

GERMAN CALVARY REACHES OUT IN POLAND:

INTO ALL THE WORLD

CC Siegen in Poland

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Dameria uses movements to tell the story of Zacchaeus, as Agnieszka translates from German to Polish. Sitting in a chair listening intently is Piotr, who gave his life to Christ that day.

A handful of young teenage girls and their youth leader from Calvary Chapel Siegen, Germany, answered God's call to reach kids in Poland. They shared the Gospel with several children and adults, and now the

girls have a deeper walk with God and a boldness in sharing their faith.

Originally planted by American missionary-now-pastor Nick Long, CC Siegen

has blossomed and sent many mission teams throughout Germany and to other countries, and established a Bible College. Dameria Ehring, a single mom who oversees the children's ministry at CC Siegen,

said God began to burden her and her girls' discipleship class for the lost children of Poland. Eight girls, aged 11 through 13, went to the city of Radom for a week to



The mission team painted the faces of local children, who then sat captivated by the Bible story.



The language barrier didn't stop Dameria and the children from having fun.

do a vacation Bible school. As a result of their outreach, one young teen accepted Christ while many adults and children were touched by the Gospel.

Dameria's daughter, Anna, shared from her experience on the trip: "The important thing is to listen all the time to God because He has an incredible amount of things to tell us." All of the team learned that prayer was an essential spiritual weapon. Dameria noticed the girls praying in a corner of the park together. They later told her they were praying for some men in the area who had been drinking. Soon after, one of the men, touched by their message and ministry, bought the team soft drinks, and another attended CC Radom the next day.

Anna, now 14, said she has not forgotten what she learned, and whenever she gets angry or frustrated with anyone, she prays. "Then after a while those things change, or my anger leaves, or I just get another point of view of those people."

Another girl, Debora Freund, 13, said her favorite part of the trip was seeing children open up to Christ. She cited Luke 15:7: "I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance." Debora added, "God taught me that if we pray specifically and with an aim, people can be led to faith and they will be changed."

Each girl felt led by the Lord to go, some citing specific verses such as the Great

Commission in Matthew 28. The girls volunteered to give up a week of their school holiday and raise the money to go. Dameria sought the Lord. "When I looked at the men that Jesus picked, I realized He looks at the heart. He looks for a heart that worships Him in Spirit and in truth, not someone who looks the part."

The team's dedication and boldness over the five-day outreach astounded Dameria. At the park, the girls did a dance routine to attract the children and then played games with them. Dameria romped with the kids and shared the Gospel through stories.

"It was amazing to see how seriously those kids took it, and how seriously God takes kids," Dameria said. "It was so neat to see the gifts of the Spirit working in the girls, especially when we were in the park working with the children. Each one had a special gift." Some shared in drama; others shared Christ with individual children through a translator. During the outreach, Dameria waited for the right time to tell the kids they needed to have a personal relationship with Jesus.

One little boy, Kuba, had been coming every day. "Just when I started to tell the Gospel story, he disappeared," she said. Her heart sank, but then he returned with several of his playmates. Dameria shared



Debora and Ann-Marie perform the "butterfly," an entertaining folk-dance.

with nearly 50 children and youth while their parents and other adults stood nearby listening. "I told them the Gospel—that Jesus died for them and that they needed to receive Jesus as their Savior, that He was looking for them and that He really cared about them." Then she led the children in a silent prayer of salvation. Afterward, the kids lingered and did crafts. Several came

to CC Radom that Sunday, including a 15-year-old boy who told Dameria he had accepted Jesus during the outreach.

"It really made me realize how Jesus uses kids," she said. "He used the little boy with the fish and bread to teach His disciples." The boy had little, but he gave it to Jesus who used it as a demonstration for the disciples. She cited the boy king, Josiah, who heard God's Word and broke down the pagan altars.

Having worked with children since 1989, Dameria firmly believes that if children are trained in God's way they will not depart from it as adults—a promise from Proverbs 22:6. "That's what kept me from falling miles away from the Lord when I got older. I always remembered what my dad taught me," she said. "We need to teach the kids, to show them God's power so when they grow up they will have that foundation." ✨

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The kids enjoyed playing with a parachute. Instructions were given in Polish, German and English.



The audience was visibly moved as the team used a variety of dramas, including this one called "King of Hearts," to communicate the Gospel.



Ann-Marie, Anna and Ida sing worship songs to children.