

“More to Life 2006” Campaign Lodz, Poland

Sunday [Niedziela], 12 November

All arrived safely to Lodz and the team checked into the hotel. This morning, Vic, Brad and Tim preached at different churches to kick off the mission. Dr. Tim Robnett preached at the Baptist church and spoke on Holiness. There happened to be a youth leader's conference today and the leaders reported that Tim did an outstanding job encouraging leadership from other areas of Poland. Brad Butcher spoke at the Pentekostal church. Vic Murphy spoke at CCZ. Both churches reported that they preached encouraging message to their respective church assignments. Tom Miyashiro arrived in the late afternoon in Lodz airport from London Stansted. The team quickly met at a restaurant for coffee and to discuss the importance of counsellor training with Karol Michalak, the city coordinator. Brad engaged Karol to discuss how the evangelical community in Lodz should address “Next Steps” with those who would become Christians this week.

In the evening, the Youth Counsellor [catch-up] Training commenced. There were 28 in attendance from at least five different congregations. Tom opened with prayer and then introduced Brad. Brad covered the Counselling & Follow-Up Training consisting of the Counsellor Checklist, how to fill out the Ankieta Cards and walked the counsellors through The Four Spiritual Laws. He also shared some testimonies included Vic Murphy's BMX demo. At the same time, Karol & Tom met to discuss some of the details of the mission week.



At a glance:

1. The team preached motivational messages across the city and encouraged them to participate in the mission.
2. Several team meetings throughout the afternoon identified arising problems, implemented actions to existing problems, and discussed the schedule at length. The team also took several opportunities to pray together and with city leaders.
3. Youth Counsellor “Catch-Up” Training was given to a group of 28.¹
4. Group building occurred in the form of praying, sharing meals and fellowship.

Monday [Poniedzialek], 13 November

The day began with prayer after breakfast. Since prisons require two weeks notice, several late additions of the team could not come in to the prison. There were 28 inmates that attended the chapel service (35 people including the team and local church leaders). The majority of the room was filled with men but there were also several female inmates that were allowed to attend. Piotr Karas, the Pastor of the Pentekostal church began the program with three songs on the guitar. Dr. Tim shared a testimony about his cousin who accepted the Lord in prison just weeks before he died. When Brad shared the gospel, there were several inmates who looked visibly affected. Several wiped away tears. When Brad gave the invitation, there were four clear individuals who responded to the message. In the meantime, Vic went with Karol to look at the skate park in Lodz. Afterward, the two shopped around town to see if they could find materials to build a ramp for the youth event on Friday night.

After the prison, the team retired to the Savoy and met for lunch. Brad, Tom and David left to find an internet café and were joined by Karol and Vic. The team went over the week's schedule of events and phone calls were made (including a call to the mayor's office for a special visit). After

Karol left, the discussion continued concerning the schedule and the upcoming schools' week program.

In the evening, Karol set up the "Prestige" for Dr. Tim's presentation of the gospel to medical professionals. Karol reported that everything was reasonably on time. Tom set up the "Savoy" for Brad's presentation to "meat traders." Both events were successful. However, attendance was down at both events. There were 33 people at Brad's event, including 8 from the team. Vic shared his testimony and Piotr Karas played dinner music. There were 3 decisions for Christ after the dinner and 1 person requested more info. Tim's event was similarly successful. The numbers were even more disappointing at this event (15 total in attendance). However, there were 2 first time decisions for Jesus and 3 that said they would attend a "Next Step" meeting. There was no PA at the event but because the attendance was quite low, this did not prove to be an issue. After the dinners, the team met in the Savoy's conference room to discuss the plan for the next day.



At a glance:

1. Prison visit was successful! Several came to Christ and there was clearly a positive effect on all the prisoners.
2. We were able to confirm more schools bookings.
3. The team was able to identify weak areas in the schedule and in the running of events to make things smoother for tomorrow's events.
4. The 2 affinity dinners, although poorly attended, yielded a small harvest of souls and seekers willing to be followed up with. These two events were also well attended by non-Christians!
5. The team was informed that the prison may be willing to have more people on Wednesday's trip.
6. Owen Stephenson (Cinematographer) was able to get good footage of events.

Statistics:

	Prison	Businessmen- Meat traders	Medical Professionals
Attendance:	35	33	17
Similar Event:	0	0	5
Salvations:	4 ²	4	2
More Info:	0	1	2
Next Steps:	0	0	3

Tuesday [Wtorek], 14 November

Tuesday started early in the morning for several members of the team. Owen departed on a sight-seeing trip across Poland to get video for the piece that he is doing for P4PI and NGA. He went to see the Black Madonna and Auschwitz as well as several cities and the Polish country side. Tom started the day a few minutes early to get some extra administration done. The rest of the team finally met together for prayer at 8 a.m. Tim went to the prison and Brad stayed behind to get some rest. Tom met with Karol during this time to take care of some details for Friday night's youth event.

Tim's presentation of the gospel at the prison was incredibly successful. He spoke about having strength in the Lord because many of the inmates were young and it looked as though they work out often. Tim shared about his cousin who had gone to prison and then died weeks later after accepting the Lord. Tim brought it together by sharing a Scripture in 2 Chronicles about one of David's men, who was being very strong and brave. Tim tied this together by sharing that we must not only be strong physically, but spiritually as well. As a result of this thought, it is estimated that 20 young men made decisions for Christ.



When Tim returned from the prison, the team went out to lunch together. Later in the afternoon, Tim met with a young woman from the Baptist church for a Bible study. Owen returned from sightseeing just before Tim started his evening dinner for teachers. Dennis shared his testimony about being an agnostic. He was able to have several meaningful conversations after the dinner. The event was extremely successful and Owen was able to capture video from the event coordinators being interviewed by Tim. In all 17 teachers became Christians that evening.



At the same time, Brad was sharing the gospel with students at "Antonio." His message was clear and among the 75 students in attendance, 16 gave their lives to Christ. Brad helped to build a bridge with the students by showing a power point of his family to illustrate his message. Vic also performed BMX tricks and shared a bit of his testimony. After the evening events, Karol, Tom & Vic went down to Music Garden to verify all of the details for Friday's youth event. Leszek rented the 9 seated van and drove to Warsaw to pick up thebandwithnname from the airport.

At a glance:

1. The young men at the prison responded to Tim's message on strength.
2. Some minor administrative details were addressed and the budget was updated.
3. Owen was able to capture video from some very interesting places around the country.
4. Advertising for the youth event has gone out. The city has been plastered with 1,000 posters!
5. Teachers and students responded to Tim and Brad's evening messages.
6. thebandwithnname arrived safely from Liverpool.
7. 53 more souls were added to the kingdom!

Statistics:

	Prison	Teachers	Students
Attendance:	52	38	75
Similar Event:	0	12	25
Salvations:	20	17	12
More Info:	0	11	16
Next Steps:	0	7	9

Wednesday [Sroda], 15 November

thebandwithnname arrived early this morning with Leszek Wakula (1:30 a.m.). Tom met them in the hotel reception and helped them get settled. Dennis Hurt left for Warsaw after 6 am. Tom went to pick up sound equipment for schools with Karol. At 8 am the team met for breakfast and prayer. Then, Brad left with David Al Shamiri and went to the prison to share the gospel. There were 28 inmates in attendance and 20 gave their lives to Jesus.



By 10:00, thebandwithnname was awake and met downstairs for breakfast at the Savoy. Dr. Tim met the band and got to know them for a few minutes. Leszek and Karol arrived by 11:30 and the team packed up gear to get ready for the week's first school assembly. Along the way, one of the members in the band slammed his hand in the car door and needed medical attention. He performed even though he was in pain and the performance was a great success. We were greeted by the principal and the vice principal and

they invited us back in for the future and promised a reference for the band and for Passion 4 People Intl. There were 75 students in attendance and they seemed excited about the coming concert.

At Brad's afternoon event, there were 95 in attendance. The Pentekostal church coordinated this event for the unemployed. Brad gave a clear presentation of the gospel and there were 68 decisions in all. Directly after this, Tom and Tim joined Leszek for an event for the disadvantaged. There were 92 in attendance with 31 decisions. As soon as Tim finished preaching, the two hurried back to the "Savoy" where Tim preached the gospel to "Veterinarians." Out of the 27 professionals that attended, 7 gave their hearts to the Lord. Several of thebandwithnname members went to CCZ and conducted a hip-hop class for about 20 Christian teens. The kids were greatly encouraged by the band's willingness to get involved. The evening closed with prayer and the team went out for drinks together. Extra meals left over from the dinners were given to the homeless on the street. At the end of the day, everyone was exhausted but the team praised God for the decisions that were made for Christ.

At a glance:

1. The band arrived safely.
2. All the equipment required arrived on time and was adequate.
3. All the events were packed out!
4. Owen was able to get good footage of events.
5. The churches were mobilized.
6. There were not many extra meals left over from the dinners.
7. The band was able to encourage the local church by teaching a dance workshop.
8. 126 gave their lives to Jesus Christ!

Statistics:

	<i>Prison</i>	<i>Unemployed</i>	<i>Disadvantaged</i>	<i>Veterinarians</i>
Attendance:	28	95	92	27
Similar Event:	0	68	30	7
Salvations:	20	68	31	6
More Info:	0	62	24	4
Next Steps:	0	61	29	3

Thursday [Czwartek], 16 November



Today was a ground breaking day as the team was able to penetrate several more public schools. The first school was quite nervous to have the band come, but after we the performance concluded, the administration had no problem inviting the team back and agreeing to give a reference. The students loved it and Vic and the band did an excellent job. chipK did a talk on peer pressure and the kids seemed to respond positively to it as well. The school initially told the team that they would not allow them to invite the kids to the concert, but after having a word with Leszek, they changed their mind. There

were roughly 200 people in attendance.

The second school assembly was also interesting because the team was allowed to share about Jesus because of Leszek's connection with the school. There were about 160 people in attendance. Vic's BMX performance went well and the band was also well received. The team again was rewarded with compliments from the administration with a promise of a reference from the principal.



The team then went to a detention center for Youth Offenders. There were roughly 75 in attendance and they maintained a rough exterior during Vic's message but they seemed to enjoy the band and his performance. At the end of the message, there were 3 that genuinely responded to the message, including one member of staff! The team encouraged Karol to find a way to do follow up with these prisoners. The director of the facility, who said he would attend Friday's youth event and bring several youth offenders with him, greeted us.

In the evening, the team went back to Antonio's for a young adults event. The band set up the rented equipment for a PA and Tom set up the projector. The band performed several songs and Vic shared his testimony. Brad used a power point to share the gospel again and the students received the message positively – 8 made decisions for Christ! There were many left over meals because the minimum was 80. The actual attendance was only 44 young people. Owen was able to get some good video as well. The owner of Antonio was very impressed with the band and Brad and he ended up taking a new testament after having a meaningful discussion with Brad. At the same time, Tim conducted a "Next Steps" Meeting at the Savoy. A pastor and his wife came down from Warsaw to encourage the leaders in Lodz. All the area pastors came with their wives. The pastors reported this was an encouraging meeting and all who attended felt equipped to take the next steps those who have responded.

At a glance:

1. School assemblies went well. Students and administration were excited about what the team is doing.
2. Barriers were torn down with a school that was worried about having the team come.
3. The Youth Offenders concert also encouraged prisoners to make a change in their lives.
4. Pastors were encouraged to follow up with those who responded at various events. A pastor from Warsaw came down to encourage the leaders to follow through.
5. The Young Adults Dinner also went well yielding more souls for Christ.
6. In all, 11 more decisions have been added to the kingdom!

Statistics:

	Youth Offenders	Young Adults
Attendance:	75	44
Similar Event:	0	17
Salvations:	3	8
More Info:	0	5
Next Steps:	0	6

Friday [Piątek], 17 November

Today was the final day with the band without a name. After breakfast, the team left for their last school performance. The school was also worried about having the team in, but after the performance, everyone was very excited about what had been done there. Tom met with the principal and she volunteered a reference without being asked. She also prepared tea, coffee and cookies for the team. She asked Tom why the team had chosen Poland and Tom took the opportunity to share the gospel with her. The two prayed together.



During the morning school assembly, Brad, Tim, Owen and several local pastors met with the Vice Mayor in the Mayor's office. The team exchanged gifts with the Vice Mayor and was offered an invitation to come back to Lodz. He seemed to have a positive response to hearing about the mission week.

After having the afternoon free, the team went together to Music Garden to set up. Sound checking, counselor and security deployment were all implemented before the doors opened at 6:45. There were roughly 700³ people in the crowd. The band did an incredible job. Vic had limited space but worked

with what he had. Brad did a great job presenting the gospel. During the response, an estimated 10% raised their hands to receive Christ as their Lord and Savior. However, the team was only able to collect 39 decisions for Christ. After the event, Leszek took Tim and the band to Warsaw to rest before their morning flights.





At a Glance:

1. The final school assembly was a great success. There was a positive response by both faculty and students.
2. The principal prayed with Tom after the assembly.
3. The visit to the mayor's office was positively received.
4. The youth event drew at least 700 young people to Music Garden.
5. An estimated 70 young people raised their hand to receive Christ as their Lord. During the response time, 39 decisions indicated they had indeed received Christ.

Statistics:

	Youth Event
Attendance:	700
Similar Event:	44
Salvations:	39
More Info:	36
Next Steps:	30

Saturday [Sobota], 18 November

Brad and Tom slept in today. Vic got up and did a children's workshop with Karol. There were about 20 kids there. Karol painted for them and Vic did BMX tricks. In the early evening, Vic shared his testimony at the Baptist church's youth group. There were about 15 in attendance. During the afternoon, Brad, Tom & Owen were able to do a bit of site seeing in Lodz. A guide took them to see the old factories, a museum and the film school.

In the evening, The Women's Affinity Dinner commenced. Laura Hash came in from another city from Poland to share the gospel. She is a missionary from Colorado who has been in Poland for more than a decade. It was reported that Laura's presentation of the gospel was timely and relevant. Many of the women hung around talking for hours and responded to her yielding 8 more souls for the kingdom of God!

At a Glance:

1. The team had a morning of rest.
2. Vic was able to impact to more groups of young people with his testimony.
3. Testimonies, pictures and video began to surface from the week's events.
4. The team invited Laura to share at the women's event and she was encouraged by our trust and respect for her (the men left the event after dinner).
5. Laura's invitation added 8 more souls to the kingdom with her presentation of the gospel.

Statistics:

	Women's Dinner
Attendance:	50
Similar Event:	7
Salvations:	8
More Info:	15
Next Steps:	9



Sunday [Niedziela], 19 November

The final day of the mission begun by the team splitting up to go and encourage local churches one last time. Brad preached at CCZ, Vic preached at "Victory in Jesus" and Tom greeted the First Baptist Church of Lodz. Vic stayed out for the day with Pastor Raymond and Owen, Tom and Brad met up at the Savoy to check out and have lunch.

In the evening, about 70 people joined the remaining team at the united service where pictures of the week were shown and the team encouraged believers to do the next steps with new Christians. The team prayed with the church and then Brad, Owen & Vic departed for Warsaw. Tom stayed the night at the Pentekostal church. Tom will depart on Tuesday for London.

At a Glance:

1. The churches were encouraged today.
2. During the week the team reached 2,623 people.
3. 242 people came to Christ!⁴
4. Churches worked together through the mission for the first time.
5. A "Next Steps" process was outlined and a commitment to follow through was made by the local churches.

Statistics:

	<i>The Entire Mission</i>
Attendance:	2623
Similar Event:	215
Salvations:	242
More Info:	176
Next Steps:	157

¹ Last month, only 3 showed up to access this material!

² There appeared to be more who looked ready to respond, but did not put up there hand. The interpreter overheard prisoners questioning whether they had made a commitment to Christ before.

³ This number reflects the median average of attendance counted by 5 independent sources, including the club manager and his girlfriend.

⁴ We believe this number is much higher and we will study the film taken to determine the number of hands that were raised during the youth event.