

Sponsor a kid

Abused, uncared-for and homeless children still live almost in every part of our world. Also on the streets of Bydgoszcz. Just a few places to hang around, no way to be taken care for, no interest, no hope... Drugs, violence, alcohol, aimless walking around...

That's the "new reality" of Poland. The recent years of transformation from communism to the free market economy have left many kids and youth on the streets of our cities. Overburdened parents have no time and often no strength to look after their children. Schools and state institutions deprived of sufficient funds have no interest in the ways kids spend their spare time, have no alternative to harmful drinking, taking drugs, violence or even killing. Through "Why not...?!" Youth Club ministry we all strive to work with different partners to bring alternatives, to bring the Gospel and hope to these kids in need.

To make it happen we need more sisters and brothers in Christ to get involved. One of the things we dream to do for the kids who do not have a personal relationship with the Savior yet, whose homes often cannot be called „homes”, whose parents abuse alcohol or even them is not only to bring them to the Club but to take them for holidays this summer to one of our camps where we want to “expose” them to Christ living in the lives of their peers, to Christ who can and wants to change their lives.

The awesome story has been going on... Very short time ago, one Friday evening when some of the teens were hanging around in the Club, two gals were talking. Gosia – one of our „core” young persons chatted with Dagna. Last summer Dagna was at one of our camps. She did not expect Christ... No, she did! – this one particular Friday evening while after a regular church youth meeting she was talking with Gosia. We anticipate so much the Lord to do the same thing in spiritual lives of many, many more teens and ... their parents. Would you like to be part of the exciting story? Could you prayerfully think at least about some of the youth which has been within a reach of our ministry through which our Heavenly Father lets us to influence eternity of Polish teens? How might you get involved? Options are many... Just contact us, please.

Here are some of the kids who need and wait for your involvement. Thank you for prying for them and your prayerful consideration of any form of your practical involvement. Could we be partners together for the sake of the teens, please?

Paulina Pinkowska – she is a third grader at an elementary school but she should be at least a fifth grader; she has some behavioral disorders as her father is an alcoholic...; she has six siblings;

Lukasz (Luke) Byrtek – a sixth grader; causes a lot of problems to his counselors at sociotherapeutic common room where he spends much time of each day; however, Magda my coworker in the youth club ministry who works as a counselor at that place says that he gets very much involved when he is given particular tasks to fulfill...;

Michal Dabrowski – does well at his sixth grade at school, however - if his family seems pretty normal one – why does he have to spend his afternoons at the sociotherapeutic common room?

Kasia Nalazek – also a sixth grader; has nine sisters and brothers; her mother has stayed unemployed for a longer period of time by now and what her father earns hardly meets the basic needs of the family...; she also has some behavioral problems;

Mirek Czarnecki – eighteen years old guy; I would say homeless – he often sleeps wherever he finds a “convenient” place to lay down; there is crime, alcoholism and as we understand even incest in his family; he graduated just from an elementary school therefore he has no profession; he makes his living collecting coke or beer cans, recycling paper etc.

These are just a few kids we have been in touch with. There are many more who are in similar situations or maybe do better, however, they still do not have this live-changing, saving relationship with the Lord. We aim to help them to make a better start into adulthood and most of all to meet Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. It can happen when you get involved e.g. sponsoring any of these (or other) kids. What are the funds needed for? Just some average exemplary figures:

\$ 28 a month for each person to bring them to the “Why Not...?!” Youth Club or other youth ministry events and visit them regularly to see how they are doing;

\$ 9 a month for each person to sponsor them snacks and drinks at the Club;

\$ 90 a month to pay a high school for Mirek;

\$ 190 to bring one kid to a Christian summer camp and to cover the fee (we offer three different camps this summer at different terms).

We also need some more funds for “extras” e.g. buying some food, clothes or shoes for Mirek or any other kids (occasionally), as well as for running the Club “Why Not...?!” and its outreach ministries (each week) - all who work with the Club are volunteers.