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# Treasures OUT OF Darkness

## **"Misja Polska 2010", the Mission to Poland ...**

Victory Outreach Teams from Europe and the U.K. took the Gospel to the streets in a big way during a recent mission trip to Lodz, Poland. The "Misja Polska 2010" witnessed to many of Poland's homeless, including a wheelchair bound homeless alcoholic whose hard life of living on the streets resulted in the amputation of his leg caused by severe frostbite that he suffered one cold winter's night because he had fallen asleep on the streets from a drunken stupor... See reverse for more about the Mission to Poland.



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## VO UNITES IN RED ON THE STREETS IN POLAND

“Mission to Poland” was a united effort from the Victory Outreach Churches in Düsseldorf, Germany; Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Utrecht and Den Haag, Holland; London and Manchester, England; Dublin and Cork, Ireland. Decked out in red t-shirts, the large team descended upon the second largest city in Poland – Lodz. Through their connection with a local church pastor they had met on a previous outreach endeavor, the team was welcomed into the city by Pastor Piotr, who also runs a coffee house for drug addicts and the homeless. In addition to their lodging, the coffee house provided the team with electricity needed to amplify the Gospel to the streets. Over the two week period, the team was able to reach hundreds with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

This mission trip was especially important for one team member - Ryszard, a young man in our Düsseldorf Men’s Home. Returning to his home town of Lodz to take part in the street rallies, he was able to reconnect and rebuild his relationship with his family, whom he had left behind when he entered the rehab home in Düsseldorf, Germany. Since entering the home, Ryszard has been rehabilitating and restoring his life through Jesus Christ.

## A YOUNG MAN FINDS A REASON TO SMILE AGAIN

One of the most encouraging and uplifting outcomes of “Mission to Poland” is Sylwester’s story. Truly a treasure that has been delivered from darkness, this young man was found by the team living in the park, where he had been living for four years. Having witnessed his own father drink himself to death, and not knowing what became of his brother, Sylwester took to the streets rather than live with his alcoholic mother and her boyfriend. Tragically, Sylwester also fell into the life of alcoholism and drug abuse.

On Friday of the first week of Mission to Poland, one of the men from VO Utrecht began to minister to Sylwester on the streets, sharing his testimony and talking to him about the love of God. As Sylwester listened intently, the team offered to get Sylwester food and a shower, and he agreed ... the team didn’t see him again until the following Monday. When they did, they were amazed at the transformation they witnessed ... Sylwester was glowing and buzzing with sheer excitement as he told them he hadn’t had a drink or taken any drugs over the weekend. “I’m ready for Jesus now,” he said. By the grace of God, Sylwester gave his life to the Lord that day. Now “on fire” for God, Sylwester joined the team for the remainder of the mission, ministering to people in the streets and sharing how the power of the Holy Spirit came over him.

He is now living and thriving in the Men’s Home in Düsseldorf, Germany. Even though he speaks little English and no German, he eagerly shares the love of Christ with anyone willing to listen.

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