages. There were 35 volunteers coordinating this campaign in Poland, and 25 cities participated. After 5,000 km the packages, of total weight 260kg, reached women in Burkina Faso.



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The success of this mission lies in solidarity of women. Also the spiritual one. Despite cultural differences and distance. Lidia Tarczyńska, TVP Katowice

THEATER AND MUSIC

DUET SU

This is a theatrical group, consisting of two people, whose aim is to proclaim the Gospel with the theatrical forms of expression. Their offer is directed to parishes, institutions, organizations etc., to be used during various meetings and events. They also perform during the events organized by the Center for Mission and Evangelism. In 2015 they acted 14 times for children and 15 times for adults.

In 2015 there were three premiers: "Door" – theatrical etude for youth and adults, focusing on the Biblical slogan for the year 2015; "Knock, knock. Who's there?" – 9 evangelization meetings for children; "Chosen" – performance for children with the message: "God chose you."

There were about 2,615 recipients of their performances, e.g.: parishes in Cieszyn Marklowice, Cieszyn Zamarski, Dziegłelów, Gliwice, Golezów, Hawierzów-Sucha (Czech Republic), Lasowice Małe, Mikołów, Poznań, Świętochłowice, Tychy; Chrześcijańskie Stowarzyszenie "Miłość Edukacja Dojrzałość" (Christian Association "Love Education Maturity"); prisoners in Tarnowskie Góry and social initiative in Iłownica.

ZESPÓŁ CME (CME MUSIC BAND)

In 2015 the band performed in the following spheres: 17.01 – music workshops and preparations for recording a CD in Bielsko-Biała; 12.04 – Easter concert with a message in the Lutheran parish in Gliwice; 17-18.04 – concerts during which the CD was recorded in the Pentecostal congregation "Filadelfia" in Bielsko-Biała; 19.04 – service in "Filadelfia" in Bielsko; 4-12.07 – Evangelistic Crusade in Dziegłelów; 18.07 – concert at the XCamp in Śmitowice; 16-23.08 – Evangelistic Crusade in Mrągowo; 13.09 – worship concert in the Lutheran parish in Katowice-Szopienice; 26.09 – worship concert at the Annual Youth Meeting in Pokój; 17.10 – Evening of praise in the Lutheran parish in Dziegłelów; 17.11 – ProChrist in the Lutheran parish in Wiśła-Jawornik; 27-29.11 – music workshops in the Lutheran parish in Wiśła-Jawornik.

The CME Music Band consists of volunteers: 6 musicians, 15 singers and a CME worker as their acoustician. Their aim is to lead people in worshipping God through music and singing. In the middle of 2015 the band released an album titled "Live in Filadelfia" to celebrate their 15th anniversary.

ARTISTIC GROUP OF CLOWNS

This group performed in May, June and July. They met with ca. 600 children and adults in the following cities: Cieszyn, Hawierzów-Sucha, Marklowice, Świętochłowice, Warszawa, Żory. 5 clowns were performing. The aim of this group was to enable the viewers to look at everyday life from a new perspective and accept the freeing gospel about salvation through experiencing joy.

From 21.07 to 01.08 the group co-organized the International Conference of Clowning Leaders in Warszawa-Radość, in which participated 80 people from the USA, Mexico, Croatia, Czech Republic, Poland, Ukraine and Russia.



VOLUNTARY ACTIVITY

In 2015 there were 903 volunteers helping us, including 737 during events and 166 regular. The volunteers were helping us in the following events: Sleepless Night, Christian Technological Camp, Duet SU performances, e-magazine "Warto", winter holidays, Festival of Fun in Bytom, recording the CME Music Band CD, children camp "With a Friend", camp FICA in Karpacz, the Annual Youth Meeting in Pokój, Women's Secret Mission, Preparation Week for the Evangelistic Crusade in Dziegłelów, Evangelistic Crusade in Dziegłelów, Evangelistic Crusade in Mrągowo, "Christmas Present", Night with Luther, radio program "Po prostu".



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

In 2015 we finished our several years' preparations for the service of Ania Pinkas (nurse, graduated from the Medical Academy in Katowice) in the hospital in **ASWAN**, Egypt. From January to June 2015, Ania was living in Cairo, learning Arabic language, and on June 1st she came back to Poland, where during the summer time she had lectures on the topic "Egypt – the land of my dreams", e.g. in the high school in Wiśła, Baptist Church and high schools in Ostróda, Lutheran parishes in Pierściec and Skoczów, Pentecostal Church in Hażlach, Elementary Alternative School in Cieszyn. During the Evangelistic Crusade in Dziegłelów and on the hiking camp in Wiśła-Głębce, Ania had seminars on "Life in a different culture, in the world of pyramids and camels." In June Ania participated in the Jahrestfest conference.

In July we started collecting money for specialist dressings for the patients in Assuan. We collected PLN 5,126 and 441 pieces of dressing. The project was supported by 50 people and the pharmacy from Wiśła. Ania took the first part of dressings (245 pcs.) on August 25th, when she was coming back to Kair. On September 1st she moved to Assuan, where in October she started work in the hospital and continues learning Arabic language. The second part of dressings, in the amount of 196 pieces, was sent in February 2016. On August 21st Ania was hired by the CME, changing her status from a volunteer to a worker.

In January 2015, there was an exhibition in Golezów, titled "Faces of Africa." The exhibition was showing the everyday life of **BURKINA FASO** citizens and promoting our mission in this region.

From March 8th to May 26th 2015 we were leading the project titled "Women's Secret Mission", in the frames of which we were collecting underwear for women in Burkina Faso. In 2015 we also wrote a project on rebuilding the tame in Burkina Faso. If it succeeds, the citizens will have the all-year-round access to water and that will enable this area to develop and improve life conditions. In 2016 we will focus on finding financial support for this project. There was a group of 7 volunteers, meeting regularly on workshops and using various artistic techniques they were preparing articles for sale during the Evangelistic Crusade in Dzięgielów. The funds they collected were given for help to Burkina Faso.

GUESTS IN THE CME

19.10 – a group of confirmants from Germany – guests of the Lutheran parish in Jastrzębie-Zdrój – met with the CME director in order to get familiar with our work

20.10 – we hosted a group of 35 Germans, who visited CME with Theo Schneider, the former secretary of Gnadauer Gemeinshftsverband. After ceremonial dinner, the CME director told them about our work

27.10 – we hosted the workers of the Czech organization EC M.I.S.E (Evangelizační centrum Modlitwa Integracje Społeczeńství Evangelizace – Evangelization center Prayer Integration Society Evangelization), who spent a day with us to get familiar with our work and use this knowledge in improving their work.

After a two-year-long break, in October 2015 we renewed the contact with the Lutheran organization, **SUPPORTING SUNDAY SCHOOLS IN EUROPE**. We participated in the questionnaire, concerning our engagement, expectations, needs and conclusions for future cooperation. We are waiting for the questionnaire summary and are open for new ways of cooperation in the frames of work among children on the international level.

TRAININGS AND COURSES

BIBLE SCHOOL

In the school year 2014/2015 there were 22 students: 6 on the first year, 9 on the second year and 7 on the third year. There were 12 Saturday meetings in 2015.

In July, during the service at the Evangelistic Crusade in Dzięgielów, two students received graduation diplomas, seven students from the third year received diploma for completing the homiletic-liturgical course (so called third year of the Bible School). In September, there were interviews with the applicants, and the new school year was inaugurated on October 11th with the service in the Lutheran parish in Dzięgielów. 7 students started their first year and 6 students are on their second year.

Since October 2015, each meeting starts on Friday with a discussion. This is a time for both the students and graduates to meet and talk about faith issues. Till the end of December there were six Saturday meetings and five discussion meetings. In the years 2012-2015 there were altogether 44 Bible School graduates.

COUNSELING COURSES

In 2015 we were continuing the supervisory course (6 participants) that started in October 2013.

We also started a new edition of the basic Counseling Course and the advanced Counseling Course with 5 participants. Both of them are led by a German supervision trainer. On December 5th the new edition of the basic Counseling Course started. There are 8 participants and the course is led by a supervisor certified by the Polish Association for Counseling and Pastoral Psychology and the supervisor in the process of education.

PARTICIPATION OF THE CME WORKERS IN CONFERENCES AND TRAININGS IN THE FORM OF LECTURERS AND PARTICIPANTS

Counseling Day, Bielsko-Biała

New Year's Eve Ecumenical Meeting, Warsaw

Bytom's Angels of Voluntary Work

"Responsible Silesia" – conference on partnership between various sectors

"On the way of reconciliation. 50th anniversary of memorandum of the eastern Evangelical Church of Germany" – conference, Warsaw

"Building the institutional potential and cooperation in the area of justice" – conference organized by the Ministry of Justice, Warsaw

"Probation officer in the reduced or extended reality" – conference organized by the Silesian University, the National Council of Probation Officers and PROBARE Foundation

Conference inaugurating the Week of Help for the People Affected by Crime, organized by the CME in the District Court in Gliwice

Interdisciplinary conference "Help for the People Affected by Crime – local cooperation", organized by the Social Welfare Center and the Lutheran parish in Świętochłowice

Conference of the Youth Sociotherapy Center in Gliwice

Conference on crime prevention, organized by Fundacja "Dialog bez Przemocy" ("Dialogue without violence" foundation)

Conference on the economical violence, organized in Zabrze

Conference on the family violence, organized by the County Center for Family Help and the association "Be Together" in Cieszyn

Conference on "Monitoring the realization of streetworking in the frames of cooperation between the sectors", organized by the Network of Polish Streetworking Organizations

Conference on ordination of women, Warsaw

Conference commemorating Albert Schweitzer, Bielsko-Biała

Conference on "20 years of freedom from dependence", Bytom

Conference on "How to organize streetworking in the frames of cooperation between the sectors", Warsaw

Conference on the 100th anniversary of the birth of pastor Santarius in Czeski Cieszyn

Conference in the Ministry of Justice on the realization of the project on the help for people affected by crime

Conference organized by the Career Office of the Silesian University and the police headquarters on the occasion of the Week of the People Affected by Crime

Women Congress, organized by the Silesian University in Cieszyn

Mediation consultation, Warsaw

International Counseling Conference, Krzyżowa

International Clowning Conference, Warsaw

International Conference on the issue of social integration of Roma population in Slovakia

International Seminary of the Society for Intercultural Pastoral Care and Counselling in Wrocław on the topic: "Religiöse Quellen zur Bildung von Gemeinschaft und Frieden"

Intersectoral meeting "Life is the people", organized by the "Chcemy pomóc" ("We want to help") association from Katowice

Mitgliederversammlung und Beirat ProChrist in Kassel

Reformation Baltica, Cultural influence of Reformation in the metropolises of the eastern basin of the Baltic Sea, Vilnius

Seminar on "You have the right for mediation" in the Silesian University in Cieszyn

Meeting of the Bytom Council of the Non-government Organizations with the NGO leaders from Bytom

Meeting Concerning the City Strategy for Solving Social Problems in the years 2015-2020, Bytom

Meeting "Social exclusion of people, families and societies – areas of support possible to be realized in the years 2014-2020", Bytom

SIPCC Symposium "Gottes Gegenwart mit Anderen entdecken. Theologische Inspirationen in interkultureller und interreligiöser Seelsorge", Dusseldorf

Training on the area of the Local IT System, Bytom

Training organized by the Ministry of Justice in the frames of the project "Strengthening actions in favor of the victims of family violence", Wrocław

Training "Strengthening actions in favor of the victims of family violence", Bytom

Training "Action Education – cycle of interdisciplinary workshops for teachers", Bytom

Training on communication and mediation competence "How to solve conflicts in the Church effectively?", Warsaw

Tagung der 12. Generalsynode der VELKD, Bremen

The Second Meeting of Members of Protestant Synods in Europe: "How is Protestantism shaping the Europe of today and tomorrow?", Budapest

Strategical workshop in the area of working out the Gliwice Revitalization Program, organized by the Municipal Council in Gliwice

MEDIA AND OTHER THINGS

WARTO PUBLISHING HOUSE

In 2015 we published 7 books: "Rozmowy przy studni" (Conversations by the well) by Rev. Prof. Manfred Uglorz, "Narodziny perty" (The birth of a pearl) by Lidia Czyż, Calendar 2016, "Łzy" (Tears) by Paweł Anweiler, "Modlitewnik kobiet" (Women's prayer book) edited by Aleksandra Błahut-Kowalczyk and Katarzyna Rudkowska, "Dzień się przybliżył (The day has come closer) by Rev. Prof. Manfred Uglorz and "Trauerbegleitung in unterschiedlichen kulturellen, sozialen und religiösen Kontexten" edited by Patricia Dobrikova, Walter Gebhardt, Grzegorz Giemza, Vasile Grajdian and Adrian Kacian.

Warto published also two CDs: the CME Music Band „Live in Filadelfia” and the Ecumenical Choir from Karpacz „Rok kościelny w pieśni”, and also radio drama for children "A fairy-tale room" together with 34 CDs with lectures and seminars from conferences and Evangelical Crusades 2015. Altogether we published 44 publications.

We have also led the radio program, e-magazine "Warto" (www.warto.cme.org.pl) and served during all the events organized by the CME, preparing leaflets, posters, invitations, certificates, banners, updating websites. We also cooperated with parishes, the Church's office and other institutions.

RADIO PROGRAM "PO PROSTU"

This program from the very beginning (2003) is created in the cooperation with the parish in Gliwice. In 2015 we produced 365 half-hour long programs, broadcasted every day at 21.00 in the Radio CCM and on the internet. We had a few thousand listeners (there are no audience ratings in small cities done, nor are they done in the Czech Republic where we have a large group of listeners.) During the phone competitions, organized about twice a month, we used to talk to children and elder people. We found out that we have listeners in big cities and small villages of Silesia and Lesser Poland, and also in the Czech Republic. We receive signals that the number of people listening us on the internet is still increasing.

Our programs were also broadcasted in the Polish Radio Program 1. (four programs from the cycle "Churches in Poland and in the world"). We recorded four books: "Narodziny perty" by Lidia Czyż, "Wybaczyć Bogu" by Piotr Gąsiorowski, "Modlitewnik kobiet", and a cycle of articles written by Lutheran pastors "Książd po godzinach" ("A pastor after hours"). We cooperate with 18 volunteers on the regular basis, mainly with pastors who record their Bible devotions. Together with TWR Impulse Poland we realize the cycle "Understand the Bible", devoted to the historical books of the Old Testament. Thanks to the "Głos Ewangelii" foundation, once a month we broadcast reportages on the topic of "Real people, real stories." Throughout the year we participated in meetings with the listeners, e.g. in Jastrzębie-Ruptawa, Cieszyn, Dziegielów, Ustroń, Wisła-Jawornik. Most of these meetings were combined with a Bible lecture given by our editor.

E-MAGAZINE "WARTO"

This is the second year of publishing the magazine on relationships and spirituality on the internet on the website warto.cme.org.pl. The new, free issues were published there each quarter. In 2015 various authors-volunteers, and there were 25 of them, were writing "Letters to..." a second person, the world, themselves and God. The archive issues of "Warto" magazine are also available in the Digital Silesian Library.

"WARTO" BOOKSHOP

The bookshop works in two areas: stationary in Cieszyn and on the internet at www.warto.com.pl. In 2015 there were over 3,000 titles available – books, CDs, radio dramas, films etc. We had over 10,000 individual clients and led 21 outer stands in the whole country. Among our clients were the following parishes and organizations: 98 Lutheran parishes, 3 dioceses, Polish Ecumenical Council, Polish Evangelical Society, Evangelical Methodist Church, Silesian Evangelical Church of Augsburg Confession in Czech Republic, Polish Diaconia, Evangelical Center for Diaconia and Education in Wrocław, Christian Theological Academy in Warsaw etc.

WEBSITES

In 2015 we had the following websites: cme.org.pl, warto.com.pl, tpipp.pl, egzegeza.pl, prochrist.pl and subdomains: warto.cme.org.pl, materialy.cme.org.pl, szkola.cme.org.pl, poradnictwo.cme.org.pl, prezent.cme.org.pl; 5 blogs: oblicza-afryki, odkrywanie-afryki, streetworker.blogspot.com, naukrainie.blogspot.com. We had also 2 Facebook profiles: Centrum Misji i Ewangelizacji (2,230 followers) and Młodzi Luteranie.

OUR TECHNICAL BACKSTAGE

Among the tasks of this department were: taking care of the buildings, areas and CME equipment; technical service of the events organized by us, such as Evangelistic Crusade, Annual Youth Meeting, Night with Luther, Sleepless Night etc.; basic renovations; taking care of our cars; managing the kitchen and preparing meals for the people in the CME seat, people participating in the trainings, courses and camps, and driving meals in the frames of the action "Meals on wheels".

At the beginning of the year we had two cars: Opel Astra and Toyota Avensis. Altogether, in 2015 these cars made a distance of 49,382 km. We also cooperated with the Silesian department of Johannites and used their cars as well which e.g. in the frames of the action "Christmas Present" or "Meals on wheels" made a distance of 22,435 km.

In the frames of the action "Meals on wheels" we served 15,964 meals. We drove them to Dzięgielów, Puńców, Golezów, Kozakowice, Ustroń, Cisownica and Leszna Górna. Altogether we made 22,864 meals, additionally serving at various meetings with coffee and cake.

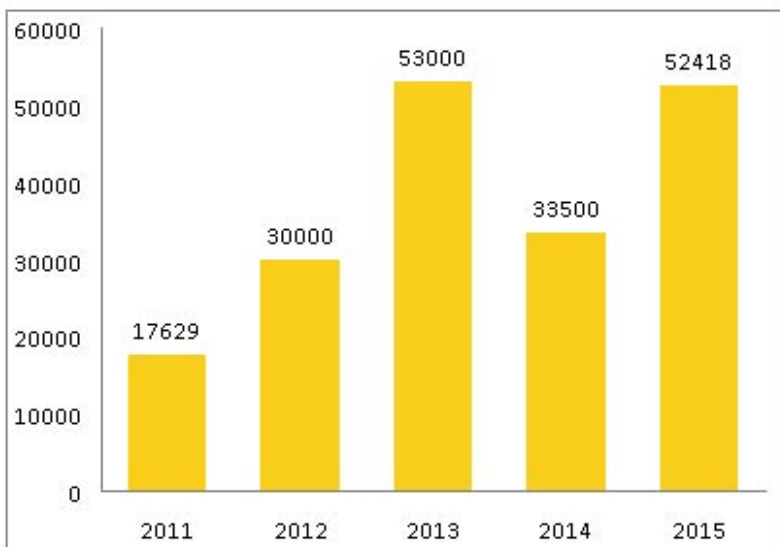
LOCAL UNITS OF THE CENTER FOR MISSION AND EVANGELISM

Center for Voluntary Training	DECEMBER 2006
Publishing House Warto	JANUARY 2008
Group of Streetworkers UNO	APRIL 2012
Center for People Affected by Crime	APRIL 2014
Center for Mediation, Supervision and Counseling	MAY 2015

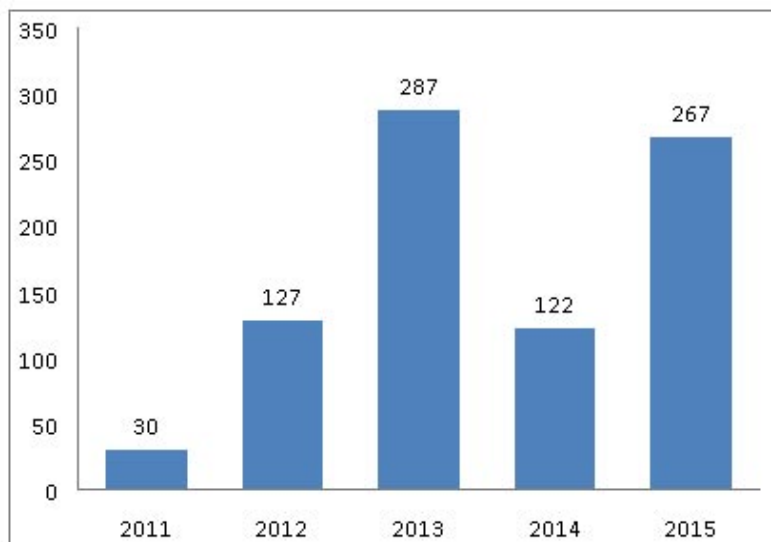
FINANCES

Income	3 276 422,00
Church donation for missional activity	250 000,00
Church donation for youth activity	50 000,00
National grants	881 500,00
International grants	225 531,18
Offerings	602 096,18
Income from 1% <i>people in Poland can give 1% of their tax to a certain public benefit organization</i>	66 504,45
Income from selling goods and services	963 387,99
Inner turnover	153 633,00
Miscellaneous	83 769,20
Costs	3 210 916,59
Costs of the realization of statute activities	1 811 744,64
Salary for lay workers	762 495,93
Costs of living of ordained workers	103 211,25
Costs of commissioned work	80 649,40
Business trips	164,98
Costs of selling the goods	355 021,48
Media (gas, electricity, water)	50 485,32
Amortization	9 529,64
Church fee	7 803,86
Miscellaneous	29 810,09
TOTAL	65 505,41

RECEIVERS OF OUR ACTIVITIES IN THE YEARS 2011-2015



Physical persons



*Legal entities
institutions, companies etc.*

The photos in the report are from the CME archive, from the events organized by the Center.

**IN 2015 WE REACHED OVER 52,418 PEOPLE*,
COOPERATED WITH 903 VOLUNTEERS
AND 267 INSTITUTIONS.**

**statistics do not include the listeners of the radio program "Po prostu";
the approximate data show ca. 5,000 daily (listeners and Internauts visiting our website)*

THANK YOU FOR COOPERATION AND FEEL INVITED TO IT.

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